

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

WHEN
Thursday
May 27, 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
MAY 27, 2021**

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

1. Minutes: The Minutes of the May 7, 2021 Special Board Meeting and May 13, 2021 Regular Board Meeting will be reviewed by the Board for approval. A motion by Director Woods, seconded by Director Wheeler to approve the minutes. Directors Bordsen, Woods, Sokoloski and Wheeler ayes, Directors Lowe absent. Motion passed.

2. Public Forum: Dave Pietz of Township Rd Browns Valley regarding concerns of the 2021 irrigation season.

3. Finance Committee Report: Concerning the Financial Report for April 2021. A motion by Director Woods, seconded by Director Wheeler to approve April 2021 financials. Directors Bordsen, Woods, Sokoloski and Wheeler ayes, Directors Lowe absent. Motion passed.

4. The Board will receive the Final Draft of the Collins Lake Concession Agreement with BVID and PDC for acceptance and approval if appropriate. A motion by Director Woods, seconded by Director Wheeler to accept the Collins Lake Concession Agreement as presented. Directors Bordsen, Woods, Sokoloski and Wheeler ayes, Directors Lowe absent. Motion passed.

5. Manager’s Report:

COLLINS LAKE STATUS

DATE	REMAINING SUPPLY VOLUME	%	LAKE ELEVATION	DIST BELOW SPILL	RELEASES	GEN OUTPUT
TODAY	16,380 AF	33.0%	1,142.6 FT	40.4 FT	61.8 CFS	33 kW
1 YEAR AGO	36,620 AF	73.9%	1,168.1 FT	14.9 FT	70.0 CFS	364 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.

Dry conditions continue as BVID approaches its second month of the irrigation season. Community efforts on conservation continue to maintain the projected route paralleling the 2015 customer usage. Governor Newsom has added Yuba County to his drought emergency proclamation that includes 41 counties that are under a drought state of emergency, representing 30 percent of the state’s population.

Early seasonal warm temperatures in April and early May separate this critically dry year from all others on California record.

The Manager is working with Crystal Martin of Smart Marketing to distribute a newsletter to District customers. The newsletter is expected to be sent the second week of June.

In efforts to push better customer communication, the Manager is working with BVID's IT to set up text alerts to District customers when a line break occurs within the District.

The Manager has contacted and distributed the Agreements for the YWA 2021 Deficiency Pumping Program. Field Staff is collecting pump data weekly for the end of season reimbursement from YWA.

Blomberg & Griffin Accountancy Corporation has been on onsite at BVID May 26, 2021 through May 27, 2021 performing their annual audit.

On May 14, 2021, the Manager attended the YBA Member Unit Water Supply Allocation Update. The B120 updated water supply forecast and allocation for May 2021. As of 5/11/2021, the B120 forecast is 30% of normal and expected to drop. DWR's B120 forecast moved into a Schedule 5 from a schedule 4 resulting in 9,300 acre-ft of less release requirement. The actual inflow resulted in 13,500 acre-feet less inflow than planned resulting. Given the reduced inflow that has occurred versus planned that is partially offset by the change to schedule 5 and an expectation of continues hot and dry weather, the allocations will not be adjusted and will remain as listed in the April 12, 2021 Allocations.

SWRCB will be curtailing post 1914 water rights in June, but the YWA does not expect the curtailment to impact the Project Base Supply since it is from stored water and not part of the curtailments.

On May 25, 2021, Staff met with Mr. Pietz to discuss irrigation water delivery as applied to the irrigation season as well as storage in the reservoir at Collins Lake.

On May 25, 2021, the Manager did a site visit with Mr. Inderbitzen to discuss the Deficiency Program and how it applies to his farming operation.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

06/7/2021- NCWA Bay-Delta Task Force Meeting.

06/9/2021 – Yuba River Endowment Board Meeting

CURRENT PROJECTS

LHMP

The Technical Services Manager has completed the Annex draft that details the hazard mitigation planning for BVID as a participant to the 2021 Yuba County Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP)

DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE / OPERATIONS

Upper District

Shutoff list has been completed; reconnections continue as payments are received.

Mainline leak repairs on the Hill Road Line, the Duckels Line, and Peoria ridge have been repaired.

The electric pump on the Redhill lift station failed due to a partial power outage. A new motor could not be obtained so the old motor is being rewound. During the outage, a water truck has been hired to fill the tank on White Oak every other day. The pump is expected to be replaced this weekend.

Virginia Ranch Dam Power plant went offline on May 16th. The speed governor failed resulting in damage to the speed control unit and the electric motor associated within the unit. Henwood will be able to repair when parts arrive. Generator #2 is online producing 35KW.

On May 14th and again on the 21st. Operations Manager was called as a witness for the District Attorney's case against Edna Lopez. No charges were filed due to the lack of experience in this type of case. BVID has been asked to work with the DA and the Yuba County Sheriff deputies in making sure our future investigations are more thorough.

Staff continues to be busy with service calls and repairs.

Lower District

Pumpline Canal is running 45 cfs. Due to a chemical application. Canal will resume to 47cfs and we are expecting ground pumping to start June 1st to make up for the surface water shortfall.

6. Director's Comments and Reports: None

7. Correspondence: None

8. 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.

9. Open Session: A motion by Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Woods, confirming the BVID General Manager's no-cause separation from service with severance pay as provided in his contract effective May 28, 2021, and providing that additional management staff will receive a temporary salary increase of \$800 per pay period during the General Manager recruitment process, and for a period two (2) months after the hiring of a General Manager, to compensate for performing additional management duties outside their job descriptions in coordination with assistance from consultants. Directors Bordsen, Woods, Sokoloski and Wheeler ayes, Director Lowe absent. Motion passed.

10. Adjournment: 7:04PM