

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

WHEN
Thursday
June 27, 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
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JUNE 27, 2024**

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

1. The Minutes of the June 13, 2024, Regular Board Meeting will be reviewed by the Board for approval. A motion by Director Woods, seconded by Director Lowe to approve the June 12, 2024 minutes. All ayes, motion passed.

2. Public Forum:

- Joe Gaunt from Loma Rica discussed the Olive Hill ditch leaking and running at capacity

3. Ad Hoc Committee Report: The Committee will report to the Board and make recommendations as appropriate. Director Rist reported on the Ad Hoc meetings. After discussion

- Hiring contract crew to clean up district ditch banks. Tabled
- A motion by Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Lowe to establish a seasonal employee pay schedule with 4 steps with a 5% increase per step and to include July 4th and Labor Day as paid holidays. All ayes, motion passed.
- A motion by Director Lowe, seconded by Director Bordsen to add one additional Utility I/II position, this would result in a total of six Utilities. All ayes, motion passed

4. Manager’s Report:

COLLINS LAKE STATUS

DATE	REMAINING SUPPLY VOLUME	%	LAKE ELEVATION	DIST BELOW SPILL	RELEASES	GEN OUTPUT
TODAY	41,509 AF	84.8%	1,175.1 FT	7.9 FT	105.0 CFS	722 kW
1 YEAR AGO	43,528 AF	88.9%	1,177.3 FT	5.7 FT	93.0 CFS	646 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	60 CFS

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

STAFF ACTIVITIES

Payments and service calls continue to keep the office and field staff incredibly busy. The second payment is due at the end of June and the final payment is due by the end of August. Shut offs for non-payment began at the beginning of June, and reconnections have been keeping the office staff and field staff busy.

The BVID rental house was listed for sale on May 17, 2024. The real estate market has been very slow as interest rates remain high.

The Technical Services Manager continues to work on Sicard Pipeline easements through the UC and comments have been re-submitted to the UC for review.

On Tuesday, June 18, 2024, BVID staff along with FERC, Jeff Twitchell of GEI and the Part 12D Independent Consultants from HDR completed the five-year inspection of Virginia Ranch Dam. The inspection included the spillway, penstock tunnel, dam, powerhouse and all weir/toe drains. A Draft of the report will be submitted to BVID for review by July 8, 2024.

As of today, there have been several applications submitted for the Utility Worker position and the District has brought on a temporary worker for summer. The Manager and Operations Manager will be interviewing six candidates for the open positions beginning on Friday, June 28 and ending on Monday, July 1.

The Manager has been working on updating the Employee Handbook to discuss with the Personnel Committee.

CURRENT PROJECTS

Sicard Flat Pipeline

The crew has been cleaning up the properties along the pipeline and backfilling. Fusion is expected to resume when the easement with the UC is complete.

BVID Property

The property is listed for sale!

PAST MEETINGS

6/17/2024	NCWA Water Management Series
6/18/2024	FERC Part 12D VRD Inspection
6/19/2024	Ad Hoc Committee meeting
6/20/2024	Sam Bunton – Yuba County Public Works Director
6/25/2024	Spillway Bonking Survey
6/25/2024	Member Unit Water Management Workshop

FUTURE MEETINGS

6/28/2024 Utility Worker interviews
7/1/2024 Utility Worker interviews
7/2/2024 Yuba Water Board meeting
7/2/2024 Regulatory Permitting Discussion - Willie Whittlesey and Ryan McNally of Yuba Water
7/8/2024 BVID Feature Video Interview
7/11/2024 Yuba River Endowment Board meeting

DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE / OPERATIONS

Upper District

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

The 2024 “Spillway Bonking” survey was conducted on June 25, 2024.

Backfill and cleanup continues on the Sicard Pipeline Project.

The Crew is currently mechanically cleaning the Lambert Ditch. Thousand Trails Ditch cleaning has been completed; during the cleaning several large leaks were found and repaired.

Spraying and mowing of vegetation is being conducted, weather permitting.

Lower District

Pumpline Canal is running at 60 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
5:39pm

8. Open Session: The Board will report any action taken in closed session. No action taken, discussed sexual harassment, workplace violence and proper complaint and discipline policies. All employees, directors and staff to be brought up to date. 6:58pm

9. Adjournment: 6:59pm