

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

**WHEN**  
**Thursday**  
**September 17, 2020**  
**5:00 pm**

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

This meeting will be conducted by Zoom Video Conference and Audio Teleconference Only.

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**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
OF THE  
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
SEPTEMBER 17, 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. Also in attendance were Manager McNally, Clerk Springsteen and Operations Manager Shrader.

**1. Minutes:** The Minutes of the August 20, 2020 Regular Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Lowe. Director Woods polled the Board, Bordsen aye, Wheeler aye, Woods aye and Lowe aye. Motion passed.

**2. Public Forum:** None

**3. The Board will discuss 2021 health care premiums and the estimated impact to the District.**  
No action taken

**4. The Board will consider executing Amendment 3 to the BVID / Yuba Water Agency Power Enhancement Agreement allowing for revenue sharing from hydroelectric production at YWA's Colgate and Narrows facilities using BVID's pre-1914 water right.** A motion by Director Lowe, seconded by Director Bordsen to execute Enhancement Agreement. Director Woods polled the Board, Bordsen aye, Wheeler aye, Woods aye and Lowe aye. Motion passed.

**5. The Board will discuss options for the outgoing General Manager to serve in an advisory role for the incoming General Manager, and to assist in the transition as necessary.** No action taken

**6. The Board will discuss the meeting schedule for the month of October.** After discussion the Regular Board meetings were scheduled for October 8, 2020 and October 22, 2020 at 5:00PM

**7. Manager's Report:**

**COLLINS LAKE STATUS**

DATE	REMAINING SUPPLY VOLUME	%	LAKE ELEVATION	DIST BELOW SPILL	RELEASES	GEN OUTPUT
TODAY	17,280 AF	34.9%	1,143.8 FT	39.2 FT	60.8 CFS	290 kW
1 YEAR AGO	32,040 AF	64.7%	1,163.6 FT	19.4 FT	73.6 CFS	446 kW

**STAFF ACTIVITIES**

On August 29, 2020, there was a drowning at Collins Lake. The Manager spoke with Mr. Lincoln Young and learned that it was likely an alcohol related accident associated with a party on a patio boat.

With the expectation of substantial revenue associated with the Conserved Water Transfer, the Manager would like to begin the process of purchasing two (2) new half ton pickups to replace one (1) that had not been replaced due to attrition and retire one (1) that is no longer economical to repair. These are not

on the 2020 Budget but would be suggested to be included in the 2021 Budget. However, because it takes several months to build the trucks, ordering now would be appropriate.

YWA has issued its diversion for fall allocations from the Yuba River consistent with the Water Supply Agreement. BVID's diversion rates will be 54 cfs in September and October, 32 cfs in November and 20 cfs in December and January.

### **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.

## **CURRENT PROJECTS**

### **Boardroom Construction**

The Manager would like to schedule a design meeting with the Ad Hoc Committee to discuss the latest design concept.

### **Conserved Water Transfer**

BVID's Conserved Water Transfer was released from August 1, 2020 to August 16, 2020, and Dudley Ridge was invoiced for \$1,059,000.

The Manager is scheduled to meet with legal counsel and Mr. Paul Bratovich 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. Ramirez Irrigation District has agreed to assume taken 130 acre-feet from Zone 1. However, the District's Zone 4 allocation was not able to be reassigned to another Accord Member Unit so any shortfall will need to be addressed in a future pumping year.

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. That work is ongoing.

The North Member Units continue negotiations on the allocation agreements between BVID, Cordua, Hallwood and Ramirez.

### **Highway 20 Realignment**

BVID staff discovered a crest in the new HDPE pipe that trapped an air bubble, impeding flow to customers. Staff insisted Caltrans/Teichert install an air vent to remedy the obstruction. Upon installation, the pipeline bled air for over two minutes.

### **Sicard Pipeline Project**

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

The Yuba Water Agency has submitted the grant application to the USBR and if awarded, staff's best estimate would be to begin construction in October 2021.

### **Virginia Ranch Dam**

Kleinschmidt has submitted the updated Public Safety Plan to FERC.

Staff is coordinating with Northstar Engineering for the District's Bi-Annual deformation survey of the dam.

Staff is currently completing a FERC self-assessment in lieu of the annual inspection in response to COVID-19 precautions.

### **PAST MEETINGS**

- 08/31/20 The Manager did a radio interview on Q93 for the Yuba River Endowment.
- 09/03/20 The Manager attended a Yuba River Endowment meeting in Wheatland.
- 09/03/20 The Manager met with Scott Matyac to discuss pumping allocations.
- 09/09/20 The Manager attended a Member Unit Meeting.
- 09/09/20 The Manager, Operations Manager and Technical Services Manager met with the UC Ranch's Interim Manager Dustin Flavell to discuss easements for the Sicard Pipeline Project.
- 09/11/20 The Manager attended a NCWA Manager's Meeting.
- 09/11/20 The Manager attended a Member Unit Meeting – Lunch.
- 09/16/20 The Manager attended a Yuba County Groundwater Sustainability Committee (GSC) meeting.
- 09/16/20 The Manager attended a River Parkway Sub Committee meeting.

### **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

- 10/14/20 The Manager is attending a YWA Member Unit Meeting.
- 10/28/20 The Manager is attending a Yuba River Endowment Meeting.

## **DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE / OPERATIONS**

### **Upper District**

Due to the poor air quality from the surrounding California wildfires, operations crew is instructed to keep exposure to a minimum. Service calls and repairs remain a priority but any extraneous activities such as weed eating and hand excavations have been limited during extreme smoke conditions.

Teichert has completed all the tie-ins relating to the Hwy. 20 realignment. However, it was discovered that an inadvertent high spot in the pipe was causing an air lock to occur. This was corrected on the 15<sup>th</sup> and all flows are back to normal.

Work on the lower end of the Olive Hill Ditch to patch holes in the concrete has been completed. Several large leaks have been stopped.

The Thousand Trails ditch has been mechanically cleaned from the McDrip screen to the end. Cleaning of the Arnold Ditch is underway.

Currently cleaning the Ellis Ditch.

Service calls and repairs are completed as necessary.

The asphalt has been cut in preparation for the Spring Valley Road crossing.

Operations Manager met with Teichert and Caltrans to discuss the installation of air vent on the high spot in new pipeline.

Operations Manager met with homeowners on Mountain View Terrace to discuss design requirements and tank placement for future pipeline install.

### **Lower District**

Pumpline Canal is running minimum flows, most customers are preparing for harvest.

South Ditch was mechanically cleaned. The excavator is cleaning upstream as time permits.

### **Future Projects**

Continue cleaning district waterways, weed eat and spray where appropriate.

Complete installation of security cameras at Virginia Ranch Dam.

## **8. Director's Comments and Reports:** None

## **9. Correspondence:**

- Formal Resignation Letter dated August 28, 2020 to the Board from Joseph Maslan

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

**11. Open Session: The Board will report any action taken in closed session.** A motion by Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Lowe to execute the General Manager Contract dated September 17, 2020. Director Woods polled the Board, Bordsen aye, Wheeler aye, Woods aye and Lowe aye. Motion passed.

**12. Adjournment:** President Woods adjourned the meeting at 5:47PM.