

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

WHEN
Thursday
My 25, 2023
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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MAY 25, 2023**

President Woods called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Browns Valley Irrigation District to order. Directors present were Rist and Bordsen Director Howard via Zoom. Director Lowe absent. Also in attendance were Secretary / Manager Kelly McNally, Clerk Springsteen, and Operations Manager Shrader absent.

1. Minutes: The Minutes of the April 27, 2023 Regular Board Meeting will be reviewed by the Board for approval. A motion by Director Rist, seconded by Director Bordsen to approve the April 27, 2023 minutes. Directors Bordsen, Woods, Howard and Rist aye, Director Lowe absent, motion passed.

2. Public Forum: None

3. The Board will discuss the Conserved Water Transfer environmental document and may take action as appropriate. No action taken.

4. The Board will discuss the June meeting schedule and may take action as appropriate. After discussion a motion by Director Woods, seconded by Director Bordsen to change to May 8, 2023 Regular Board Meeting and Finance Meeting to May 6, 2023. Directors Bordsen, Woods, Howard and Rist aye, Director Lowe absent, motion passed.

5. Manager’s Report:

COLLINS LAKE STATUS

DATE	REMAINING SUPPLY VOLUME	%	LAKE ELEVATION	DIST BELOW SPILL	RELEASES	GEN OUTPUT
TODAY	47,699 AF	96.4%	1,181.7 FT	1.3 FT	74.2 CFS	533 kW
1 YEAR AGO	30,020 AF	60.6%	1,161.6 FT	21.4 FT	66.9 CFS	334 kW

YUBA RIVER STATUS (PUMPLINE CANAL)

DATE	MAX DIVERSION RATE (BVID/YWA CONTRACT)	BVID WATER RIGHT (CURRENT MONTH)	CURRENT DIVERSION*
TODAY	90 CFS	90 CFS	58 CFS

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

STAFF ACTIVITIES

The Administrative Services Manager has been working on the list for the first round of shutoffs for non-payment, as well as managing the District’s independent audit by Blomberg & Griffin.

The Technical Services Manager has been working on the 2023 Annexation project and assisting Henwood Energy with the data collection and processing for the VRD Hydro efficiency grant.

Operations have been very busy with service calls, repairs and the Sicard Flat Pipeline project.

MBK and Henwood Energy have been working on the VRD Hydro efficiency grant, and a draft application will be submitted for District review by the end of the month. The grant application is due June 20, 2023, and BVID/MBK have targeted a submittal date of June 16, 2023.

CURRENT PROJECTS

Groundwater Substitution Transfer

There will not be a transfer in 2023, due to the exceptionally wet conditions.

Conserved Water Transfer

Option payment billing to Dudley Ridge and Santa Clara Valley have been received and processed. The CWT is unlikely due to excess conditions in the Delta.

Sicard Flat Pipeline

The US Bureau of Reclamation Environmental team has signed the Categorical Exclusion and issued the Notice to Proceed.

BVID Property

The survey work for the LLA is underway and the staff is working with real estate agents to determine fair market value for the parcel.

PAST MEETINGS

4/28/2023	Yuba Water Agency – Water Rights discussion
5/1/2023	Flood Awareness meeting (zoom)
5/1/2023	Bay-Delta Taskforce (Teams)
5/3/2023	Accord Executive Committee - YWA
5/8/2023- 5/12/2023	ACWA Spring Conference – Monterey
5/15/2023	Voith Turbines (zoom)
5/16/2023	93Q Interview for Yuba River Endowment
5/16/2023	YWA Board Meeting
5/16/2023	DWR/YWA Water Purchase Agreement internal meeting
5/17/2023	FFA Banquet – Yuba River Endowment at MHS
5/18/2023	Leadership Class
5/19/2023	BVID/MBK DOE Grant application check in (zoom)

- 5/19/2023 BVID/BKS – CWT EIR Extension (phone)
- 5/22/2023 DWR/YWA Water Purchase Agreement meeting
- 5/23/2023 BVID/Henwood Energy DOE Grant application check in (phone)
- 5/23/2023 MHS Awards Ceremony – Yuba River Endowment
- 5/24/2023 IRWMP meeting
- 5/25/2023 McKenney Intermediate School Career Day
- 5/25/2023 Follow up DWR/YWA Water Purchase Agreement internal meeting

FUTURE MEETINGS

- 5/31/2023 Member Unit Water workshop
- 5/5/2023 Bay-Delta Taskforce (Teams)
- 5/6/2023 YWA Board Meeting

DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE / OPERATIONS

Upper District

DSOD conducted the yearly inspection of Virginia Ranch Dam on May 11th. This year’s inspection included cycling both the 42” Main butterfly and the Howell Bunger valve. The only issue noted was vegetation and some debris from the high-water flow.

VRD powerplant has been off intermittently due to some local outages, it is currently online.

The crew have been busy with many broken mainline repairs and service calls.

Sicard Pipeline crew began moving pipes to the project area last week. As of today, there is approximately 850 ft. fused together, we will install it in ditch sometime next week.

Lower District

Pumpline is Running 58 cfs.

Unexpected high-water flow on Monday, May 22, inundated the fish screens causing them to go offline; this also caused the pond to empty, which shut the pumps off for about 12 hours.

The fish screens are still underwater, and the brushes are being cycled manually until water recedes and limit switch can be reinstalled.

On Tuesday, an unrelated electrical issue caused the pumps to be off for an additional 20 hours. Diamond Pump was able to find the issue and get the pumps back online around 3:00 pm.

6. Director's Comments and Reports: Director Bordsen commented that there is water near the road on Marysville Rd across from the post office and north of McMillan Dr.

7. Correspondence:

- News article dated May 25, 2023, regarding fish populations in the Yuba River

8. Adjournment: 5:53PM