

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

WHEN
Thursday
June 11, 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
JUNE 11, 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 and Lowe. Director Maslan absent. Also in attendance were Manager McNally, Clerk Springsteen and Operations Manager Shrader.

1. Minutes: The Minutes of the May 21, 2020 Regular Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Director Lowe, seconded by Director Wheeler. Director Woods polled the Board, Bordsen aye, Wheeler aye, Woods aye and Lowe aye, Maslan absent. Motion passed.

2. Public Forum: Resident @ 4620 Pat Lane asked the Board to waive \$100.00 reconnection fee dated 5-28-2020 due to COVID-19 complications. After discussion it was waived.

3. The Board will consider executing the Agreement for Temporary Storage of Transfer Water Between Yuba County Water Agency and Browns Valley Irrigation District for the 2020 Conserved Water Transfer. A motion by Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Lowe to execute the Agreement for the 2020 Conserved Water Transfer. Director Woods polled the Board, Bordsen aye, Wheeler aye, Woods aye and Lowe aye, Maslan absent. Motion passed.

4. The Board will discuss the meeting schedule for the month of July. After discussion, the next regular Board meeting will be July 9, 2020 and the regular Board meeting on July 23, 2020 is cancelled.

5. Manager’s Report:

COLLINS LAKE STATUS

DATE	REMAINING SUPPLY VOLUME	%	LAKE ELEVATION	DIST BELOW SPILL	RELEASES	GEN OUTPUT
TODAY	34,118 AF	68.9%	1,166.1 FT	16.9 FT	77.6 CFS	471 kW
1 YEAR AGO	49,380 AF	99.8%	1,182.7 FT	0.3 FT	81.9 CFS	603 kW

STAFF ACTIVITIES

On May 29, 2020 LAFCO approved North Yuba’s de-annexation of multiple parcels that previously overlapped between our two districts. This has no impact to BVID’s coverage or operational capabilities.

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. This continues to work very well.

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. Management also transitioned Brad Schwartz from a temporary position to that of permanent Utility Worker I on June 1, 2020.

On 05/28/2020 Dan Ward had surgery to repair his shoulder injury. Management is still waiting to learn about his prognosis and recovery period prior to returning to work.

CURRENT PROJECTS

Conserved Water Transfer

The Manager is working with Legal Counsel to develop a plan for starting the work toward the amended EIR/EIS for the Conserved Water Transfer after 2025. Staff wants to be sure to include the necessary studies and findings to allow for the use of both the State and Federal facilities, as well as to transfer water to customers north of the Delta.

The Manager would like to begin work on this soon as a portion of it is in the 2020 Budget. If the work is completed and all steps are in place prior to 2025, the new document will supersede the current one to allow for more flexibility in the transfer market. This work is critical for BVID's fiscal health in the future as the ratepayers are heavily subsidized by these transfers.

Staff also hopes to explore capitalizing on potential water conserved from the Sicard Ditch in this work.

Sicard Pipeline Project

Staff has mailed letters out for preliminary discussion on easements for the proposed alignment.

Virginia Ranch Dam

The Manager authorized Kleinschmidt to prepare the District's updated Owner Dam Safety Program (ODSP) and the Public Safety Plan (PSP) which are required by FERC for \$15,000.

On June 9, 2020, the Manager met with Mr. Patrick Mealoy to discuss a game plan for developing a follow-on agreement for power generation at the Virginia Ranch Dam. Staff will return with a staff report to discuss this at the next Board meeting.

PAST MEETINGS

- 05/26/20 The Manager attended the Yuba County Board of Supervisors meeting to discuss the NYWD de-annexation.
- 05/29/20 The Manager attended the LAFCO Meeting surrounding the annexation of parcels from the North Yuba Water District.
- 06/02/20 The Manager attended the June 2, 2020 YWA Board Meeting.
- 06/05/20 The Manager met with the Yuba County Community Development Director to discuss the possibility of County staff designing the structural requirements to hang the Ellis Pipeline from the Dry Creek bridge at Peoria and Township Roads.
- 06/09/20 The Manager met with Mr. Patrick Mealoy to discuss a successor agreement to the PG&E Power Purchase Agreement at the Virginia Ranch Dam.

- 06/09/20 The Manager met with Caltrans and Karl Brustad to discuss the Highway 20 Realignment project.
- 06/10/20 The Manager attended a YWA Member Unit meeting.
- 06/11/20 The Manager attended a Yuba River Endowment meeting.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- TBD The Manager is meeting with Sutter County OES to discuss the inclusion of Sutter County and Yuba City in the District’s EAP (per CalOES’ request).
- 06/12/20 The Manager is attending a NCWA Manager’s meeting.
- 06/17/20 The Manager is attending a Groundwater Sustainability Committee meeting.

DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE / OPERATIONS

Upper District

Operations crew placed the additional Smart Ditch on the Sicard Ditch, this temporary solution has saved around 3cfs of water otherwise lost. We also added an additional 50’ of pipe at the head of the ditch to repair more leaks that were discovered.

Crew made two temporary repairs to the Too Handy pipeline that was damaged during realignment of Highway 20. These leaks were caused by construction traffic driving over the very shallow buried pipe.

Installed a new service on Fruitland Road using the new Hammerhead mole boring tool. New service was also installed on the Wades Way line.

Crew made repairs to the Peoria Ridge line after the pipe failed. This was the second failure in the same area in one week.

Shutoffs for non-payments have been completed, many of the customers shut off have already been reconnected after receiving payment.

Operations Manager has met with Teichert on several occasions to discuss water line tie in and to inspect damage to our lines.

Lower District

Pumpline Canal has been running 43 cfs.

Diamond Pump has repaired and reinstalled the 50 HP lift pump.

Future Projects

Complete service calls and change orders.

Move the mainline for the Spring Valley Road realignment.

6. Director's Comments and Reports: None

7. Correspondence:

- Letter dated May 20, 2020 from Kleinschmidt regarding proposal for services
- Resolution dated May 26, 2020 regarding Tax Revenue between NYWD and LAFCO
- Staff report dated May 28, 2020 regarding 7133 Lilly Way

8. Adjournment: President Woods adjourned the meeting at 5:35PM