

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

WHEN
Thursday
August 22, 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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AUGUST 22, 2024**

Director 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 /General Manager Kelly McNally, and Technical Services Manager Sayers.

1. The Minutes of the August 8, 2024, Regular Board Meeting will be reviewed by the Board for approval. A motion by Director Woods, seconded by Director Bordsen to approve the August 8, 2024 minutes. All ayes, motion passed.

2. Public Forum: None.

3. Personnel Committee Report: None.

4. The Board will discuss retaining MRG to assist the District with policy updates and updating the Employee Handbook and may take action as appropriate. A motion by Director Woods, seconded by Director Howard to approve retaining MRG to assist with policy updates and updating the Employee Handbook. All ayes, motion passed.

5. The Board will discuss hiring an outside payroll service and may take action as appropriate. A motion by Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Lowe, to retain an outside payroll company. All ayes, motion passed.

6. Manager’s Report:

COLLINS LAKE STATUS

DATE	REMAINING SUPPLY VOLUME	%	LAKE ELEVATION	DIST BELOW SPILL	RELEASES	GEN OUTPUT
TODAY	31,465 AF	64.3%	1,163.4 FT	19.6 FT	80.4 CFS	479 kW
1 YEAR AGO	32,606 AF	66.6%	1,164.8 FT	18.2 FT	93.3 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	47.2 CFS	40 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 have slowed down as final payments continue to trickle in. The BVID rental house is set to close tomorrow and the Manager will sign final documents tomorrow afternoon.

The Technical Services Manager has received the go-ahead from the UC on the Sicard Pipeline easements through the UC. He is working on getting the packet together and sending it out to the UC for final review and signature.

The Manager received the updated office plans on August 21, 2024. An Ad Hoc Committee meeting will be scheduled before the next Board meeting on September 5, 2024 to discuss the design and location of the building.

The Manager has sent the proposed MOU language to the Operating Engineers 3 representative and is waiting for a response.

On Tuesday, August 20, 2024, the Manager met with three individuals from Ascent Environmental regarding updating the BVID Conserved Water Transfer EIR. Since there are little to no changes in the scope of the project, it is anticipated BVID will be able to do an Addendum to the EIR, which does not include public comment. Ascent is very knowledgeable about the Yuba River and the project area, as they have recently completed the Supplemental EIR for the Lower Yuba River Accord.

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. Fusion is anticipated to resume mid to late September.

BVID Property

The property is listed for sale and an offer has been submitted and accepted. Final documents should be signed this week!

PAST MEETINGS

8/14/2024	Yuba GSC Meeting
8/19/2024	NCWA Management Series - Teams
8/20/2024	YWA Board meeting
8/20/2024	BVID/Ascent CWT EIR discussion

FUTURE MEETINGS

8/29/2024- ACWA Executive Edge – Petaluma
8/30/2024
9/3/2024 YWA Board meeting
9/3/2024 Bay-Delta Task Force
9/4/2024 Member Unit Workshop
9/5/2024 Yuba River Endowment Board meeting

DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE / OPERATIONS

Upper District

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

Virgina Ranch Dam Generator is up and running.

The crew is continuing the mechanical cleaning of the Lower Browns Valley Ditch.

The low-pressure situation on Sandy Way Pipeline still exists; it has been isolated to the Shadowbrook extension. Crew will continue to inspect as time permits.

Several large leaks were discovered and repaired on the Sicard Ditch. These leaks were found downstream of Scott Forbes Road. Fortunately, this section will be abandoned with the installation of the Sicard Flat Pipeline project.

Lower District

Pumpline Canal is running at 40 cfs.

Mechanical cleaning of the Canal will continue, as necessary.

7. Director's Comments and Reports: None

8. Correspondence: None

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

10. Open Session: The Board will report any action taken in closed session. Agenda item 9 A motion by Director Lowe, seconded by Director Woods, to hire a temporary office assistant with a starting wage consistent with the Board approved Utility Worker II salary schedule. All ayes, motion passed.

11. Adjournment: 5:50pm