

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

**WHEN**  
**Thursday**  
**October 28, 2021**  
**5:00 pm**

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

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
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OCTOBER 28, 2021**

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

**1. Minutes: The Minutes of the October 14, 2021 Regular Board Meeting will be reviewed by the Board for approval.** A motion by Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Bordsen to approve the October 14, 2021 minutes. Directors Bordsen, Wheeler and Sokoloski ayes, Directors Woods and Lowe absent. Motion passed

**2. Public Forum:** None

**3. The Board will consider re-authorizing Board of Directors meetings to be held via teleconference under AB 361.** A motion by Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Sokoloski to re-authorize Board meetings to be held via teleconference. Directors Bordsen, Wheeler and Sokoloski ayes, Director Woods & Lowe absent. Motion passed

*Director Woods arrived 5:15PM*

**4. The Board will consider a request to install an additional service for the Loma Rica / Browns Valley Community Services District Fire Department at 11485 Loma Rica Road.** A motion by Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Woods to install a second service at no cost at 11485 Loma Rica Rd for LR BV CSD Fire Department. Directors Bordsen, Woods, Wheeler and Sokoloski ayes, Director Lowe absent. Motion passed

**5. The Board will designate the Directors, General Manager and Administrative Services Manager as authorized signatures for Tri-Counties Bank.** A motion by Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Woods to remove previous GM Ryan McNally and add new GM Kelly McNally to accounts at Tri Counties Bank. Directors Bordsen, Woods, Wheeler and Sokoloski ayes, Director Lowe absent. Motion passed

**6. The Board will discuss the CEQA process for the Sicard Pipeline Project.** Discussion only, no action taken.

## **7. Manager's Report:**

### **COLLINS LAKE STATUS**

DATE	REMAINING SUPPLY VOLUME	%	LAKE ELEVATION	DIST BELOW SPILL	RELEASES	GEN OUTPUT
<b>TODAY</b>	<b>7,215 AF</b>	<b>14.6%</b>	<b>1,125.8 FT</b>	<b>57.2 FT</b>	<b>1.0 CFS</b>	<b>0 kW</b>
1 YEAR AGO	11,760 AF	23.8%	1,134.6 FT	48.4 FT	69.3 CFS	0 kW

### **YUBA RIVER STATUS (PUMPLINE CANAL)**

DATE	MAX DIVERSION RATE (BVID/YWA CONTRACT)	BVID WATER RIGHT (CURRENT MONTH)	CURRENT DIVERSION*
<b>TODAY</b>	<b>90 CFS</b>	<b>47.2 CFS</b>	<b>20.5 CFS</b>

*\*If the current diversion exceeds BVID monthly water right, the difference is deducted from the District's "Project Base Supply."*

### **STAFF ACTIVITIES**

On October 19, 2021, staff received notice from the State Water Resources Control Board notifying the District that curtailments are temporarily suspended at this time. Existing constraints on water right permits and licenses, such as seasonal diversion restrictions and bypass flow requirements, remain in effect. In addition, all water right holders and claimants may only divert under valid water rights and are not authorized to divert if it would result in injury to other water users. At this time, none of the District's water rights are curtailed.

On October 25, 2021, staff reported an increase in Collins Lake of approximately 16 feet to 1,123.4 feet which is 59.6 feet below spill. This week's storm event produced the second highest rainfall in over 100 years.

Staff is working with Alliant Networking Services on streamlining email integration with Microsoft Office 365. The intent is to create a seamless coordination between staff's email, calendars, phones, and contacts.

### **CURRENT PROJECTS**

#### **Virginia Ranch Dam PPA**

Staff is working with several private energy brokers that might potentially be better than the PG&E options previously discussed. Legal counsel is involved to ensure the District isn't inadvertently compelled to pay Consultant Fees as part of the Agreement to share their offer as some of the formulas are proprietary.

#### **Groundwater Pumping**

The Member Units are scheduled to meet in the next week or two to finalize the value per acre foot pumped in 2021 to offset groundwater used in lieu of surface water to account for shortages. Yuba Water Agency has committed to paying landowners a fixed amount per acre-foot pumped that is commensurate to an average energy usage.

## **PAST MEETINGS**

- 10/25/2021 The Manager and Technical Services Manager met with Legal Counsel regarding the power purchase agreement.
- 10/27/2021 The Manager attended the Yuba River Endowment Board meeting.
- 10/28/2021 The Manager, Operations Manager and Technical Services Manager attended a Member Unit Groundwater meeting.

## **FUTURE MEETINGS**

- 11/1/2021 The Manager and Ryan McNally will meet with a potential District 5 Supervisor candidate to discuss water issues in the 5<sup>th</sup> District.
- 11/4/2021 Annual EAP Face to Face meeting.

## **DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE / OPERATIONS**

### **Upper District**

After the heavy rains on 10/23/2021 Operations crew has been busy throughout the district removing debris from ditches and ditch banks.

In anticipation of the large amount of rain, all of the side spills were pulled down. With the large amount of precipitation in a short time frame, some of the ditches in the district could not handle the runoff and overtopped their banks. Crew is in process of getting these areas repaired as necessary.

BVID supplied an excavator and operator to assist Collins Lake staff in extending the main boat ramp at Collins Lake. The excavation was completed but the lake level came up before the concrete could be extended.

We are still waiting for deliveries of PCV pipe and parts; an order has been placed for large diameter HDPE to extend the Sicard pipeline past the severely leaky section.

### **Lower District**

Demand has been steady and the pumps are running 20.2 cfs. Pumpline flow will be limited to the 35 cfs rate on November 1<sup>st</sup>.

A small section of the Pumpline Ditch was damaged during the high water event last Sunday. It is believed that a drain under the ditch is beginning to fail, causing erosion on the low side of the ditch bank. Water is still flowing and we will begin a permanent repair as soon as water is off for the season.

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

**9. Correspondence:**

**10. Adjournment:** 5:29 PM