

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

**WHEN**  
**Thursday**  
**January 13, 2022**  
**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  
JANUARY 13, 2022**

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

**1. Call for nominations, and the Election of Officers.** President Lowe called for nominations for the Election of Officers. Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Woods moved to nominate Director Bordsen as President and to nominate Director Sokoloski as Vice President. All ayes, motion passed.

Director Lowe, seconded by Director Sokoloski, moved to appoint GM Kelly McNally as Secretary/Treasurer and Admin Services Manager Springsteen as Clerk. All ayes, motion passed.

**2. Minutes: The Minutes of the December 16, 2021 Regular Board Meeting will be reviewed by the Board for approval.** A motion by Director Lowe, seconded by Director Wheeler to approve the December 16, 2021 minutes. All ayes, motion passed.

**3. Public Forum:** None

**4. Finance Committee Report: Concerning the December 2021 Financials.** A motion by Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Woods to approve the December 2021 financials. All ayes, motion passed

**5. The Board will consider re-authorizing Board of Directors meetings to be held via teleconference under AB 361.** A motion by Director Lowe, seconded by Director Sokoloski to re-authorize Board meetings to be held via teleconference. All ayes, motion passed.

**6. The Board will discuss the proposed COVID policy and may take action as appropriate.** A motion by Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Woods to accept the COVID policy and authorize management to amend as necessary to update policy to meet current guidelines. All ayes, motion passed

**7. The Board will consider adopting Resolution 01-13-22-01 to adopt an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Sicard Flat Pipeline Upgrade Project, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.** A motion by Director Lowe, seconded by Director Woods to adopt Resolution 01-03-22-01 Director Bordsen polled the Board

AYES: Directors Bordsen, Lowe, Wheeler, Woods and Sokoloski  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None  
Resolution 01-13-22-01 Passed

## **8. Manager’s Report:**

### **COLLINS LAKE STATUS**

DATE	REMAINING SUPPLY VOLUME	%	LAKE ELEVATION	DIST BELOW SPILL	RELEASES	GEN OUTPUT
<b>TODAY</b>	<b>30,490 AF</b>	<b>61.6%</b>	<b>1,161.7 FT</b>	<b>21.3 FT</b>	<b>1.0 CFS</b>	<b>0 kW</b>
1 YEAR AGO	12,740 AF	25.7%	1,136.0 FT	47.0 FT	1.2 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>20 CFS</b>	<b>20 CFS</b>	<b>0 CFS</b>

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

### **STAFF ACTIVITIES**

The Office 365 migration occurred on December 20, 2021, and office staff are continuing to work with Alliant staff as issues arise.

The Administrative Services Manager has been wrapping up 2021 payroll and finances, as well as preparing W2’s and the 2022 Budget. The Technical Services Manager has been working with PG&E on the RES-BCT contract and finalizing the Sicard Flat Pipeline Upgrade project environmental document.

The Operations Manager has been overseeing Operations staff projects and maintenance activities as well as coordinating with pipe vendors. The Manger has been assisting with the Sicard Flat Pipeline Upgrade project documents and grant, working with Alliant regarding the Office 365 migration, and District website update.

The bathymetric survey for Collins Lake is scheduled to begin this month, and we received the LiDAR survey at the end of December.

### **CURRENT PROJECTS**

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

Staff is moving forward with the contract conversion to PG&E’s RES-BCT program, with execution of the contract to begin in February 2022.

#### **Groundwater Pumping**

The Member Units met with Yuba Water Agency staff on December 14, 2021, to discuss the value per acre foot pumped in 2021 to offset groundwater used in lieu of surface water to account for shortages. The value offered by YWA was less than what the Member Units were requesting. Additional information has been submitted to YWA, and the follow up meeting is February 9.

## **Sicard Pipeline**

The public comment for the environmental document has ended and comments have been addressed in the final environmental document for Board adoption and project approval.

Staff is continuing to work with YWA on the grant portion of the project, and pipeline construction is tentatively planned for Spring of 2022.

## **PAST MEETINGS**

- 12/17/2021 The Manager, Operations Manager, Technical Services Manager and Ryan McNally met with GEI to discuss inundations map updates, as well as DSOD and FERC requirements.
- 12/21/2021 The Manger attended the YWA Board meeting.
- 12/22/2021 The Manager and Technical Services Manager will attend a Member Unit Water Management workshop.
- 1/4/2022 The Manager met with YWA staff about the IRWM Process.
- 1/7/2022 The Manager, Technical Services Manager and Operations Manager met with MBK regarding District water rights.
- 1/7/2022 The Manager and Ryan McNally presented a plaque to Scott Matyac on behalf of BVID.
- 1/10/2022 The Manager, Operations Manager, Technical Services Manager and Administrative Services Manager met with Bob Bagley about District operations.
- 1/11/2022 The Manager met with a web design consultant about the BVID website.

## **FUTURE MEETINGS**

- 1/14/2022 The Manager, Operations Manager, Technical Services Manager and Administrative Services Manager will meet with Tib Belza about Fargo Way subdivision.
- 1/19/2022 The Manager will attend a Yuba River Endowment Board meeting
- 1/24/2022 The Manager will attend a Yuba River Endowment meeting with YWA economic development consultants Major General Jake Polumbo and Lon Hatamiya.
- 1/25/2022 The Manager and Ryan McNally will meet with Dudley Ridge Water District.
- 1/26/2022 The Manager and Technical Services Manager will attend a Member Unit Water Management workshop.

## **DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE / OPERATIONS**

### **Upper District**

Crews continue to be busy with maintenance around the district. The crew has been taking advantage of the dry weather by removing trees, limbs and debris from the district waterways, as well as continuing to spray ditch banks.

The Freightliner dump truck has had the locking rear gears installed and is back in operation.

Operations crew is preparing for several pipeline installations around the district. Modifications are being made to some of the equipment to aid in the delivery and installation of the larger pipe.

## **Lower District**

The Pumpline Canal is off and fish screen maintenance is being performed while pumps are off.

Two sections of the canal are being repaired; years of over topping have eroded the bank. Dirt is being imported to the site to raise the low sections.

### **9. Director's Comments and Reports:**

- Director Lowe inquired about the status of the work being completed to increase the flow from the pumpline.
- Director Bordsen appointed an ad-hoc committee of Directors Woods and Bordsen to review the current Rules & Regulations dated July 27, 2017

### **10. Correspondence:**

- Email dated December 23, 2021, to BVID from Joshua Horowitz regarding Legal Services Billing Rates for 2022
- Letter dated December 30, 2021, to Public Agency Clients from Bartkiewicz, Kronick & Shanahan (Privileged & Confidential Communication) regarding Summary of New Legislation Enacted in 2021

### **11. Adjournment:** 5:29PM