

*Browns Valley Irrigation District*  
Post Office Box 6, Browns Valley, CA 95918

**MINUTES OF THE  
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**WHEN**  
**Thursday**  
**November 16, 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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REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
OF THE  
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
NOVEMBER 16, 2023**

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

**1. Minutes: The Minutes of the November 2, 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 2, 2023 minutes. Directors Rist, Bordsen, Lowe and Howard aye, Director Woods absent. Motion passed.

**2. Public Forum:** None

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

**4. Manager’s Report:**

**COLLINS LAKE STATUS**

DATE	REMAINING SUPPLY VOLUME %	LAKE ELEVATION	DIST BELOW SPILL	RELEASES	GEN OUTPUT
<b>TODAY</b>	<b>21,829 AF 44.6%</b>	<b>1,150.7 FT</b>	<b>32.3 FT</b>	3.1 CFS	<b>0 kW</b>
1 YEAR AGO	9,870 AF 20.2%	1,131.2 FT	51.8 FT	1.2 CFS	0 kW

**YUBA RIVER STATUS (PUMPLINE CANAL)**

DATE	MAX DIVERSION RATE (BVID/YWA CONTRACT)	BVID WATER RIGHT (CURRENT MONTH)	CURRENT DIVERSION*
<b>TODAY</b>	35 CFS	35 CFS	<b>35 CFS</b>

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

**STAFF ACTIVITIES**

As the end of the year rapidly approaches, the Administrative Services Manager has begun working on the 2024 Budget.

The Operations Manager has continued flying the BVID drone over the Sicard Flat Pipeline project area and the Technical Services Manager has added the Sicard Flat Pipeline project information to the BVID website.

The General Manager has been reviewing the Part 12D Independent Consultant proposals as well as the Lot Line Adjustment materials and has submitted the annual report for the Sicard Flat Pipeline grant to Yuba Water Agency.

On Monday, November 6, 2023 the General Manager received an email from the Hydroelectric Incentives Program explaining that the District's grant application meets the eligibility requirements and is still being evaluated for funding. The letter has been included as correspondence.

## **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.

### **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 BVID staff is reviewing the draft documents prior to recording.

## **PAST MEETINGS**

- 11/6/2023 BVID and Emrgy Energy
- 11/6/2023 Bay-Delta Task Force Meeting
- 11/7/2023 YWA Board meeting
- 11/8/2023 Meet with Willie Whittlesey
- 11/15/2023 Yuba IRWMP Quarterly meeting

## **FUTURE 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 BVID
- 12/4/2023 Bay-Delta Task Force Meeting
- 12/5/2023 YWA Board meeting
- 12/13/2023 MU Water Management Workshop

## **DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE / OPERATIONS**

### **Upper District**

1. Irrigation water was turned off to the upper district on November 6<sup>th</sup>. Spills are being pulled and the district is being set up for winter operations.
- 2.
3. The Sicard Pipeline crew have been busy on the lower section of the project. The ditch between Frontier trail and Sicard Flat Road is completed and backfilled. The crew has moved across the road and is working from Sicard Flat to Hwy 20.
- 4.
5. Trenching for the Fiber Optic expansion at Collins Lake started on November 6, 2023. BVID is working together with the team at Collins Lake to extend high speed internet to the powerhouse.
- 6.
7. Mechanical cleaning and vegetation control continues as necessary.

### **Lower District**

Pumpline is Running 35 cfs.

### **5. Director's Comments and Reports:**

- Director Lowe inquired about water trucks filling at the Joines Rd location.

### **6. Correspondence:**

- Letter dated November 6, 2023 to BVID from Dept of Energy regarding VRD Hydroelectric Efficiency Upgrade

**7.Closed Session:** The Board will **discuss an employee's performance;** Government Code sections 54954.5 (f) and 54957.6.

**8.Open Session:** The Board will report any action taken in closed session. No action taken.

**9. Adjournment:** 5:35PM