

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

WHEN
Thursday
December 14, 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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DECEMBER 14, 2023**

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

1. Minutes: The Minutes of the November 16, 2023 Regular Board Meeting will be reviewed by the Board for approval. A motion by Director Lowe, seconded by Director Bordsen to approve the November 16, 2023 minutes. Directors Bordsen, Lowe, Rist and Woods aye. Director Howard absent, motion passed.

2. Public Forum: None

3. Finance Committee Report: November 2023 Financials. A motion by Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Rist to approve the November financials. Directors Bordsen, Lowe, Rist and Woods aye. Director Howard absent, motion passed.

4. Pipeline Committee Report: Report and discussion about the December 7, 2023 Committee meeting. The Board may take action as necessary. Tabled

5. Bay-Delta Plan update: The Board will receive an update regarding the State Water Resources Control Board’s Draft Bay-Delta Plan staff report. Discussion only, no action taken.

6. Manager’s Report:

COLLINS LAKE STATUS

DATE	REMAINING SUPPLY VOLUME	%	LAKE ELEVATION	DIST BELOW SPILL	RELEASES	GEN OUTPUT
TODAY	21,617 AF	44.1%	1,150.0 FT	33.0 FT	3.1 CFS	0 kW
1 YEAR AGO	12,927 AF	26.4%	1,136.8 FT	46.2 FT	1.1 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	31 CFS

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

STAFF ACTIVITIES

With the end of the year rapidly approaching, the Administrative Services Manager has been working on closing out 2023 and continues to work on the 2024 Budget.

The Technical Services Manager continues to work on the Sicard Flat Pipeline project easements with the UC, wetland mapping and permits with Marcus Bole and the 2023 Annexation.

The General Manager has been coordinating with FERC and the Consultant on the District's Part 12D inspection; reviewing the 2023 EAP to submit to FERC; and working the Yuba County Surveyor and the District's legal on the Lot Line Adjustment and surplus land resolution.

On Monday, December 4, 2023 the General Manager and Operations Manager gave a tour of Virginia Ranch Dam to five Yuba Water Agency employees.

CURRENT PROJECTS

Sicard Flat Pipeline

Fusion and prep of Phase 4 began on October 23, 2023 and continued through the end of October. Phase 4 fusion began again this week and will continue as weather allows. As of today, the crew has fused and installed approximately 3.5 miles of pipe.

BVID Property

The survey work for the LLA was completed on April 25 and CEI submitted a draft map for District review. The map has been reviewed by the County Surveyor and final documents have been sent to Cranmer Engineering for review prior to recordation. The Surplus Land Act exemption is being reviewed by BVID's legal team and the resolution should be presented at the next Board meeting.

PAST MEETINGS

11/27/2023- Fall ACWA Conference – Indian Wells
12/1/2023
11/29/2023 Yuba River Endowment Board meeting
12/4/2023 BVID/YWA Tour of VRD
12/4/2023 Bay-Delta Task Force Meeting (Zoom)
12/5/2023 YWA Board meeting
12/6/2023 Porter Creek Permitting discussion (zoom)
12/13/2023 Yuba GSC Meeting
12/13/2023 Member Unit Water Management Workshop

FUTURE MEETINGS

12/15/2023 MHM Pumpline Canal
12/19/2023 YWA Board meeting
12/20/2023 Yuba River Endowment Board meeting

DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE / OPERATIONS

Upper District

The Sicard Pipeline crew continues to make progress on the lower end of the project. The crew has had some delays caused by the small amount of rain and scheduling issues with the fusion company. Construction is still on track to complete the fusion of 9800 feet of pipe consisting of 7400 feet of 16” and 2400 feet of 18” HDPE and should be completed early January.

Trenching for the Fiber Optic extension at Collins Lake started on November 6, 2023 and as of today, the trenching is complete, and conduit is in the ground. Fiber cable will be pulled into place and the overhead line to the powerhouse will be completed as weather permits.

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2. Mechanical cleaning and vegetation control continues as necessary.

Lower District

Pumpline is Running 31 cfs.

7. Director's Comments and Reports: None

8. Correspondence:

- Letter dated November 27, 2023 to BVID from ACWA/JPIA recognizing members that have received the “Presidents Special Recognition Award” for Workman’s Compensation

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. Discussion only, no action taken.

11. Adjournment: 6:45pm In memory of Director Diana Wheeler