

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

WHEN
Thursday
August 20, 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
AUGUST 20, 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 July 9, 2020 Regular Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Director Lowe, seconded by Director Bordsen. Director Woods polled the Board, Bordsen aye, Wheeler aye, Woods aye, Lowe aye and Maslan absent. Motion passed.

2. Public Forum:

- Dave from CSDA discussed the effects that COVID has had on Special Districts

3. The Board will receive a presentation from the District's independent audit firm Blomberg and Griffin and consider adopting the 2019 Browns Valley Irrigation District Independent Auditor's Report. A motion by Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Lowe to accept the 2019 Audit as presented. Director Woods polled the Board, Bordsen aye, Wheeler aye, Woods aye, Lowe aye and Maslan absent. Motion passed.

4. The Board will consider the penalty imposed for unauthorized taking of water at 6472 Marysville Road. After discussion, a motion by Director Lowe to reduce the fine from \$7,250.00 to \$2,500.00 and a letter must be signed by the landowner agreeing to the terms of his service, seconded by Director Bordsen. Director Woods polled the Board, Bordsen aye, Wheeler aye, Woods aye, Lowe aye and Maslan absent. Motion passed.

5. The Board will consider increasing service after a reduction for the unauthorized taking of water at 4525 Twin Oaks Lane. A motion by Director Lowe to allow the increase from 1 to 5 units, seconded by Director Bordsen. Director Woods polled the Board, Bordsen aye, Wheeler aye, Woods aye, Lowe aye and Maslan absent. Motion passed.

6. The Board will consider a request from the property owner at 12317 Loma Rica Road to restore service and waive the penalties associated with unauthorized taking of water. After discussion, a motion by Director Lowe to reduce the fine from \$13,250.00 to \$6,500.00, service to be reinstated for the cost of time and materials and limited to one unit. A letter must be signed by the landowner agreeing to the terms of his service and all fees paid prior to installation, seconded by Director Bordsen. Director Woods polled the Board, Bordsen aye, Wheeler aye, Woods aye, Lowe aye and Maslan absent. Motion passed.

7. The Board will receive a report from the Manager regarding a third-party impact resulting from groundwater pumping in Loma Rica. Discussion only

8. The Board will discuss water deliveries to the Ridge subdivision and its historical impact to the Lower Browns Valley Main and Heintzen Ditches and may take action as appropriate.

Discussion only

9. The Board will discuss the meeting schedule for the month of September. After discussion there will be one meeting on September 17, 2020 @ 5:00PM

10. Manager's Report:

COLLINS LAKE STATUS

DATE	REMAINING SUPPLY VOLUME	%	LAKE ELEVATION	DIST BELOW SPILL	RELEASES	GEN OUTPUT
TODAY	22,090 AF	44.6%	1,150.7 FT	32.3 FT	77.5 CFS	406 kW
1 YEAR AGO	36,970 AF	74.7%	1,169.4 FT	13.6 FT	91.0 CFS	490 kW

STAFF ACTIVITIES

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

The Manager was contacted by Henwood Energy to advise of funds from California's Self Generation Incentive Program (SGIP) that could potentially install a battery backup at the Pumpline Canal to absorb some time of use peaks free of charge to the District. The Manager authorized Todd Thorner with JTN Energy to investigate.

BVID staff met with YWA staff to identify potential sites to construct gauging stations on Dry Creek. If their work moves forward, it appears that the work will be carried out by YWA and the University of San Diego.

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 District also hired a temporary Utility Worker who began on August 14, 2020.

CURRENT PROJECTS

Conserved Water Transfer

BVID's Conserved Water Transfer was released from August 1, 2020 to August 16, 2020.

The Manager is scheduled to meet with a consultant surrounding a new EIR for the Conserved Water Transfer post 2025.

Groundwater Substitution Pumping

Groundwater Substitution Pumping will continue until September 30, 2020. However, there is some likelihood BVID will not be able to make its allocation collectively and might need to work with other Accord Member Units to assume the excess amount.

Zone 4 is encountering several third party impacts and BVID has taken the lead on one such instance due to its proximity to a BVID managed well.

The North Member Units have begun negotiating allocation agreements between BVID, Cordua, Hallwood and Ramirez.

The first payment check for the year was received by the District on August 19, 2020 and each of the pumps were mailed their first installment.

Highway 20 Realignment

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

Sicard Pipeline Project

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

The Yuba Water Agency has agreed to provide \$2 million in match funding for the project if the District is awarded the \$2 million from the USBR's WaterSMART grant. YWA is also preparing the grant application and will provide management of the grant throughout the project if successful. BVID will provide an additional match in labor, which is valued at \$3.8 million over three (3) years and staff will approach the Board for a letter of commitment in the next week or two.

Virginia Ranch Dam

Kleinschmidt has submitted the updated ODSP to FERC and staff is reviewing the draft and Public Safety Plan for the Virginia Ranch Dam.

Staff purchased log booms for the spillway as requested by FERC. They are being built and staff will install upon delivery.

PAST MEETINGS

- 07/13/20 The Manager, Operations Manager and Technical Services Manager met with a landowner on Sicard Flat Road to discuss potential alignment alternatives for the Sicard Pipeline Project.
- 07/14/20 The Manager and Operations Manager met with Saddleback Ranch Manager John Drew to discuss irrigation deliveries from the Olive Hill Ditch.
- 07/15/20 The Manager attended a Member Unit meeting.
- 07/17/20 The Manager attended a conference call with YWA and the Member Units to discuss actions imposed by the SWRCB.
- 07/20/20 The Manager attended a conference call with YWA to discuss the Sicard Pipeline grant request.

- 08/04/20 The Manager attended a YWA POD Committee meeting to discuss the Sicard Pipeline grant.
- 08/05/20 The Manager met with Davis Machine in Loma Rica to assess a well impacted by groundwater substitution pumping.
- 08/06/20 The Manager attended a Yuba River Endowment meeting.
- 08/10/20 Directors Bordsen and Woods and the Manager held an Ad Hoc Office meeting.
- 08/11/20 The Manager met with Sutter County OES to discuss the inclusion of Sutter County and Yuba City in the District's EAP (per CalOES' request).
- 08/12/20 The Manager attended a Member Unit meeting.
- 08/12/20 The Manager attended a River Parkway Subcommittee meeting.
- 08/18/20 The Manager attended a YWA Board of Directors meeting to discuss the Sicard Pipeline grant.
- 08/20/20 The Manager met with Sutter County OES to discuss the inclusion of Sutter County and Yuba City in the District's EAP (per CalOES' request).

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- 09/03/20 The Manager is attending a Yuba River Endowment meeting.
- 09/09/20 The Manager is attending a YWA Member Unit meeting.
- 09/11/20 The Manager is attending a NCWA Managers meeting
- 09/16/20 The Manager is attending a GSC meeting
- 09/16/20 The Manager is attending a River Parkway Subcommittee meeting.

DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE / OPERATIONS

Upper District

Complaints of no water at the end of the Heintzen Ditch prompted a thorough inspection for leaks and theft; it was narrowed down to the lift pumps serving the Browns Valley Ridge Subdivision. We started reading the hour meters on the pump and comparing the run time to the outage time. It was discovered that the pumps were running up to 11 hours at a time, taking the majority of the water in the ditch. New digital timers were installed and allowing the pumps to run during "off peak" hours and set to run in one hour increments.

Performed audits of the Hill Road, the McDrip, and portions of Mahle Pipeline. Only a few issues were discovered.

Crew has repaired several major breaks on different pipelines in the district, Bald Mountain suffered a major failure, Rancho Loma Rica line failed glue joint, Too Handy was caused by a customer digging with a backhoe.

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.

Utility Worker, Charlie Schlitzer has successfully obtained his Class A commercial driver's license.

DSO II, Troy Rhoades has celebrated his 15th year of service with BVID.

August 7th, Operations Manager met with Yuba County Environmental Health for Inspection of BVID facility.

August 12th met with Teichert Construction to discuss the last two tie-ins and possible changes to the pump station sump design.

August 18th met with Feather River Air Quality Management District for inspection of Fuel tanks and reporting.

Lower District

Pumpline Canal has been running 50 cfs

The electric motor on the O'Brien lift pump has been repaired and reinstalled.

Section of the Canal bank near Loma Rica road has been repaired and leaks stopped.

Future Projects

Mechanically clean the Thousand Trails Ditch, Lower Browns Valley Ditch, and the Pumpline Canal.

11. Director's Comments and Reports: None

12. Correspondence:

- Email dated Letter dated July12, 2020 from YWA to Member Units regarding SWRCB impacts
- Letter dated July21, 2020 from Manager McNally to YWA regarding Request for Grant Support.

13. Closed Session: Public employee appointment or employment involving the unrepresented position of General Manager (Government Code section 54957(b)).

14. Open Session: The Board will report any action taken in closed session. No action taken

15. Adjournment: President Woods adjourned the meeting at 7:10PM