

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

WHEN
Thursday
June 22, 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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JUNE 22, 2023**

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

1. Minutes: The Minutes of the June 6, 2023 Regular Board Meeting will be reviewed by the Board for approval. A motion by Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Howard to approve the June 6, 2023, minutes. Directors Bordsen, Lowe, Woods and Howard aye, Director Rist absent, motion passed.

2. Public Forum: None

3. Personnel Committee Report: Report to the Board about the committee meeting. No action taken.

4. The Board will discuss the updated job descriptions and may take action as necessary. A motion by Director Lowe, seconded by Director Woods to approve the updated Job Descriptions as presented. Directors Bordsen, Lowe, Woods and Howard aye, Director Rist absent, motion passed.

5. The Board will receive an update on the Sicard Flat Pipeline project and may take action as necessary. A motion by Director Lowe, seconded by Director Woods to approve management to hire 2-3 employees to assist with the Sicard Pipeline Project. Directors Bordsen, Lowe, Woods and Howard aye, Director Rist absent, motion passed.

6. Manager’s Report:

COLLINS LAKE STATUS

DATE	REMAINING SUPPLY VOLUME %	LAKE ELEVATION	DIST BELOW SPILL	RELEASES	GEN OUTPUT
TODAY	44,367 AF 89.6%	1,178.2 FT	4.8 FT	69.2 CFS	444 kW
1 YEAR AGO	26,068 AF 52.7%	1,156.5 FT	26.5 FT	67.5 CFS	345 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

The Administrative Services Manager has been working with Operations staff on shut offs for non-payment. As of today, there are 24 customers out of 177 that have been shut off.

Operations have been very busy with service calls, repairs from the Scott Fire, shut offs and the Sicard Flat Pipeline project.

MBK and Henwood Energy have completed their work on the VRD Hydro efficiency grant, and the final application was submitted on June 20, 2023. According to the DOE website, grant recipients will be notified in September 2023.

The Sicard Flat Pipeline Upgrade project was highlighted as a “shovel ready” project on Yuba Water Agency’s Facebook page and website. It has been shared to the BVID Facebook page and will be on the BVID website soon.

CURRENT PROJECTS

Groundwater Substitution Transfer

No updates.

Conserved Water Transfer

No updates.

Sicard Flat Pipeline

3400 feet or 30” HDPE pipe was installed on June 8 and June 9, 2023.

BVID Property

The survey work for the LLA was completed on April 25 and CEI has received the title reports and will work to finalize the map soon. They are checking with the county about the easement, and if additional paperwork is needed. Typically, well easements are between property owners and a form is completed to identify the amount of water being used on each property.

PAST MEETINGS

6/7/2023	Discuss BVID CWT VA Contribution
6/14/2023	Yuba GSC Meeting
6/15/2023	Yuba River Endowment Board Meeting
6/15/2023	DOE Grant update with MBK – zoom
6/19/2023	DOE Grant update with MBK – zoom
6/20/2023	YWA Board meeting
6/22/2023	Accord Executive Committee/YWA – Streambed Depletion meeting

FUTURE MEETINGS

6/29/2023 Member Unit Water Management Workshop
7/3/2023 Bay-Delta Task Force meeting – zoom

DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE / OPERATIONS

Upper District

Operations staff have been busy with new service installations, repairs, and service calls throughout the District.

VRD powerplant is back up and running.

The Sicard Pipeline crew have installed 3400' of 30" HDPE into the existing ditch and staff continue to balance out the water flow which is already resulting in water savings.

The 100-acre Scott Fire damaged some BVID services and air vents. The crew was able to complete the repairs to District infrastructure and restore water to customers within the burn area the day after the fire.

Lower District

Pumpline is Running 55 cfs.

The "new" 100 hp pump is currently offline due to an unknow electrical issue, which is being assessed by Diamond Well. To ensure Lower District deliveries are met, staff is operating the diesel pump to supplement the electric lift pumps. A similar failure occurred with the 125hp pump two weeks ago and was found to be wires grounding out.

7. Director's Comments and Reports: None

8. Correspondence: None

9. Closed Session: The Board in closed session shall **consider the employee evaluations and possible step raises** for two crew members; Government Code sections 54954.5 (f) and 54957.6.

10. Open Session: The Board will report any action taken in closed session. A motion by Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Howard to approve step raises for two crew members. Directors Bordsen, Lowe, Woods and Howard aye, Director Rist absent, motion passed

11. Adjournment: 5:43PM