

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

**WHEN**  
**Thursday**  
**July 27, 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  
JULY 27, 2023**

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

**1. Minutes: The Minutes of the July 13, 2023, Regular Board Meeting will be reviewed by the Board for approval.** A motion by Director Rist, seconded by Director Bordsen to approve the July 13, 2023, minutes. All ayes, motion passed.

**2. Public Forum:** Jeff Larson from Loma Rica wanted to thank staff for great service.

**3. The Board will receive a presentation from the District’s independent audit firm Blomberg and Griffin and consider adopting the 2022 Browns Valley Irrigation District Independent Auditor’s Report.** A motion by Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Rist to adopt the 2022 Independent Auditor’s Report as presented. All ayes, 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>37,683 AF 77.0%</b>	<b>1,170.8 FT</b>	<b>12.2 FT</b>	99.4 CFS	<b>0 kW</b>
1 YEAR AGO	21,057 AF 43.0%	1,149.6 FT	33.4 FT	71.8 CFS	357 kW

**YUBA RIVER STATUS (PUMPLINE CANAL)**

DATE	MAX DIVERSION RATE (BVID/YWA CONTRACT)	BVID WATER RIGHT (CURRENT MONTH)	CURRENT DIVERSION*
<b>TODAY</b>	90 CFS	90 CFS	<b>62 CFS</b>

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

**STAFF ACTIVITIES**

Office staff continue to be busy with calls regarding payments, billing, and service questions. There have also been numerous calls about the “dirty water”, and based on the location of the phone calls, is a District-wide issue.

The billing invoices for the final irrigation payment were mailed out today.

BVID and YWA hosted approximately 40 4-H kids on Wednesday, July 19; the field trip included a tour of New Bullards Bar and Virginia Ranch Dan.

## **CURRENT PROJECTS**

### **Groundwater Substitution Transfer**

No updates.

### **Conserved Water Transfer**

No updates.

### **Sicard Flat Pipeline**

MHM Engineering was at the project site on Wednesday, July 19, 2023 to verify and stake the alignment. Staff is working with Northtree Fire to remove excess vegetation and fusion is scheduled to begin again on August 21, 2023.

### **BVID Property**

The survey work for the LLA was completed on April 25 and CEI submitted a draft map for District review. Comments were submitted to CEI on July 18, 2023.

## **PAST MEETINGS**

- 7/18/2023 YWA Board meeting
- 7/19/2023 Yuba River Endowment Board Meeting
- 7/19/2023 YWA/BVID 4H tour
- 7/24/2023 Member Unit Water Management Workshop

## **FUTURE MEETINGS**

- 8/1/2023 YWA Board meeting
- 8/7/2023 Bay-Delta Task Force meeting
- 8/10/2023 VRD FERC Inspection
- 8/30/2023 Member Unit Water Management Workshop
- 8/31/2023 Tour Valley Water facilities

## **DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE / OPERATIONS**

### **Upper District**

Operations Staff continues to be busy with new service installations, repairs, and service calls throughout the district.

VRD powerplant is currently offline. Frequent power outages and plant reliability during hot weather is making it harder to keep it online for any length of time.

Staff is investigating several complaints of low pressure on the Hill Road line. This issue has just recently been reported and only affects the lower pressure customers on the pipeline. We have inspected for visual leaks and blockages; staff will perform an audit if no other issues are found.

The crew is still working on a pipeline service installation on Spring Valley Road. This will serve pressurized water to a parcel that is currently served by the Lower Browns Valley Ditch.

Mainline repair was completed on the McDrip Pipeline 7/25.

**Lower District**

Pumpline is Running 62 cfs.

Fish Screens are back in operation after the river channel was cleaned.

**5. Director's Comments and Reports:** Director Bordsen commented that he is concerned about the amount of tress and willows on the ditch banks.

**6. Correspondence:**

- Email dated July 25, 2023 to the BVID Board members from Glenda Velasco regarding low water pressure/ volume at her property.

**7. Adjournment:** 5:30PM