

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

WHEN
Thursday
February 13, 2025
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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FEBRUARY 13, 2025**

Director Lowe called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Browns Valley Irrigation District to order. Directors present were Howard, Lowe, Rist, Woods and Bordsen. Also in attendance were Secretary/General Manager Kelly McNally, Operations Manager Kevin Shrader, Technical Services Manager Mark Sayers and Administrative Assistant Cristina Joseph.

1. **Minutes: The Minutes of the January 23, 2025, Board Meeting will be reviewed by the Board for approval.** A motion by Director Woods, seconded by Director Rist to approve the January 23, 2025 minutes. All ayes, motion passed.
2. **Public Forum:** None.
3. **Finance Committee Report:** January 2025 Financials. A motion by Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Lowe to approve the January 2025 Financials. All ayes, motion passed.
4. The Board will **consider adopting Resolution 02-13-24-01 nominating Brent Hastev to the ACWA JPIA Executive Committee.** A motion by Director Woods and seconded by Director Bordsen to nominate Brent Hastev to the ACWA/JPIA Executive Committee. All ayes, motion passed.
5. The Board will **receive an update on the Virginia Ranch Dam Hydro-efficiency Upgrade project and may take action as necessary.** After discussion, the Board adjourned the Regular Board meeting at 5:14 pm and called to order the Special Board Meeting. The Regular Board meeting was called to order at 5:15 pm.
6. The Board will **receive an update on the vegetation removal throughout the District and may take action as necessary.** Discussion only, no action taken.
7. **Manager’s Report:**

COLLINS LAKE STATUS

DATE	REMAINING SUPPLY VOLUME %	LAKE ELEVATION	DIST BELOW SPILL	RELEASES	GEN OUTPUT
TODAY	48,965 AF 100.0%	1,183.0 FT	0.0 FT	3.0 CFS	1,041 kW
1 YEAR AGO	38,824 AF 79.3%	1,172.1 FT	10.9 FT	3.1 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	0 CFS

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

STAFF ACTIVITIES

Work has continued on the 2025 Budget, and the Finance Committee will begin discussions today. Depending on the corrections, the 2025 Budget could be before the Board for approval at the end of the month, or early March. Once the 2025 Budget is approved, staff will start working on invoices for the upcoming irrigation season.

The Technical Services Manager has continued work on the 2023 Annexation project, corresponding with LAFCo and updating the necessary submittal documents.

The Pumpline Canal improvement project has been awarded, and the contractor has ordered the box culverts for culverts 5 and 6. Construction is still on schedule to be completed by March 31, 2025 to ensure the canal is back up and running by April 1, 2025.

The newly created Administrative Specialist position was posted to Indeed on February 5, 2025 and to the BVID website and Facebook pages on February 7, 2025. There has been a lot of interest in the position.

The General Manager has been working with BVID's legal counsel and Canyon Hydro on finalizing the procurement agreement for the new hydro equipment at Virginia Ranch Dam. Once the agreement is finalized, the Manager will work with Yuba Water Agency on the next steps pertaining to the grant funding.

On Wednesday February 12, 2025, the Technical Services Manager and the Manager met with GridSME regarding reconnecting Virginia Ranch Dam to CAISO. VRD was previously connected to the CAISO, but disconnected when BVID entered into the RES-BCT contract with PG&E.

CURRENT PROJECTS

Sicard Flat Pipeline

Fusion resumed in the first week of December and is expected to continue when weather permits.

BVID Pumpline Canal

The contract has been awarded, and the box culverts have been ordered. Construction is scheduled to be completed by March 31, 2025.

BVID Office

After the topo, the next steps are to complete the preliminary site plan, then geotechnical work to complete the soils report.

Vegetation Management

Equipment has been mobilized to the BV Main Ditch, and the work will occur as weather permits.

PAST MEETINGS

1/24/2025 MRG/BVID - Teams
 1/27/2025 Member Unit Water Management workshop
 2/1/2025 Feather/Yuba Watershed Weather and Flow – Teams
 2/3/2025 Bay-Delta Task Force
 2/4/2025 Yuba Water Agency Board meeting
 2/4/2025 Yuba Water Agency POD meeting
 2/5/2025 Yuba Water Agency/BVID Collins Lake Instrumentation meeting
 2/11/2025 GridSME/BVID – Zoom
 2/13/2025 Yuba County Parks and Recreation Workgroup

FUTURE MEETINGS

2/18/2025 Yuba Water Agency Board meeting
 2/18/2025 NCWA Water Management - Teams
 2/19/2025 Yuba River Endowment Board meeting
 3/3/2025 Bay-Delta Task Force
 3/6/2025 Member Unit Management meeting
 3/7/2025 NCWA Annual meeting

DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE / OPERATIONS

Upper District

Operations staff remain busy with winter worklist items throughout the District.

The VRD Generator was brought online on February 3rd, after lake reached spill level.

The Sicard Pipeline crew has completed the tie-ins for the last in-ditch section of the project. The crew also installed the 30” valve as a mid-way shutoff point. Backfill and cleanup will continue as weather conditions improve.

Vegetation control and ditch cleaning continue throughout the District where possible. Personnel are currently focusing on the Olive Hill Ditch.

A contractor has been hired for vegetation and tree removal on the main ditch. He is waiting for drier weather to begin the project.

Lower District

Pumpline is currently offline.

A contractor has repaired small sections of the Pumpline Canal. Further inspections have found some additional areas of concern, and he has been given the go ahead to repair weather permitting.

8. Director's Comments and Reports: None

9. Correspondence: 2025 New Laws Update - BKS

10. Adjournment: 5:38 pm