

Browns Valley Irrigation District
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**MINUTES OF THE
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

WHEN
Thursday
March 27, 2025
5:00 pm

WHERE
9370 Browns Valley School Rd
Browns Valley, CA
95918

This meeting will be conducted in person, by Zoom Video Conference and Audio Teleconference.

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MARCH 27, 2025**

Director Lowe called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Browns Valley Irrigation District to order. Directors present were Lowe, Howard, Rist, Woods and Bordsen. Also in attendance were Secretary/General Manager Kelly McNally, Operations Manager Kevin Shrader and Technical Services Manager Mark Sayers.

1. **Minutes: The Minutes of the March 13, 2025, Board Meeting will be reviewed by the Board for approval.** A motion by Director Woods, seconded by Director Rist to approve the March 13, 2025 minutes. All ayes; motion passed.
2. **Public Forum:** Michele Smith-Barker attended in person and commented about the Smith Ditch.
3. **Manager’s Report:**

COLLINS LAKE STATUS

DATE	REMAINING SUPPLY VOLUME %	LAKE ELEVATION	DIST BELOW SPILL	RELEASES	GEN OUTPUT
TODAY	48,965 AF 100.0%	1,183.0 FT	0.0 FT	3.0 CFS	803 kW
1 YEAR AGO	48,769 AF 99.6%	1,182.8 FT	0.2 FT	3.1 CFS	1,079 kW

YUBA RIVER STATUS (PUMPLINE CANAL)

DATE	MAX DIVERSION RATE (BVID/YWA CONTRACT)	BVID WATER RIGHT (CURRENT MONTH)	CURRENT DIVERSION*
TODAY	20 CFS	20 CFS	0 CFS

**If the current diversion exceeds BVID monthly water right, the difference is deducted from the District’s “Project Base Supply.”*

STAFF ACTIVITIES

Office staff have continued working on the customer database to send out the invoices for the 2025 irrigation season. Invoices have been printed and are currently in the process of getting mailed out. Customers should begin receiving invoices the first week of April.

The Technical Services Manager has been working on the mapping for the Sicard Pipeline project and the 2023 Annexation as time permits. He has also been working with MBK on the Farmgate report and assisting the Manager with reviewing the 2024 DSSMR.

The Pumpline Canal improvement project is still on schedule to be completed by March 31, 2025 to ensure the canal is back up and running by April 1, 2025. Letters to customers on the Pumpline Canal have been sent out to ensure those affected are aware of the upcoming canal maintenance project. The box culverts have been delivered to the culvert 5 and 6 locations and construction has begun on Culvert 5.

CURRENT PROJECTS

Sicard Flat Pipeline

Backfill/clean-up continues as the weather cooperates.

BVID Pumpline Canal

The contract has been awarded, and the box culverts have been delivered to the project site. Construction has begun and will be completed by March 31, 2025.

BVID Office

The Engineer submitted another DRAFT site design, which was reviewed at the last board meeting. The Manager and Operations Manager met with the Engineer at the BVID Office on Monday, March 24, 2025 and he is working on another site design that reconfigures the parking area.

Vegetation Management

The contractor continues to make steady progress and is currently working on the Browns Valley Main on Virginia Road.

PAST MEETINGS

- 3/17/2025 NCWA Water Management Series – Teams
- 3/18/2025 Yuba Water Agency Board meeting
- 3/19/2025 Yuba River Endowment Board meeting
- 3/24/2025 Office site design meeting
- 3/26/2025 Member Unit Management meeting
- 3/27/2025 Water Purchase Program discussion – DWR/BVID/Yuba Water - Teams

FUTURE MEETINGS

- 4/3/2025 DSOD at VRD
- 4/7/2025 Bay-Delta Task Force
- 4/9/2025 Yuba River Endowment Board meeting
- 4/10/2025 Yuba County Parks and Recreation workgroup

DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE / OPERATIONS

Upper District

Operations staff remain busy getting winter work finished up before the 2025 water season.

The VRD Generator continues to operate; we have reduced output to match lake inflow.

The Sicard Pipeline crew is working on backfill cleanup and air vent installation. The Sicard Pipeline has been flushed and pressure tested in preparation of water season.

The vegetation contractor has continued tree removal on the upstream side of Virginia Road.

Lower District

Pumpline is currently offline and will remain offline through April 1, 2025.

Lamon Construction is working on the box culvert installation at the Gee ranch. Lamon is also working on the road crossings on Loma Rica Road.

4. **Director's Comments and Reports:** None
5. **Correspondence:** None
6. **Closed Session:** Conference with legal counsel--anticipated litigation; Government Code sections 54954.5(c) and 54956.9(a) and (d)(2) and (3); significant exposure to litigation involving private landowners.
7. **Open Session:** A motion by Director Bordsen and seconded by Director Woods to approve the MBK Smith Ditch investigation memo; discontinue the re-diversion of stored water down the Smith Ditch for BVID customers; begin work on the Peoria/Ellis pipeline project and continue work on the Sicard Flat Pipeline project to provide water to BVID customers on the Smith Ditch as soon as possible. The Board also authorized management to hire an outside contractor to expedite the projects if needed. All ayes; motion passed.
8. **Adjournment:** 6:36 pm