

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

**WHEN**  
**Thursday**  
**April 23, 2020**  
**5:00 pm**

**WHERE**  
**Teleconference via Zoom**  
**Browns Valley, CA**  
**95918**

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**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
OF THE  
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
APRIL 23, 2020**

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

**1. Minutes:** The Minutes of the April 9, 2020 Regular Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Director Lowe, seconded by Director Maslan. Director Woods polled the Board, Lowe aye, Bordsen aye, Wheeler aye, Woods aye, Maslan aye. Motion passed.

**2. Public Forum:** None

**3. The Board will consider authorizing the Manager to execute the Agreement for the Temporary Transfer of Water from the Browns Valley Irrigation District to Dudley Ridge Water District (Conserved Water Transfer).** A motion by Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Woods to authorize Manager to execute the Agreement. Director Woods polled the Board, Lowe aye, Bordsen aye, Wheeler aye, Woods aye, Maslan aye. Motion passed.

**4. The Board will discuss a preliminary design concept for the office and boardroom remodel, and may take action as appropriate.** Tabled

*Lost contact with Directors Lowe and Bordsen*

**5. Manager’s Report:**

**COLLINS LAKE STATUS**

DATE	REMAINING SUPPLY VOLUME %	LAKE ELEVATION	DIST BELOW SPILL	RELEASES	GEN OUTPUT
TODAY	40,050 AF 79.8%	1,172.7 FT	10.3 FT	54.9 CFS	317 kW
1 YEAR AGO	49,500 AF 100.0%	1,183.0 FT	0.0 FT	107.8 CFS	805 kW

**STAFF ACTIVITIES**

Staff began the 2020 Irrigation Season on April 20, 2020. Deliveries to the Pumpline Canal started on April 14, 2020. Upon startup, there were several large breaks that the crews are currently repairing. The largest of these leaks is on the Sicard Ditch.

On April 13, 2020, a landowner called to advise of a large hole dug near the Pumpline Canal on Amber Lane. This hole was reportedly filled with trash and debris and burned. The Operations Manager advised the property owner that the hole should be filled in otherwise he would be liable for any damages resulting from leaks or loss of service. On April 17, 2020, the reporting party advised that the property owner had filled the hole in, but it was not properly compacted. After determining the hole was partially in our easement, the Manager filed a case with Yuba County Code Enforcement to ensure the hole is

repaired correctly. Legal counsel is also going to prepare a letter advising the property owner of the District's position.

On April 16, 2020, the Manager and Technical Services Manager met with YWA via conference call to discuss the interest in installing a gauging station on Dry Creek to capture the amount of water introduced into the Yuba River for flood forecasting. This would benefit BVID by being able to demonstrate and quantify up to 10 cfs of tailwater be recaptured at the Pumpline Canal pursuant to the study conducted during the Dry Creek Recapture Project.

On April 21, 2020, Lincoln Young called to advise he intends to open Collins Lake in a limited capacity on May 4, 2020 for camping and boating. The office and concession will remain closed pending the pandemic conditions.

### **Workforce Update (COVID-19)**

Office staff is still working from home when appropriate (and possible), and calls are being forwarded to a cell phone when the office is vacant.

The General Manager and Administrative Services Manager continue to sign checks to keep the District current and avoid the need for Directors to come to the office and risk exposure.

The field crew remains healthy, and are taking precautions ensure social distancing.

### **CURRENT PROJECTS**

#### **Conserved Water Transfer**

BVID has come to terms with Dudley Ridge Water District to sell 3,100 acre-feet from the District's Conserved Water Transfer at \$350 per acre-foot.

Staff is working with YWA to develop this year's storage and conveyance agreement and BVID is proposing \$10 per acre-foot consistent with what was negotiated in 2018 (down from \$20). YWA staff indicated there might be some pushback from management to align the price with the Accord transfers (10%). My position is that since BVID does the majority of the work on the Conserved Water Transfer, the price should be reflective and not be tied to other transfers. We will continue to hold our position at \$10, or possibly even YWA's consultant costs, which would likely be less. At \$10 per acre-foot, BVID will realize \$1,054,000.

#### **SB 88**

Although most of the telemetry infrastructure is in place, staff is asking MBK to submit another extension while we refine the system and install the last of the required equipment.

#### **Virginia Ranch Dam**

The Manger has reviewed the 2020 DSSMP and returned comments prior to submittal to FERC.

Staff is finalizing the bid for the security system at the dam and powerhouse, which includes several remote cameras and doors that are more robust and locks. This work is approved in the 2020 Budget.

## **PAST MEETINGS**

- 04/10/20 The Manager met with Dale Melville (Dudley Ridge Water District) via teleconference.
- 04/16/20 The Manager and Technical Services Manager met with YWA to discuss a project to install a gauging station on Dry Creek.
- 04/16/20 The Manager met with Curt Aikens, Jeff Mathews and Tib Belza to discuss the Water Education Center.
- 04/16/20 The Manager met with the Yuba River Endowment at the Yuba Sutter Food Bank.

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

- 05/06/20 YWA Member Unit Meeting.

## **DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE / OPERATIONS**

### **Upper District**

The major repair work has been completed on the Arnold Ditch.

New Tires were installed on two trucks (#7 and #8) also replaced rear brakes on truck #7.

Pulled a large fallen tree out of the Sicard Ditch near the China Wall.

Repaired a long section of ditch bank on the Sicard, this section was previously repaired with sand bags and was found to be failing.

Repaired services on the Oathills Line.

Replaced 140' of 12" mainline on the Hill Road Line. This section has been repaired numerous times, and had many repair couplers and repair bands. The decision was made to replace with new pipe.

Water was started into the district the Monday morning, the district should see full flows by Wednesday.

On Friday April 17<sup>th</sup> Operations Manager met with Caltrans, Teichert, and Peterson Brustad to discuss a design change on the Hwy. 20 realignment project.

### **Lower District**

Water was started in the Pumpline Canal on April 14<sup>th</sup>, flows have been running about 20cfs and will increase with demand.

**Future Projects**

Complete service calls and change orders.

Move the mainline for the Spring Valley Road realignment.

Continue spray program for any areas still needing treatment.

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

**7. Correspondence:** None

**8. Adjournment:** President Woods adjourned the meeting in Honor of Harry Holland at 5:18PM