

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

WHEN
Thursday
November 14, 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
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
NOVEMBER 14, 2024**

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

1. The Minutes of the October 24, 2024, Regular Board Meeting will be reviewed by the Board for approval. A motion by Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Howard to approve the October 24, 2024 minutes. Directors Rist, Howard, Lowe and Bordsen aye, Director Woods absent, motion passed.

2. Public Forum: None.

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

4. Manager’s Report:

COLLINS LAKE STATUS

DATE	REMAINING SUPPLY VOLUME	%	LAKE ELEVATION	DIST BELOW SPILL	RELEASES	GEN OUTPUT
TODAY	18,741 AF	38.3%	1,146.2 FT	36.8 FT	3.0 CFS	0 kW
1 YEAR AGO	21,829 AF	44.6%	1,150.7 FT	32.3 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	47.2 CFS	32 CFS	35 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 continues to work with the UC management on getting the document signed. BVID management staff and the UC Center Director will be meeting next week to discuss our options moving forward.

The Manager continues to work with Don Moss from Henwood Electric and Canyon Hydro on the replacement generator for Virginia Ranch Dam and has finalized the federal agreement with the Department of Energy (DOE). The MBK Project Manager for the Virginia Ranch Dam hydro grant has

reviewed the Canyon proposal and comments have been sent back to Canyon for review. The main concern is complying with all of the federal Build America, Buy America Act requirements. If needed, a waiver can be requested from DOE.

BVID staff participated in the Emergency Action Plan (EAP) Functional/Tabletop exercise for Virginia Ranch Dam on November 7, 2024. Staff worked through an emergency scenario at Virginia Ranch Dam and EAP activation. As required by FERC, BVID must perform the Functional/Tabletop exercise every five years.

CURRENT PROJECTS

Sicard Flat Pipeline

Fusion is expected to resume when the easement with the UC is complete. Per the easement agreement, the UC is requesting a 10-day notice prior to work. Staff is still hopeful to resume fusion in November.

BVID Pumpline Canal

Comments have been sent to the engineer regarding the box culvert option for the Pumpline Canal. Staff has also provided the engineer measurements for the culverts under Loma Rica Road, which will be improved as part of a Yuba County paving project in 2025.

PAST MEETINGS

10/28/2024 BVID EAP Internal Training
10/31/2024 Yuba GSC meeting
11/4/2024 Member Unit Water Management meeting
11/4/2024 Bay-Delta Task Force
11/5/2024 Yuba Water Board meeting
11/5/2024 BVID EAP Internal review
11/7/2024 BVID Functional/Tabletop exercise
11/13/2024 Yuba IRWMP meeting

FUTURE MEETINGS

11/18/2024 NCWA Water Management series - Teams
11/20/2024 Yuba River Endowment Board meeting
12/2/2024- ACWA 2024 Fall Conference – Palm Desert
12/6/2024

DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE / OPERATIONS

Upper District

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

Side spills are being pulled in preparation for winter weather.

Crews have been clearing the main canal on Scott Grant Road; large trees and several truckloads of vegetation have been removed and chipped.

A large section of the canal bank on the BV Main and the Harding Canal have been repaired.

Lower District

Pumpline is Running 35 cfs.

Mechanical cleaning of the Canal will continue, as necessary.

5. Director's Comments and Reports: None

6. Correspondence: None

7. Closed Session: Conference with labor negotiator involving Kelly McNally, General Manager regarding unrepresented employee(s); Government Code sections 54954.5(f) and 654957.6

8. Open Session: A motion by Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Lowe to approve the 2025 salary adjustment for non-represented employees. Directors Rist, Howard, Lowe and Bordsen aye, Director Woods absent, motion passed.

9. Adjournment: 5:19 pm