

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
MARCH 12, 2020**

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

Minutes: The Minutes of the February 27, 2020 Regular Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Wheeler. Directors Bordsen, Wheeler and Lowe ayes, Directors Woods and Maslan absent. Motion passed.

2. Public Forum:

- David Vincent from ACIP Energy presented solar options for the Pumpline
- Dave Pietz inquired about the 2020 irrigation season start date

3. Finance Committee Report: Concerning the Financial Report for January 2020. Director Wheeler reported that the Committee had reviewed the financial records for the month of February and found everything to be in order. Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Bordsen moved to approve the financial reports for the month of February. Directors Bordsen, Wheeler and Lowe ayes, Directors Woods and Maslan absent. Motion passed.

4. The Board will consider a Resolution Declaring a Water Emergency under Ordinance 2014-01.

Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Lowe moved to approve the Resolution 03-12-20-01. Vice President Lowe then polled the Board:

AYES: Directors Bordsen, Lowe & Wheeler
NOES: none
ABSTAIN: none
ABSENT: Maslan & Woods
Resolution 03-12-20-01 Passed

5.The Board will consider a strategy to provide irrigation water to parcels on Mountain View Terrace.

Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Lowe moved to proceed with water delivery to Mountain View Terrace from the end of Madrone Lane to a tank at the top of the hill to be sized by BVID. The pipe and installation will be paid for by BVID and the landowners will be responsible for the cost of the holding tank. The pipeline will be limited to 2 units in the beginning. BVID agrees to explore adding an additional line at the top of McMillan Dr if the install causes adverse effects. Directors Bordsen, Wheeler and Lowe ayes, Directors Woods and Maslan absent. Motion passed.

6. Manager's Report:

COLLINS LAKE STATUS

DATE	REMAINING SUPPLY VOLUME	%	LAKE ELEVATION	DIST BELOW SPILL	RELEASES	GEN OUTPUT
TODAY	33,040 AF	66.9%	1,164.9 FT	18.1 FT	0.0 CFS	0 kW
1 YEAR AGO	49,500 AF	100.0%	1,183.0 FT	SPILLING	0.0 CFS	1,034 kW

STAFF ACTIVITIES

Conditions remain very dry and staff is keeping a close eye on the hydrology. For reference, and with similar conditions in 2015, the irrigation season was started April 22, 2015.

On Monday, March 9, 2020, the Manager had a phone call with a biologist from California Fish and Wildlife who is requesting to conduct a study at Collins Lake to determine the primary diet of bass species and how stocked trout play a part in the ecosystem. After she confirmed that the data would not have any correlation to the lake or how it is managed, and that she would share the data to help anglers, the Manager agreed to allow the use of the lake for the study and deferred access to the concessionaire.

On Friday, February 28, 2020, the Manager met with PG&E at 6651 Escheman Lane to discuss a power pole that will end up in the District's easement once the Highway 20 realignment is complete. As per the plans, PG&E is supposed to move the pole further south, but has requested consideration to leave the pole to avoid significant impact to the property owner. After consulting with the District's engineer on the project, the Manager has agreed to allow the pole to stay pending an agreement from PG&E that any future conflict at that site will be remedied by PG&E. However, PG&E countered they will not honor an agreement of that nature and is moving forward with the relocation. This has no detrimental effect to the District and was only considered to prevent further injury to the property owner.

CURRENT PROJECTS

Conserved Water Transfer

With the dry conditions persisting, the likelihood of both Conserved Water Transfers and Groundwater Substitution Transfer continues to grow. There is a draft term sheet from the San Luis and Delta Mendota Water Authority for \$300 per acre-foot, which was countered by sellers on the Feather and Sacramento Rivers at \$600. The \$600 appears to have been rejected, but it is safe to say the market will be between those two numbers.

The Manager and the Accord Member Units are meeting with the State Water Contractors on March 18, 2020 to discuss market conditions for the Yuba River.

Pumpline Canal

Staff is planning to purchase the pipe needed to expand the Pumpline Canal through its primary expansion at the site known as the Gee Ranch. Because farmers have indicated water likely in the next couple of weeks, staff intends to have the materials on hand to begin work at the next opportunity, likely early 2021.

Sicard Pipeline Project

Peterson Brustad, Inc. has produced the 60% plans and specs for the project; Staff is currently reviewing the submittal and is planning to walk the alignment over several days with the engineers and surveyors.

Virginia Ranch Dam

Staff is reviewing the 4th revision of the Emergency Action Plan.

The Manager has reviewed and commented on the draft 2019 DSSMR and has returned it to Kleinschmidt for final submittal.

PAST MEETINGS

- 02/28/20 The Manager met with a landowner and PG&E on Stacy Anne to discuss an easement for the Highway 20 realignment project.
- 03/03/20 The Manager attended a YWA POD Committee meeting for the approval of the Water Education Center.
- 03/04/20 The Manager met Burdick and Co to discuss grant opportunities for the Pumpline Canal and a potential solar project.
- 03/04/20 The Manager attended a Groundwater Management Workshop at YWA.
- 03/05/20 The Operations Manager and staff conducted interviews for the Utility Worker I/II vacancy.
- 03/06/20 Director Maslan and the Manager attended the annual NCWA meeting in Chico.
- 03/09/20 The Manager teleconferenced with a biologist from California Fish and Wildlife to discuss a proposed study at Collins Lake to learn more about fish diets.
- 03/09/20 The Manager teleconferenced with MBK and other Managers to discuss the current transfer market.
- 03/11/20 The Manager attended a web conference to learn about solar grants.
- 03/12/20 The Manager attended a meeting for Ag Leadership.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- 03/13/20 The Manager is attending a NCWA Manager's Meeting in Richvale.
- 03/13/20 The Manager is attending Voluntary Settlement Agreement update meeting at YWA.
- 03/17/20 The Manager is attending a YWA Board meeting regarding the Water Education Center.
- 03/18/20 The Manager is meeting with the State Water Contractors in Sacramento.
- 03/19/20 The Manager is attending a Yuba River Endowment Board meeting.

DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE / OPERATIONS

Upper District

Operations Crew repaired the weir at the Cahoon pipeline diversion, as well as the South Ditch weir on the Pumpline Canal. Both of these have been eroded for some time, repairs will allow more control of water and less to be wasted.

Operations staff attended an in house webinar for sexual harassment and prevention. This satisfies the requirement for Senate Bill 1343 and is good for two years.

Crew installed new services on the Peoria Road line, the Olive Hill Ditch, and the Rancho Loma Rica line.

Repair work has been started on the Arnold Ditch downstream of the Sandy Way screen, this is a very rocky section of ditch with several small leaks that amount to a large water loss.

Lower District

Repaired two ditch services on the Pumpline Canal.

We are currently working towards a plan of attack on the Pumpline Canal Expansion, the addition of a culvert at the "G Ranch" will most likely have to be delayed due to possible early water deliveries this year. The plan is to have this portion "shovel ready" for the first part of 2021.

Future Projects

Move the mainline for the Spring Valley Road realignment.

Four new services to install.

Continue spray program for any areas still needing treatment.

7. Director's Comments and Reports: None

8. Correspondence:

- Yuba IRWMP Project Short Form

9. Closed Session: Conference with real property negotiator involving the Collins Lake Concessionaire Agreement; Director's Lowe and Woods (Concessionaire Committee) and Ryan McNally, District negotiator(s). Instructions to the negotiator(s) may include specific terms of the Agreement. Government Code sections 54954.2 and 54934.5.

10. Open Session: The Board will report any action taken in closed session. Discussion onl, no action taken.

11. Adjournment: Vice President Lowe adjourned the meeting at 6.40PM