

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

WHEN
Thursday
November 12, 2020
5:00 pm

WHERE
Teleconference via Zoom
Browns Valley, CA
95918

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OF THE
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
NOVEMBER 12, 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, Lowe, Wheeler and Woods. Also in attendance were General Manager McNally, Assistant Manager Maslan, Operations Manager Shrader and Legal Counsel Joshua Horowitz. Clerk Springsteen was absent.

1. Minutes: The Minutes of the October 22, 2020 Regular Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Lowe. All ayes, motion passed.

2. Public Forum: None

3. The Board will discuss Pumpline Canal operations and fall diversions from the Yuba River. The Saddleback Ranch asked the District to consider action to establish more water available for delivery in the fall months. Discussion only, no action taken.

4. Manager's Report:

COLLINS LAKE STATUS

DATE	REMAINING SUPPLY VOLUME	%	LAKE ELEVATION	DIST BELOW SPILL	RELEASES	GEN OUTPUT
TODAY	11,120 AF	22.5%	1,133.3 FT	49.7 FT	1.0 CFS	0 kW
1 YEAR AGO	24,460 AF	49.4%	1,153.7 FT	29.3 FT	70.0 CFS	365 kW

STAFF ACTIVITIES

The Irrigation Season ended November 2, 2020.

The Manager, Assistant Manager, Administrative Services Manager and Technical Services Manager attended the FERC required annual EAP Seminar via zoom.

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.

CURRENT PROJECTS

Boardroom Construction

The Manager has forwarded the rough design concept to the architect for further refinement.

Sicard Pipeline Project

Staff is working with several property owners to discuss easements for the Sicard Pipeline Project. Most parties have verbally agreed to the easements.

Virginia Ranch Dam

On Tuesday, November 3, 2020 a survey team from North Star Engineering added twenty-one (21) elevation monuments to the boat ramp. These monuments are in one foot increments starting at the last installed monument located at elevation 1154 feet and extend down slope to water level.

PAST MEETINGS

- 10/27/20 The Assistant Manager attended a Sexual Harassment Prevention webinar for Management and Board Members
- 10/27/20 The Manager, Assistant Manager, Operations Manager and Technical Services Manager met with Vasquez Engineering on behalf of Mr. Ratliff to discuss BVID's offer of a service and piping of the 5000 foot ditch on Mr. Ratcliff's ditch when abandoned. This aligns with Mr. Ratliff's request.
- 11/03/20 The Manager, Assistant Manager, Operations Manager and Technical Services Manager met with Karl Brustad to discuss alternative alignment TM for the Sicard Pipeline Project and confirm the approach for moving forward.
- 11/05/20 The Manager, Assistant Manager, Administrative Services Manager and Technical Services Manager attended the FERC required annual EAP Seminar via zoom
- 11/06/20 The Assistant Manager attended the Yuba Forest Network Quarterly Stakeholder Meeting via Zoom.
- 11/06/20 The Manager, Assistant Manager and Technical Services Manager met with PBI Engineering to discuss the costs associated with developing the plats and legal to support the acquisition of easements for the projects for the anticipated easements for 19 parcels.
- 11/09/20 The Manager, Assistant Manager and Technical Services Manager met with PBI Engineering to review and discuss the 90% review for the Sicard Pipeline Project.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- 11/13/20 The Manager, Assistant Manager will be meeting with BRI to discuss BVID ROW needs for the Sicard Pipeline Project.
- 11/17/20 The Manager will be meeting with Todd Thoner with JTN Energy to discuss Virginia Ranch Dam, power marketing and actions required prior to re-contracting in April 2022.
- 11/19/20 The Manager will be attending the Hazard Mitigation Committee (HMPC) meeting hosted by Yuba County OES.
- 12/2/20-12/3/20 The Manager will attend the online ACWA Conference
- 12/03/20 The Manager will attend the Yuba River Endowment Meeting in Hallwood.

DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE / OPERATIONS

Upper District

The crew has completed the crossing of Scott Forbes Rd. A conduit has been placed under Spring Valley Rd. in advance of realigning the pipeline for the new Spring Valley Rd bridge project. A new side spill has been installed in the Thousand Trails Ditch; this will spill heavy rainwater into Early Creek.

Operations staff has pulled two faulty valves from the Rancho Loma Rica line. It was found that the valve flanges that were built in house are failing, these will be replaced with epoxy-coated flanges. It is also thought that one of the valves was used when installed. Two new valves will be installed.

Crew has been busy clearing trees and brush from around district infrastructure. The Crew is busy completing repair work that has accumulated over the irrigation season.

Lower District

Pumpline Canal is running 32 CFS.

Future Projects

Remove and service several large valves throughout district, once water is off for the season. Continue cleaning district waterways, weed eat and spray where and when appropriate.

5. Director's Comments and Reports: None.

6. Correspondence:

- Semi Annual letter from Collins Lake reporting the first half of 2020 – 2021 revenue.

7. Adjournment: President Woods adjourned the meeting at 6:05 PM.