# Browns Valley Irrigation District

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# MINUTES OF THE BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

WHEN Thursday September 25, 2025 5:00 pm

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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# MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT SEPTEMBER 25, 2025

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

- 1. <u>Minutes: The Minutes of the September 11, 2025, Board Meeting will be reviewed by the Board for approval.</u> A motion by Director Woods, seconded by Director Rist to approve the September 11, 2025 minutes. Directors Bordsen, Rist, Woods, and Howard aye, Lowe absent: motion passed.
- 2. <u>Public Forum:</u> Michele Barker of Smith Ranch asked about the Sicard Pipeline progress.
- **3.** Ad Hoc Committee Report Director Rist reported to the Board about the Committee meeting and the decision to hire Jerry Handy of 4JCON to act as the Project Manager for the new office. No action taken.
- 4. The Board will receive a presentation from the District's independent audit firm Blomberg and Griffin and consider adopting the 2024 Browns Valley Irrigation District Independent Auditor's Report.
  A motion by Director Bordsen and seconded by Director Woods to adopt the 2024 Independent Auditor's report. Directors Bordsen, Rist, Woods and Howard aye, Lowe absent. Motion passed.
- 5. The Board will consider a Resolution to accepting the property tax formula negotiated with Yuba County for the annexation of 104 parcels into the Browns Valley Irrigation District. A motion by Director Bordsen and seconded by Director Rist to accept the property tax formula for the 104-parcel annexation. Directors Bordsen, Rist, Woods and Howard aye, Lowe absent. Motion passed.
- **6.** The Board will discuss the meeting schedule for the months of November and December and may take action as appropriate. A motion by Director Bordsen and seconded by Director Woods to cancel the second board meetings in November and December due to the holidays. Directors Bordsen, Woods, Rist, and Howard aye, Lowe absent: motion passed.

#### 7. Manager's Report:

#### **COLLINS LAKE STATUS**

DATE	REMAINING S VOLUME	SUPPLY %	LAKE ELEVATION	DIST BELOW SPILL	RELEASES	GEN OUTPUT
TODAY	23,694 AF	48.4%	1,153.3 FT	29.7 FT	73.0 CFS	0 kW
1 YEAR AGO	24,944 AF	50.9%	1,155.0 FT	28.0 FT	82.0 CFS	455 kW

YUBA RIVER STATUS (PUMPLINE CANAL)

DATE	MAX DIVERSION RATE	BVID WATER RIGHT	CURRENT
	(BVID/YWA CONTRACT)	(CURRENT MONTH)	DIVERSION*
TODAY	47.2 CFS	47.2 CFS	30 CFS

# **STAFF ACTIVITIES**

Office staff remain busy with customer calls, inquiries, work orders and questions. The part-time Administrative Assistant started on Monday, September 15, 2025 and is currently learning accounts payable, receivable, customer service and the BVID databases of Workorders and Ditch Tenders. The Manager and the Administrative Services staff have been working on the open enrollment packet for 2026.

The Technical Services Manager continues to work with LAFCO on the 2023 Annexation and is working on a community outreach meeting to be held at the BVID office on October 14, 2025 from 3:30-5:00pm.

The Manager has also been working with the Project Manager on the BVID office, as well as making sure he has all of the necessary documents related to the project. As of today, the Project Manager met with the Ad Hoc Committee on September 19, 2025 and also met with the BVID Engineer and Manager on September 24, 2025.

The consultant has reviewed the Employee Handbook comments and has made the requested edits. A draft handbook to share with the Personnel Committee is expected by the end of the month. The Manager has also submitted the Workplace Violence Prevention Plan to MRG to final before sharing it with the Personnel Committee and eventually Board approval.

# **CURRENT PROJECTS**

#### **Sicard Flat Pipeline**

Fusion resumed the week of May 5, 2025 and continued through August 29, 2025.

#### **BVID Office**

Ad Hoc Committee, BVID Staff and the BVID Project Manager met at the BVID Office to do a site walk and discuss the site plan and other details on Friday, September 19, 2025. The Manager, BVID Engineer and BVID Project Manager met on Teams to discuss the project. The BVID Engineer has been at the BVID Office several times the past week for septic location testing.

#### **Vegetation Management**

Nothing new to report.

# **PAST MEETINGS**

9/15/2025	NCWA Water Management Series - Teams
9/16/2025	Yuba Water Agency Board meeting
9/16/2025	BVID CWT Addendum discussion with Ascent - Teams
9/18/2025	Yuba County Parks and Recreation Workgroup
9/19/2025	BVID Office Discussion with 4JCON
9/22/2025	Aflac Open Enrollment
9/23/2025	BVID CIP discussion – Teams

# **FUTURE MEETINGS**

9/30/2025	PE Alliance – BVID Office
10/7/2025	Yuba Water Agency Board meeting
10/21/2025	Yuba Water Agency Board meeting

# **DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE / OPERATIONS**

# **Upper District**

Operations staff continue with service calls and maintenance throughout the District.

Crew repaired a mainline break on the McDrip Pipeline.

The Sicard Pipeline construction crew has moved to install the pipeline on Peoria Road towards Hwy 20.

BVID field crew have been clearing ditches of debris and repairing leaks in ditch banks.

# **Lower District**

Pumpline is currently running 30cfs.

The crew has added the concrete wings to the headwall at the "Gee" Ranch culvert to aid in the erosion problem and possible leaks.

- 8. Director's Comments and Reports: None
- 9. <u>Correspondence</u>: Email correspondence.
- 10. Adjournment: 5:38 pm