

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

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

WHEN
Thursday
July 11, 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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JULY 11, 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, and Operations Manager Shrader were absent.

1. The Minutes of the June 27, 2024, Regular Board Meeting will be reviewed by the Board for approval. A motion by Director Howard, seconded by Director Woods to approve the June 27, 2024 minutes. All ayes, motion passed.

2. Public Forum: None

3. Finance Committee Report: June 2024 Financials. No report

4. Personnel Committee Report: The Personnel Committee will report to the Board and act if necessary. Director Bordsen reported about hiring an outside company to update the Employee Handbook/ BVID policies. No action taken.

5. Manager’s Report:

COLLINS LAKE STATUS

| DATE | REMAINING SUPPLY VOLUME % | LAKE ELEVATION | DIST BELOW SPILL | RELEASES | GEN OUTPUT |
|--------------|---------------------------|-------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|
| TODAY | 38,735 AF 79.1% | 1,172.0 FT | 11.0 FT | 101.9 CFS | 0 kW |
| 1 YEAR AGO | 40,965 AF 83.7% | 1,174.5 FT | 8.5 FT | 100.8 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 | 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 have slowed down; however, service calls continue to keep staff busy. The second payment was due at the end of June and the final payment is due by the end of August.

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. After speaking with our real estate agent, the price has been reduced to \$395,000.

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 Monday July 8, 2024, the Manager received the Draft PIR from HDR to review on comment on prior to submitting the final report to FERC. After reading the PIR, Virginia Ranch Dam is in satisfactory condition.

On Monday, July 8, 2024 the Manager and Director Bordsen were interviewed by Yuba Water Agency staff for a feature video interview about BVID.

The Manager has continued working on updating the Employee Handbook after discussion 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

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| 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 |
| 7/3/2024 | Operations Crew Sexual Harassment training |
| 7/8/2024 | BVID Feature Video Interview |
| 7/11/2024 | Yuba River Endowment Board meeting |

FUTURE MEETINGS

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| 7/15/2024 | NCWA Water Management Series - Teams |
| 7/16/2024 | Yuba Water Board meeting |
| 7/24/2024 | NCWA Water Leaders Class |
| 7/31/2024 | Member Unit Water Management Workshop – YWA |
| 8/5/2024 | Bay-Delta Task Force – Teams |

DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE / OPERATIONS

Upper District

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

During the current heatwave, Operations crew have been starting early to try and beat the heat.

Virgina Ranch Dam Generator is currently offline; the unit is very temperamental during extreme temperatures. We will restart as soon as temperatures drop below 100°.

The crew is mechanically cleaning the Olive Hill Ditch and will move to the Lower Browns Valley Ditch when finished with the Olive Hill.

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.

6. Director's Comments and Reports: None

7. Correspondence: None

8. Closed Session: Conference with legal counsel--anticipated litigation; Government Code sections 54954.5(c) and 54956.9(a) and (d)(2) and (3); significant exposure to litigation involving one case. Went to closed session at 5:15pm

9. Open Session: The Board will report any action taken in closed session. Open session 7:12pm. After discussion the Board approved retaining Gage Dungy of Liebert Cassidy Whitmore.

10. Adjournment: 7:13PM