

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

WHEN
Thursday
August 10, 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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AUGUST 10, 2023**

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

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

2. Public Forum: None

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

4. Personnel Committee Report: Report to the Board about the committee meeting. Discussion only.

5. Manager’s Report:

COLLINS LAKE STATUS

DATE	REMAINING SUPPLY VOLUME	%	LAKE ELEVATION	DIST BELOW SPILL	RELEASES	GEN OUTPUT
TODAY	34,854 AF	71.2%	1,167.5 FT	15.5 FT	96.6 CFS	0 kW
1 YEAR AGO	19,075 AF	39.0%	1,146.7 FT	36.3 FT	69.3 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	90 CFS	55 CFS

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

STAFF ACTIVITIES

Office staff continue to be busy with calls regarding payments, billing, and service questions, and the “dirty water” calls have decreased over the past two weeks.

The billing invoices for the final irrigation payment were mailed out on Thursday, July 27, 2023 and payments have been trickling in. Final payments are due by August 31, 2023.

This morning, the Manager and Operations Manager met with FERC for the annual inspection of Virginia Ranch Dam. The report will be submitted at a later date, however, the inspector said the dam, spillway and tunnel were all in good condition.

CURRENT PROJECTS

Groundwater Substitution Transfer

No updates.

Conserved Water Transfer

No updates.

Sicard Flat Pipeline

Northtree Fire began removing excess vegetation on Thursday, August 3, 2023 and completed the work on Monday, August 7, 2023. Fusion is scheduled to begin again on August 21, 2023.

BVID Property

The survey work for the LLA was completed on April 25 and CEI submitted a draft map for District review. Comments were submitted to CEI on July 18, 2023.

PAST MEETINGS

8/1/2023 YWA Board meeting
8/7/2023 Bay-Delta Task Force meeting
8/10/2023 VRD FERC Inspection

FUTURE MEETINGS

8/15/2023 YWA Board meeting
8/23/2023 Yuba River Endowment Board meeting
8/30/2023 Member Unit Water Management Workshop
8/31/2023 Tour Valley Water facilities

DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE / OPERATIONS

Upper District

Operations Staff continues to be busy with repairs and service calls throughout the district.

VRD powerplant is currently offline.

Sicard Pipeline project area was contracted and cleared by North Tree using a large masticator, crew is doing additional cleanup and pipeline fusion will resume on the 21st of August.

Several ditches around the district are being mechanically cleaned. The Mahle is currently being cleaned and the Dexter has been completed.

The crew repaired a mainline leak on the McDrip Pipeline.

The automatic transfer switch at the district office experienced a catastrophic failure. A manual transfer switch has been installed that will work with the new diesel generator.

Lower District

Pumpline is Running 55 cfs.

6. Director's Comments and Reports: None

7. Correspondence: None

8. Closed Session: The Board in closed session shall **consider the possible step raise** for a crew member; Government Code sections 54954.5 (f) and 54957.6.

- No action taken in closed session.

9. Adjournment: 5:51PM