

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

WHEN
Thursday
January 9, 2025
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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JANUARY 9, 2025**

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

1. **Minutes: The Minutes of the December 12, 2024, Board Meeting will be reviewed by the Board for approval.** A motion by Director Woods, seconded by Director Howard to approve the December 12, 2024 minutes. All ayes, motion passed.
2. **Public Forum:** None.
3. **Finance Committee Report:** December 2024 Financials. A motion by Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Rist to approve the December 2024 Financials. All ayes, motion passed.
4. **The Board will consider approving General Manager McNally as authorized online signature for Tri-Counties Bank.** A motion by Director Woods, seconded by Director Howard to approve General Manager McNally as an authorized online signer for Tri-Counties Bank. All ayes, motion passed.
5. **The Board will consider authorizing the Manager to accept the bids and determine the low bid for the Loma Rica Road culvert replacement project.** A motion by Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Rist to authorize the General Manager to accept the bids and determine the low bid for the Loma Rica Road culvert replacement project. All ayes, motion passed.
6. **Manager’s Report:**

COLLINS LAKE STATUS

DATE	REMAINING SUPPLY VOLUME %	LAKE ELEVATION	DIST BELOW SPILL	RELEASES	GEN OUTPUT
TODAY	42,330 AF 86.4%	1,176.0 FT	7.0 FT	3.0 CFS	0 kW
1 YEAR AGO	34,181 AF 69.8%	1,166.7 FT	16.3 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	20 CFS	20 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

Happy New Year! 2025 has brought a mix of weather from rain to sun to wind. As of today, the office has received 1.25 inches of rain and operations staff have been taking advantage of the sunny days to get repairs and services completed before the wet weather returns.

The Technical Services Manager has been gathering and reviewing documents pertaining to updating FERC required documents. He has also continued work on the 2023 Annexation project as well as communicating with UC staff regarding the Sicard Flat Pipeline project easements.

The Canyon Hydro contract has been reviewed by legal with very few comments. Canyon Hydro has been made aware of the comments and is revising the proposal to include the comments and concerns from BVID legal. The Manager met with the Finance Director for Yuba Water Agency and discussed the grant funding. The Manager and the Finance Director agreed that BVID would submit for reimbursement as invoices are submitted by Canyon Hydro.

On December 18, 2024 the Manager and Technical Services Manager met with DWR staff (virtually) to discuss the State Water Purchase Program and BVID's proposal. A request for additional information was submitted to the Manager by DWR staff on Wednesday, January 8, 2025 and the Manager is working on gathering the requested documents to provide to DWR.

On January 10, 2025, the Manager and Technical Services Manager will be meeting with MBK regarding the Smith Ditch. MBK has completed reviewing documents pertaining to the Smith Ditch and will be doing a field visit to determine the next steps in the evaluation.

CURRENT PROJECTS

Sicard Flat Pipeline

Fusion resumed in the first week of December and is expected to continue in mid to late January.

BVID Pumpline Canal

Updated plans have been submitted to BVID and the bid contract has been reviewed by legal. Bids have been submitted to BVID. 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, December 9, 2024 to discuss the new office. The designer took pictures of the existing office and continues to work on a proposal for review. At the December 9, 2024 meeting, the engineer and the interior designer discussed the interior furniture and office layouts, and the electrical plan will be based on the furniture layout/design.

The engineer is set to be at the BVID office on Friday, January 17, 2025 to complete the topographical survey for the site grading plan. After the topo, the next steps are to complete the preliminary site plan, then geotechnical work to complete the soils report.

PAST 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
12/23/2024 Yuba Water Agency Board meeting
1/7/2025 Yuba Water Agency Board meeting
1/9/2025 Yuba County Parks and Recreation Workgroup – Teams

FUTURE MEETINGS

1/10/2025 Smith Ditch field visit
1/15/2025 BVID/JPIA Risk Assessment
1/16/2025 BVID/KGS Group meet and greet
1/21/2025 Yuba River Endowment Board meeting
1/22/2025 Saddleback Ranch tour
1/27/2025 Member Unit Water Management workshop

DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE / OPERATIONS

Upper District

Operation staff remains busy with repairs and maintenance throughout the District.

Wet weather has delayed the Sicard Pipeline project. With the dry forecast ahead, we are hoping to have fusion completed in this section by the next two weeks. 3000' of pipe was fused in December; there is still 2000' feet to fuse, plus angles and tie-ins.

Vegetation control continues throughout the District where possible. Spraying will continue with the dry, warmer weather ahead.

Crew is currently installing a new service outlet on the Peoria Pipeline.

Lower District

Pumpline is currently offline.

Mechanical cleaning of the Canal will continue, as necessary.

8. Director's Comments and Reports: None

9. Correspondence: 2025 Committee assignments and Tri-Counties Bank Money Market information.

10. Adjournment: 5:19 pm