

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

WHEN
Thursday
April 13, 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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APRIL 13, 2023**

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

1. Minutes: The Minutes of the March 23, 2023 Regular Board Meeting will be reviewed by the Board for approval. A motion by Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Rist to approve the March 23, 2023 minutes. Directors Bordsen, Woods, Rist and Howard aye, Director Lowe absent, motion passed.

2. Public Forum: None

3. Finance Committee Report: March 2023 Financials Director Bordsen reported that the March 2023 Financials were reviewed. A motion by Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Rist to approve the March 2023 Financials. Directors Bordsen, Woods, Rist and Howard aye, Director Lowe absent, motion passed.

4. The Board will discuss the 2023 Irrigation Season. After discussion it was decided that the 2023 irrigation season will start on April 24, 2023.

5. Manager’s Report:

COLLINS LAKE STATUS

| DATE | REMAINING SUPPLY VOLUME % | LAKE ELEVATION | DIST BELOW SPILL | RELEASES | GEN OUTPUT |
|--------------|---------------------------|-------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|
| TODAY | 49,500 AF 100.0% | 1,183.0 FT | 0.0 FT | 100.0 CFS | 0 kW |
| 1 YEAR AGO | 31,384 AF 63.4% | 1,163.3 FT | 19.7 FT | 63.8 CFS | 0 kW |

YUBA RIVER STATUS (PUMPLINE CANAL)

| DATE | MAX DIVERSION RATE (BVID/YWA CONTRACT) | BVID WATER RIGHT (CURRENT MONTH) | CURRENT DIVERSION* |
|--------------|--|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| TODAY | 90 CFS | 47.2 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

Collins Lake continues to spill at approximately 100 cfs. The weather is expected to stay on the cool side for the next week with stronger and warmer storms later in the month.

The 2023 billing was mailed out to customers the first week in April, and the Administrative Services Manager has been busy processing customer payments. The Technical Services Manager continues to work on the RES-BCT billing, Sicard Pipeline easements as well as the 2023 Annexation and BVID fiber project at Collins Lake.

The Manager, Technical Services Manager and Operations Manager have been working gathering technical information for the application for the Hydroelectric Efficiency Improvement Incentives program. CEI will be at the District office to begin the survey for the LLA of the BVID property.

On March 27, the Manager submitted a request to the Yuba Water Agency Community Impact Grant program to assist with a grant application for the Hydroelectric Improvement Incentives Program (HIIP) to replace the generator at Virginia Ranch Dam. While reviewing the application, the Community Impact Grant Committee decided to recommend the YWA Board consider committing \$50,000 to BVID for grant writing assistance and an additional \$1,700,000 for project match funding to make the application more competitive. At the April 4 YWA Board meeting, the Board unanimously approved the request.

If BVID is successful and gets awarded funds through the Hydroelectric Improvement Incentives Program, the project will be fully funded through \$750,000 from BVID, \$1,080,000 HIIP grant and \$1,700,000 from YWA. Staff is currently working with MBK and Henwood Energy on the grant application.

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. A north of Delta transfer may be possible.

Sicard Flat Pipeline

The US Bureau of Reclamation Environmental team received SHPO concurrence and the NEPA clearance is being routed for signature and approval. BVID staff will be able to begin construction once the Notice to Proceed has been received.

PAST MEETINGS

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| 3/24/2023 | BVID Staff/Wally Bird |
| 3/24/2023 | Yuba River Endowment – Scholarship meeting |
| 3/27/2023 | Flood Awareness meeting (zoom) |
| 3/28/2023 | Yuba River Endowment – Scholarship interviews |
| 3/29/2023 | Yuba River Endowment – Scholarship interviews |
| 3/29/2023 | Groundwater Sustainability Committee |
| 3/30/2023 | BVID/OE3 (zoom) |
| 4/3/2023 | Flood Awareness meeting (zoom) |

4/4/2023 YWA Board meeting
4/5/2023 Hydroelectric Efficiency Improvement Incentives webinar (zoom)
4/6/2023 Yuba River Endowment – Board meeting
4/10/2023 MBK Grant application meeting (phone)
4/10/2023 Flood Awareness meeting (zoom)

FUTURE MEETINGS

4/17/2023 Flood Awareness meeting (zoom)
4/18/2023 Yuba River Endowment – 93Q Scholarship radio interview
4/20/2023 Leadership Class
4/26/2023 Member Unit Water Management Workshop
5/8/2023- ACWA Spring Conference – Monterey
5/12/2023

DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE / OPERATIONS

Upper District

The operations crew have been busy with minor service calls, including shutoffs and increasing units of water.

Several of the paddle wheel screens are being repaired; it appears that service life for the steel boxes is around 20 years.

We have started to prepare the district for the 2023 water season, with rain in the forecast, not all the side spills will be boarded up.

Weed abatement (spraying and mowing) is taking place, weather permitting.

Virginia Ranch Dam Powerhouse went offline late Sunday, April 9; Henwood is aware and diagnosing the issue.

Lower District

Pumpline is off due to the rain.

6. Director's Comments and Reports: None

7. Correspondence: None

8. Adjournment: 5:45PM