

Browns Valley Irrigation District

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MINUTES OF THE BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

WHEN
Thursday
April 10, 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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APRIL 10, 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, and Technical Services Manager Mark Sayers.

1. **Minutes: The Minutes of the March 27, 2025, Board Meeting will be reviewed by the Board for approval.** A motion by Director Woods, seconded by Director Rist to approve the March 27, 2025 minutes. All ayes; motion passed.
2. **Public Forum:** Mr. Richard Viera addressed the Board regarding the operations of the District and when the water season was going to begin.
3. **Finance Committee Report:** March 2025 Financials. A motion by Director Bordsen and seconded by Director Lowe to approve the March 2025 Financials, all ayes, motion passed.
4. The Board will **receive an update on the State Water Purchase Program and may take action as necessary.** A motion by Director Lowe and seconded by Director Woods to continue the State Water Purchase Program discussion with the Department of Water Resources and consider a 15-year term with options to re-open and discuss the agreement terms. All ayes, motion passed.
5. The Board will **receive an update on the vegetation removal throughout the District and may take action as necessary.** The Board discussed the vegetation removal and requested staff have the contractor continue working down Fruitland Road. No action taken to extend the contract.
6. The Board will **discuss hiring a consultant to assist staff with the CAISO interconnection and may take action as necessary.** A motion by Director Bordsen and seconded by Director Woods to approve hiring a consultant to assist staff with the CAISO interconnection. All ayes, motion passed.
7. The Board will **discuss the BVID office and may take action as necessary.** A motion by Director Bordsen and seconded by Director Rist to work with a dirt contractor and begin demo on the BVID parking lot, while keeping critical visitor parking. All ayes, motion passed.
8. The Board will **discuss the 2025 irrigation season and may take action as necessary.** The Manager requested the start date to be April 16, 2025 to allow for repairs to the Olive Hill Ditch and the Harding Ditch. The Board discussed the request and agreed to start the irrigation season on April 16, 2025.

9. 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	837 kW
1 YEAR AGO	48,965 AF	100.0%	1,183.0 FT	0.0 FT	3.1 CFS	317 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

Invoices for the 2025 irrigation season were mailed out on March 28, 2025. Customers should have begun receiving their invoices the first week of April and judging by the increase in payments, phone calls and customers stopping by the office, invoices have been delivered. Payments have been coming in at a steady pace and a lot of customers are taking advantage of the 5% discount.

The Technical Services Manager has been working on the mapping for the Sicard Pipeline and Peoria/Ellis projects and continues to work on the 2023 Annexation as time permits.

The Pumpline Canal improvement project is behind schedule. The rainy days have caused some construction delays, but the crew worked quickly to complete the box culvert and get the canal operational. There is some clean-up work to be completed, and the canal is ready for water.

Mark Thomas and Co. is doing the survey work for the Sicard and the Peoria pipeline projects. MHM Engineering is working on the engineering design for the Peoria Bridge over Dry Creek. Staff have not yet received a timeline for completion for the survey and design work.

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 on April 9, 2025.

Vegetation Management

The contractor submitted their final invoice for the work on the Browns Valley Main Ditch and the contract will need to be extended for additional areas to be cleared.

PAST MEETINGS

4/3/2025 DSOD at VRD
4/3/2025 Canyon Hydro and Don Moss at VRD
4/7/2025 BVID and Yuba Water – CIP Discussion
4/7/2025 Bay-Delta Task Force
4/9/2025 Yuba River Endowment Board meeting
4/10/2025 Willie Whittlesey – SWPP discussion
4/10/2025 Yuba County Parks and Recreation workgroup

FUTURE MEETINGS

4/15/2025 Yuba Water Agency Board meeting
5/1/2025 Member Unit Water Management Workshop
5/5/2025 Bay-Delta Task Force
5/8/2025 Yuba County Parks and Recreation workgroup
5/12/2025- ACWA Spring Conference – Monterey
5/16/2025

DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE / OPERATIONS

Upper District

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

Staff have begun the process of putting the boards in the side spills in preparation for the 2025 irrigation season.

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

The Sicard Pipeline crew is working on backfill cleanup.

The vegetation contractor has completed work on the BV Main Ditch.

Lower District

Pumpline is currently offline and will remain offline.

10. Director's Comments and Reports: Director Bordsen reported about BVID history.

11. Correspondence: Board Governance Training and Workshop for Elected Officials in Yuba County flyer.

12. Adjournment: 6:03 pm