

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

WHEN
Thursday
March 25, 2021
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
MARCH 25, 2021**

At 5:00pm President Lowe called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Browns Valley Irrigation District to order. Directors present were and Sokoloski, Woods, Bordsen and Wheeler. Also in attendance were Manager Maslan, Clerk Springsteen and Operations Manager Shrader.

1. Minutes: The Minutes of the March 11, 2021 Regular Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Woods. All ayes, motion passed.

2. Public Forum: None

3. The Board will discuss the 2021 Irrigation Season. After discussion a motion by Director Woods, seconded by Director Wheeler to set dead pool at Virginia Ranch Dam in 2021 at 7600 feet. All ayes, motion passed.

4. The Board will discuss long-term opportunities for the District’s Conserved Water Transfer, and may take action as appropriate. No action taken

5. The Board will receive an update from the AD HOC Committee for the District’s Office Design. No action taken.

6. The Board will receive an update from the General Manager for wheeling water through the Cordua Irrigation Canal for discussion and action if necessary. Tabled

7. The Board will discuss potential well options give direction as appropriate. No action taken

8. Manager’s Report:

COLLINS LAKE STATUS

DATE	REMAINING SUPPLY VOLUME	%	LAKE ELEVATION	DIST BELOW SPILL	RELEASES	GEN OUTPUT
TODAY	21,040 AF	42.5%	1,149.8 FT	33.2 FT	1.3 CFS	0 kW
1 YEAR AGO	36,460 AF	73.7%	1,168.3 FT	14.7 FT	1.0 CFS	0 kW

STAFF ACTIVITIES

Workforce Update (COVID-19)

Going by Yuba County recommendations, office staff is working in office and at home if necessary. Distancing measures are being followed when multiple office staff are present at the office.

As of March 11, 2021, the COVID-19 vaccine is now eligible under phase 1B for water workers.

Weather conditions remain dry, and the District has received an increase of calls inquiring on the 2021 irrigation season. Staff has been communicating with customers of the current levels and shortfalls of a critically dry season. Communication has been relayed to farms within the lower District of the possibility of potentially lower allocations on the Yuba River. A Letter to Customers and a flyer for the Town Hall meeting have been distributed through mail, email and posted on social media.

On March 16, 2021, the Manager and Operations Manager attended an Ad Hoc Committee Meeting with Directors Bordsen and Woods to discuss the new District Office design.

On March 24, 2021, the Manager attended a Groundwater Management Workshop hosted by YWA. Groundwater elevations are similar to elevations matching 2010 and 2015. YWA's hydrology report indicated that the precipitation at Colgate is 57% of average and conditions indicated to be the third or fourth driest in 114 years. Bullards Bar inflows are at the second driest year on record. River levels are projecting a spring schedule four and potentially evolving into a schedule five year.

CURRENT PROJECTS

Virginia Ranch Dam

Management Staff has received confirmation of FERC acceptance for the Dam Safety Surveillance and Monitoring Report (DSSMR) from Kleinschmidt. Copy was also sent to DSOD.

Sicard Pipeline Project

Legal Services is preparing construction and permanent easement agreement templates for landowners aligning within the project.

Collins Lake Agreement

Pineland Legal Services are reviewing the draft agreement, Yuba County approved the permit for the line-of-sight improvement. Project brush clearing has begun.

Water Right Renewal

The Manager and Technical Services Manager received the draft reports for the 2020 Water Right Reporting from MBK for review. MBK is planning on submitting on March 31, 2021.

Power Purchase Agreement

- Mr. McNally has updated the Manager that Shell Energy is preparing a proposal for the Power Sales Agreement similar with what YWA has at the narrows.

PAST MEETINGS

03/12/21 The Manager attended the virtual 2021 NCWA Manager's Meeting

03/15/21 The Manager had a zoom meeting with the Region 2 Representative of ACWA

03/17/21 The Manager attended the Yuba Groundwater Substitution Committee Meeting on zoom

03/17/21 The Manager attended the Yuba County Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) update – Risk Assessment Meeting.

- 03/18/21 The Manager attended a webinar for Cal OES covering an introduction to FEMA's Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) grant program.
- 03/24/21 The Manager attended a virtual GW Management Workshop.
- 03/25/21 The Manager attended a webinar for Cal OES for Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)

UPCOMING MEETINGS

03/30/21 Town Hall meeting at Loma Rica Lions Club

DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE / OPERATIONS

Upper District

Maintenance has been completed on large equipment and all machines are ready for the 2021 season. A large section of the Browns Valley Main ditch has been cleared of several fallen trees and branches. 120' of 6" HDPE was fused together and installed through the sleeve on Spring Valley rd. The tie in is now complete.

Operation crew continues with pipeline and ditch inspections throughout the district.

Lower District

Pumpline Canal is off.

Keyway project at Holmes wildlife area is nearing completion.

Future Projects

Prepare for the start of the 2021 water season.

9. Director's Comments and Reports: None

10. Correspondence:

- Letter and flyer dated March 2021 regarding town hall meeting

11. Closed Session: The Committee will **review and discuss evaluations** involving Directors Bordsen and Lowe (Personnel Committee) and the General Manager; Government Code sections 54954.5 (f) and 54957.6.

12. Adjournment: 7:36pm