

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

WHEN
Thursday
December 12, 2024
5:00 pm

WHERE
9370 Browns Valley School Rd
Browns Valley, CA
95918

This meeting will be conducted by Zoom Video Conference and Audio Teleconference Only.

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OF THE
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DECEMBER 12, 2024**

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

1. Call for nominations and the Election of Officers. Vice President Lowe called for nominations for the Election of Officers. A motion by Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Lowe moved to nominate Director Lowe as President and Director Howard as Vice President. Directors Howard, Lowe and Bordsen aye, Directors Rist and Woods absent, motion passed.

Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Lowe, moved to appoint General Manager Kelly McNally as Secretary/Treasurer and as Clerk. Directors Howard, Lowe and Bordsen aye, Directors Rist and Woods absent, motion passed.

2. The Minutes of the November 14, 2024, Regular Board Meeting will be reviewed by the Board for approval. A motion by Director Lowe, seconded by Director Howard to approve the November 14, 2024 minutes. Directors Howard, Lowe and Bordsen aye, Directors Rist and Woods absent, motion passed.

3. Public Forum: None.

4. Finance Committee Report: November 2024 Financials. A motion by Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Lowe to approve the November 2024 financials. Directors Howard, Lowe and Bordsen aye, Directors Rist and Woods absent, motion passed.

5. Ad Hoc Committee Report: BVID Office plans discussion. No action was taken.

6. The Board will consider authorizing the General Manager to execute an Agreement with Ascent Environmental, Inc. to prepare a CEQA Addendum to the Browns Valley Irrigation District Conserved Water Transfer project EIR. A motion by Director Bordsen and seconded by Director Lowe to approve authorizing the General Manager to execute an agreement with Ascent Environmental. Directors Howard, Lowe and Bordsen aye, Directors Rist and Woods absent, motion passed.

7. Manager’s Report:

COLLINS LAKE STATUS

DATE	REMAINING SUPPLY VOLUME	%	LAKE ELEVATION	DIST BELOW SPILL	RELEASES	GEN OUTPUT
TODAY	26,068 AF	53.2%	1,156.5 FT	26.5 FT	3.0 CFS	0 kW
1 YEAR AGO	21,617 AF	44.1%	1,150.4 FT	32.6 FT	3.1 CFS	0 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	15 CFS

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

STAFF ACTIVITIES

The Technical Services Manager has been preparing the 2023 Annexation packet for submittal to LAFCo as well as gathering documents to update FERC required documents.

The Manager has submitted the Canyon Hydro contract to legal for review and is working with Yuba Water Agency on the grant funding.

The Manager attended the 2024 ACWA Fall Conference in Palm Desert the first week of December. The Bay-Delta plan update was again the main topic of discussion since the unimpaired flow alternative is very detrimental to California water. I was able to check in with Valley Water and Dudley Ridge management.

Next week, the Manager and Technical Services Manager will meet with DWR staff (virtually) to discuss the State Water Purchase Program and BVID’s proposal.

CURRENT PROJECTS

Sicard Flat Pipeline

Fusion resumed in the first week of December and will continue as weather cooperates.

BVID Pumpline Canal

Updated plans have been submitted to BVID and the bid contract is being reviewed by legal prior to advertising the project. Construction is planned for mid-February through the end of March 2025.

BVID Office

The Manager met with the engineer and an interior designer on Monday to discuss the new office. The designer took pictures of the existing office and will submit a proposal for review.

PAST MEETINGS

11/18/2024 NCWA Water Management series - Teams
11/19/2024 BVID/UC meeting
11/20/2024 Yuba River Endowment Board meeting
12/2/2024- ACWA 2024 Fall Conference – Palm Desert
12/6/2024
12/9/2024 Laughlin & Spence, Marianne Jones – BVID office interior design

FUTURE MEETINGS

12/16/2024 NCWA Water Management series - Teams
12/16/2024 Member Unit Water Management workshop
12/17/2024 Yuba Water Agency Board meeting
12/18/2024 BVID/DWR Instream Flow Water Purchase Program - Teams
12/19/2024 Yuba River Endowment Board meeting
12/19/2024 Fall Flow Discussion – Yuba Water Agency

DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE / OPERATIONS

Upper District

Operations staff remain busy with repairs and maintenance throughout the District.

The Crew resumed fusion for the Sicard Pipeline project; roughly 3000' of 30" HDPE is fused together. When clear weather returns, the final tie-ins and remaining sections will be completed.

Vegetation control continues throughout the District. Pre-emergent pesticide has been applied to hopefully get a head start on weed abatement.

Lower District

Pumpline is Running 15 cfs.

Mechanical cleaning of the Canal will continue, as necessary.

8. Director's Comments and Reports: None

9. Correspondence: ACWA/JPIA Recognition.

10. Adjournment: 5:35 pm