

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
OF THE  
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
SEPTEMBER 26, 2019**

At 5:00pm President Wheeler called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Browns Valley Irrigation District to order. Directors present were Maslan and Bordsen. Director Lowe and Woods absent. Also in attendance were Manager McNally, Clerk Springsteen and Operations Manager Shrader.

**1. Minutes:** The Minutes of the September 12, 2019 Regular Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Maslan. Directors Maslan, Wheeler and Bordsen ayes, Director Lowe and Woods were absent. Motion passed.

**2. Public Forum:** None

**3. The Board will discuss options toward bringing irrigation water to parcels located on Mountain View Court.** Discussion only, no action taken.

**4. The Board will discuss 2020 health care premiums and the estimated impact to the District.** President Wheeler appointed Director Maslan as Alternate on the Personnel Committee. No action taken.

**5. Manager’s Report:**

**COLLINS LAKE STATUS**

DATE	REMAINING SUPPLY VOLUME	%	LAKE ELEVATION	DIST BELOW SPILL	RELEASES	GEN OUTPUT
<b>TODAY</b>	<b>30,350 AF</b>	<b>61.3%</b>	<b>1,161.6 FT</b>	<b>21.4 FT</b>	94.0 CFS	<b>455 kW</b>
1 YEAR AGO	26,380 AF	53.3%	1,156.4 FT	26.6 FT	82.4 CFS	483 kW

**STAFF ACTIVITIES**

On 09/16/2019, the Manager executed a utility easement with PG&E that will place a pole in the southeastern most corner of the yard adjacent to Highway 20 in response to the Highway 20 realignment. PG&E will pay \$650 for the 3,670 square foot easement, which equates to \$7,715 per acre.

On 09/13/2019, the auxiliary generator has been installed in place, but the interconnection is still pending PG&E’s power disconnect to connect the transfer switch. The updated window is 09/27/2019 through 09/30/2019 so the contractor expects to connect the unit over that weekend. PG&E will shut off the power between 1:00 PM and 5:00 PM on Friday and restore it mid-morning on Monday.

As of 09/25/2019, the tenants of the rental property have moved out. Staff intends to leave the property vacant dependent on plans to construct the new boardroom at that location opposed to extending the eastern end of the shop.

## **CURRENT PROJECTS**

### **Caltrans Highway 20 Realignment**

Caltrans continues to provide comments to the District's plans and specifications for the infrastructure improvements made necessary by the Highway 20 project. Karl Brustad, the engineer serving on our behalf, continues to provide clarifications as necessary.

### **Conserved Water Transfer**

The Manager is still working with YWA, DWR and Dudley Ridge to put together a Conserved Water Transfer. On 09/16/2019, there was a conference call with DWR and they concluded that because "DWR staff was not comfortable" with the concept, they are denying the request. Staff is still working with Dudley Ridge and YWA to assert our position that the transfer is allowable per law.

### **Sicard Pipeline Project**

Staff met with MBK on 09/17/2019 to begin work in quantifying losses from the Sicard Ditch. Although they will study the physical losses while the water is in the ditch, part of the analysis will be to quantify vegetation loss over the next several years to develop a more comprehensive picture.

On 09/19/2019, Mr. James Ratliff called in response to our letter advising of survey work associated with the Sicard Pipeline project. He asked that nobody do any work on his property prior to the end of October when deer season ends. MHM has accommodated this request by scheduling their survey work on his property as such.

### **Virginia Ranch Dam**

BVID's EAP consultant has completed the revision of the EAP per CalOES's comments.

## **PAST MEETINGS**

- 09/16/19 The Manager spoke with Kim Coughlin about our conceptual solar project and scheduled a face-to-face meeting.
- 09/17/19 The Manager had a conference call with DWR, YWA and DRWD to discuss the Conserved Water Transfer.
- 09/17/19 The Manager had a conference call with YWA to discuss the Conserved Water Transfer.
- 09/17/19 Staff met with MBK to discuss progress on SB88 requirements and to begin work on the Sicard Ditch / Pipeline loss study.
- 09/18/19 The Manager attended a Groundwater Sustainability Committee meeting at Yuba County.

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

- 09/27/19 The Manager will attend a NCWA Manager's Meeting at RD 1004 in Colusa.
- 10/03/19 The Manager is meeting with Kim Coughlin to discuss leasing for a solar setup.
- 10/07/19 Director Maslan and the Manager are attending a YWA Watershed Experience Center planning meeting.

10/10/19 The Personnel Committee is meeting with the Union to begin negotiation for the 2020 MOU.

## **DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE / OPERATIONS**

### **Upper District**

- Operations crew completed the list of shutoffs for non-payment; crew turned these services back on after payment.
- Crew responded to an afterhours call out of a broken line in Loma Rica, break was shutoff that evening and repaired the next day.
- The generator at Virginia Ranch Dam went offline due to PG&E outages. It was restarted Thursday 9-26-2019.
- Crew has been cleaning the District Yard in preparations for the installation of the lean-to structure on the big shop that will be used to store pipe.
- Work has begun on the new storage area in the three-sided shed.
- Crew repaired a broken air vent on the Hill Road line.

### **Lower District**

- The canal is currently running 30 cfs.
- Crew pulled two defective water meters at the pump station; both meters are in for repair.

### **Upcoming tasks**

- Perform seasonal maintenance on equipment.
- Mechanically clean District ditch system.
- Complete the road crossing of Scott Forbes Rd.

**6. Director's Comments and Reports:** None.

### **7. Correspondence:**

- Letter dated August 30, 2019 to BVID from DWR regarding dam fees
- News Release dated September 18, 2019 from BKS regarding Alan Lilly

**8. Closed Session:** Update the Board on labor negotiations involving Directors Bordsen and Lowe (Personnel Committee) and Operating Engineers #3 and take action as appropriate; Government Code sections 54954.5 (f) and 54957.6.

**9. Open Session:** No action taken in Closed Session

**10. Adjournment:** 5:30 PM