

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

WHEN
Thursday
July 09, 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
JULY 09, 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, Maslan and Lowe. Also in attendance were Manager McNally, Clerk Springsteen and Operations Manager Shrader.

1. Minutes: The Minutes of the June 11, 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, Lowe aye and Maslan aye. Motion passed.

2. Public Forum:

- Resident @ 6472 Marysville Rd asked the Board to reinstate his 1 unit of water and adjust the penalty charged. After discussion the 1 unit was reinstated and the penalty will be discussed as an agenda item on August 13, 2020 Board meeting.
- John Drew from Saddleback Ranch discussed their need for the 2021 water season.

3. The Board will discuss the future outlook for the hydroelectric production at the Virginia Ranch Dam. Discussion only, no action taken.

4. The Board will discuss a preliminary design concept for the District boardroom remodel, and may take action as appropriate. After discussion President Woods assigned Director Bordsen and Director Woods to a adhoc committee.

5. The Board will discuss the meeting schedule for the month of August. A motion by Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Lowe to cancel the 2nd Board meeting every month until further notice. Director Woods polled the Board, Bordsen aye, Wheeler aye, Woods aye, Lowe aye and Maslan aye. Motion passed.

6. Manager’s Report:

COLLINS LAKE STATUS

DATE	REMAINING SUPPLY VOLUME	%	LAKE ELEVATION	DIST BELOW SPILL	RELEASES	GEN OUTPUT
TODAY	29,280 AF	59.2%	1,160.1 FT	22.9 FT	77.6 CFS	474 kW
1 YEAR AGO	45,270 AF	91.5%	1,178.3 FT	4.7 FT	98.8 CFS	711 kW

STAFF ACTIVITIES

Per YWA’s request, staff is now participating in weekly calls to better forecast demands for diversions from the Yuba River.

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.

The long-term outlook appears to continue social distancing for the foreseeable future.

CURRENT PROJECTS

Conserved Water Transfer

On June 25, 2020, the Manager spoke with YWA General Manager Curt Aikens about a possible collaboration with YWA in developing an amendment to our EIR when the Agency is developing a plan to continue the Accord, which also expires in 2025. Mr. Aikens advised the incoming General Manager Willie Whittlesey that collaboration on both efforts would be advantageous for all and to expect BVID's outreach as we make progress.

Highway 20 Realignment

The Manager is working with Caltrans on an amended utility services agreement to address cost overruns associated with Caltrans requirements and extraordinary revisions to BVID's pipeline replacement design.

The Manager and Operations Manager now participate in weekly meetings with Caltrans and Teichert after insisting that communication on the project had been virtually nonexistent. As of the meeting on June 24, 2020, only two connections remain and Teichert may push those off until after the irrigation season.

Sicard Pipeline Project

Staff is working with several property owners to discuss easements for the Sicard Pipeline Project.

The Manager sent a letter to the Yuba Water Agency to ask for grant support to apply for the USBR WaterSMART grant for one or more phases of this project.

Virginia Ranch Dam

Kleinschmidt is preparing the updated ODSP and Public Safety Plan for the Virginia Ranch Dam as requested by FERC.

PAST MEETINGS

- 06/12/20 The Manager attended a NCWA Manager's meeting.
- 06/17/20 The Manager attended a Groundwater Sustainability Committee meeting.
- 06/18/20 The Manager attended a meeting with PBI and Caltrans to discuss the Highway 20 realignment project.
- 06/18/20 The Manager attended a Yuba River Endowment meeting at the Yuba Sutter Fairgrounds.
- 06/23/20 The Manager and Technical Services Manager met with Joe Coozer to discuss an easement for the Sicard Pipeline project.
- 06/25/20 The Manager attended a webinar for the USBR WaterSMART grant.
- 06/29/20 The Manager and Technical Services Manager met with Ms. Heidi Menkick and her legal counsel to discuss an easement for the Sicard Pipeline project.
- 06/30/20 The Manager attended a YWA Water Education Committee meeting.
- 07/08/20 The Manager attended a Yuba River Parkway Committee meeting.
- 07/09/20 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).
- 07/15/20 The Manager is attending a YWA Member Unit meeting.

DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE / OPERATIONS

Upper District

Due to BVID abandoning and moving a crossing on Highway 20, we have moved the water source for Fred Circle to the Valley of the Eagles line. Moving this line will make water delivery to these parcels a more reliable source and less likely to be affected by the Too Handy Pipeline usage.

Crew has completed three new service installations, two on Karlyn Way in Loma Rica and the other on Diablo Trail in Browns Valley. The Diablo Trail install was approximately 750 feet of 4" PVC.

On 07/11/2020, the 6" main line on Lilly Way ruptured and was repaired the same day.

New Steer Tires were needed on the Freightliner dump truck, additionally we had a blow out on the rear. The tread on the tires are good, but the age and exposure to sun is causing tread separation. It is recommended to replace the tires before another blowout. We are making a plan to park low usage vehicles inside the big shop out of the weather.

DSO has begun treatment for algae and moss in the ditches.

Operations staff has been starting early on days that are forecasted to be over 100 degrees, this allows the work to be done before the hottest part of the day and keeps the risk of heat exposure to a minimum.

Crew has performed several minor leak repairs and completed the many repair orders as necessary.

Lower District

Pumpline Canal has been running 50 cfs.

The motor on the O'Brien lift station quit working on Monday 07/06/2020. Diamond Pump has already pulled the motor for repair and is looking for a loaner motor.

Future Projects

Complete service calls and change orders.

Move the mainline for the Spring Valley Road realignment.

7. Director's Comments and Reports: Director Lowe discussed that the Heintzen ditch was low which is shorting his service on Spring Valley Rd

8. Correspondence:

- Letter dated June 12, 2020 from Joan Souza to BVID regarding reconnection fee.
- Letter dated June 29, 2020 from Manager McNally to YCWA regarding Request for Grant Support.

9. Adjournment: President Woods adjourned the meeting at 5:55PM