

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

**WHEN**  
**Thursday**  
**April 8, 2021**  
**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  
APRIL 8, 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 Woods, Bordsen and Wheeler. Director Sokoloski via Zoom. Also in attendance were Manager Maslan, Clerk Springsteen and Operations Manager Shrader.

**1. Minutes:** The Minutes of the March 25, 2021 Regular Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Director Woods, seconded by Director Wheeler. All ayes, motion passed.

**2. Public Forum:**

- Katie Taylor of Browns Valley suggested providing education regarding water use and ways to conserve.

**3. Finance Committee Report: Concerning the Financial Report for March 2021.** A motion by Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Wheeler to approve the financials for March 2021. All ayes, motion passed

**4. The Board will discuss the 2021 Irrigation Season.** After discussion, the Board consensus was to start the system on April 15, 2021

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

**6. Manager’s Report:**

**COLLINS LAKE STATUS**

DATE	REMAINING SUPPLY VOLUME	%	LAKE ELEVATION	DIST BELOW SPILL	RELEASES	GEN OUTPUT
TODAY	22,090 AF	44.6%	1,150.3 FT	32.7 FT	1.0 CFS	0 kW
1 YEAR AGO	39,120 AF	79.0%	1,171.2 FT	11.8 FT	1.8 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.

Weather conditions continue to remain dry with no rain in the immediate future. Yuba Water Agency will be providing the water supply allocation update to its District members within the Yuba River Accord.

Since the Town Hall meeting, the District Office has received numerous reductions in units from customers in an effort help contribute to conserving water. Phones have been busy as customers have received their invoices this week and have also inquired on the start of the irrigation season.

As requested from participants in the Town Hall meeting and receiving Director feedback, the Manager is gathering information on providing the community with educational irrigation practices with water conservation in mind. Distribution of this information will be put on the BVID website, social media, and a newsletter.

The annual Farm-Gate Delivery report has been submitted by MBK on behalf of BVID to the Department of Water Resources.

On April 7, 2021, the Manager attended an Ad Hoc Committee Meeting with Directors Bordsen and Woods to discuss the new District Office design.

On April 7&8, 2021, the Manager and Technical Services Manager attended the Local Hazard Mitigation Strategy Meetings

On April 8, 2021, the Manager attended the Yuba River Endowment meeting.

## **CURRENT PROJECTS**

### **Virginia Ranch Dam**

The Technical Services Manager has been troubleshooting the CAISO meter fallouts. Trimark Associates who services the meter suspects that the sound card is nonfunctional, and a new meter may have to be purchased if the metered data is not being recorded.

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

04/12/21 – The Manager will attend the virtual Water Supply Allocation Update meeting with YWA.

## **DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE / OPERATIONS**

### **Upper District**

Due to the drought, many district customers are buying less water this year. Operations Crew have been busy with changing out orifices to match customer requests.

DSO's have been setting up the district for the upcoming water season. All side spills are being boarded up and backed with plastic sheeting to minimize any leakage.

Utility Worker Brad Schwartz has celebrated his one-year anniversary with BVID. Brad has become a valuable member of the operations team and continues to grow his knowledge of district operations daily.

### **Lower District**

Pumpline Canal is currently off, water demand is expected mid next week.

### **Future Projects**

Continue preparation for 2021 season.

**7. Director's Comments and Reports:** None

**8. Correspondence:**

- Letter dated March 23, 2021 from DWR to BVID regarding Annual Dam Fees
- Letter dated March 27, 2021 from Collins Lake to BVID regarding Semi Annual Report 2020-21 Second Half
- Thank you letter to BVID customers for attending 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:** 6:15pm