

Browns Valley Irrigation District
Post Office Box 6, Browns Valley, CA 95918

**MINUTES OF THE
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

WHEN
Thursday
February 24, 2022
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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FEBRUARY 24, 2022**

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

1. Minutes: The Minutes of the February 10, 2022 Board Meeting will be reviewed by the Board for approval. A motion by Director Woods seconded by Director Lowe to approve the February 10, 2022 minutes. Directors Bordsen, Woods, Wheeler and Lowe aye. Director Sokoloski absent. Motion passed.

2. Public Forum: Tyler Jones / Water N Wheels discussed Water Truck Permits for 2022.

3. Manager’s Report:

COLLINS LAKE STATUS

DATE	REMAINING SUPPLY VOLUME	%	LAKE ELEVATION	DIST BELOW SPILL	RELEASES	GEN OUTPUT
TODAY	32,310 AF	65.3%	1,163.9 FT	19.1 FT	1.0 CFS	0 kW
1 YEAR AGO	18,520 AF	37.4%	1,145.6 FT	37.4 FT	1.0 CFS	0 kW

YUBA RIVER STATUS (PUMPLINE CANAL)

DATE	MAX DIVERSION RATE (BVID/YWA CONTRACT)	BVID WATER RIGHT (CURRENT MONTH)	CURRENT DIVERSION*
TODAY	20 CFS	20 CFS	0 CFS

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

STAFF ACTIVITIES

Conditions remain extremely dry, and staff is keeping a close eye on hydrology. The forecast is not predicting much wet weather in the next two weeks, but it is highly unlikely the exceptionally dry conditions will remain through March and April. For reference, groundwater conditions are very similar to 2015.

With the dry conditions continuing throughout California, the likelihood of a Conserved Water Transfer and Groundwater Substitution Transfer continue to grow. Currently pricing is still unknown, however, with the current drought conditions likely to remain, the demand for water is high and the market for transfer water appears strong.

Staff was contacted by Ryan McNally of Yuba Water regarding the Staudenraus property, which happens to be in both Ramirez Water District and BVID. The successor to the property (Mr. Staudenraus' son-in-law), has reached out to Ramirez Water District potentially looking to transition water service from BVID to Ramirez. Apparently, the Staudenraus parcels were once served by Ramirez, and the property owner is looking to return to that arrangement. If this move comes to fruition, the concerns and benefits to BVID would result in less revenue, but the District would serve approximately 500 acres less and potentially free up capacity on Pumpline Canal. Two parcels which total 307.9 acres will continue to be served by BVID, and the four Groundwater Substitution wells are located within the BVID boundary. This matter is still evolving, and more details will be provided as they come in.

The Draft 2022 Budget was completed February 18, 2022 and is being reviewed by the Finance Committee.

The bathymetric survey for Collins Lake was completed the first week of February and data from the survey has been submitted to BVID Staff.

CURRENT PROJECTS

Groundwater Pumping

The reimbursement for 2021 deficiency pumping was received on February 3, 2022, and staff is preparing reimbursement payments for pumpers.

Sicard Pipeline

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

- 2/11/2022 Yuba River Endowment Board meeting.
- 2/15/2022 YWA Board of Directors meeting.
- 2/16/2022 BVID Staff and YWA Director Don Blaser
- 2/17/2022 BVID Staff and J-Rey Subdivision residents
- 2/23/2022 Member Unit Workshop

FUTURE MEETINGS

- 2/25/2022 General Manager and Yuba County OES
- 3/1/2022 YWA Board of Directors meeting.
- 3/4/2022 NCWA Annual Meeting
- 3/7/2022 Bay-Delta meeting

DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE / OPERATIONS

Upper District

Crews continue to be busy with maintenance around the district.

Large diameter pipe is being installed in rocky sections of ditch to help with some of the leakage issues.

The service has been installed for the LR/BV fire station on Fruitland Road.

Lower District

The Pumpline Canal remains off.

Work is being done on various outlet locations on the Pumpline ditch; this includes repairing and replacing valves and meters.

4. Director's Comments and Reports: None

5. Correspondence: None

6. Adjournment: 5:21PM