

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

WHEN
Thursday
October 13, 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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OCTOBER 13, 2022**

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

1. Minutes: The Minutes of the September 22, 2022 Regular Board Meeting will be reviewed by the Board for approval. A motion by Director Woods seconded by Director Wheeler to approve the Minutes of the September 22, 2022 Regular Board Meeting. Directors Woods, Wheeler, Sokoloski and Bordsen aye. Director Lowe absent. Motion passed.

2. Public Forum: None

3. Finance Committee Report: Concerning the September 2022 Financials. A motion by Director Wheeler seconded by Director Sokoloski to approve the September 2022 financials. Directors Woods, Wheeler, Sokoloski and Bordsen aye. Director Lowe absent. Motion passed.

4. 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 Woods to re-authorize Board meetings to be held via teleconference. Directors Woods, Wheeler, Sokoloski and Bordsen aye. Director Lowe absent. Motion passed.

5. The Board will discuss the Sicard Flat Upgrade Pipeline project bids and may take action as appropriate. A motion by Director Woods seconded by Director Bordsen to authorize General Manager to accept and negotiate submitted Sicard Flat Upgrade Pipeline Project bids. Directors Woods, Wheeler, Sokoloski and Bordsen aye. Director Lowe absent. Motion passed.

6. The Board will discuss the meeting schedule for the months of November and December. After discussion the board consensus was to adjust the Board meeting schedules from November 10th & 24th to November 10th and from December 8th & 22nd to December 8th.

7. The Board will discuss the 2022 Irrigation Season and may take action as appropriate. After discussion A motion by Director Woods seconded by Director Sokoloski to end the 2022 irrigation season on October 24, 2022 and possibly sooner if rain falls before then. Directors Woods, Wheeler, Sokoloski and Bordsen aye. Director Lowe absent. Motion passed.

8. Manager’s Report

COLLINS LAKE STATUS

DATE	REMAINING SUPPLY VOLUME	%	LAKE ELEVATION	DIST BELOW SPILL	RELEASES	GEN OUTPUT
TODAY	11,160 AF	22.5%	1,133.4 FT	49.6 FT	61.7 CFS	0 kW
1 YEAR AGO	0 AF	0.0%	1,107.1 FT	75.9 FT	0.0 CFS	0 kW

YUBA RIVER STATUS (PUMPLINE CANAL)

DATE	MAX DIVERSION RATE (BVID/YWA CONTRACT)	BVID WATER RIGHT (CURRENT MONTH)	CURRENT DIVERSION*
TODAY	47.2 CFS	47.2 CFS	45 CFS

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

STAFF ACTIVITIES

We remain under a drought ordinance and are limiting customers from increasing their services and new customers are only eligible for one unit of water until the ordinance is lifted.

The Yuba River Endowment has been featured in several local newspapers and articles for their recent donations to local schools and organizations. In the past few months, the Endowment has given \$30,000 to the Trauma Intervention Program (TIP), \$10,000 to the Yuba College Student Emergency Fund, \$20,000 to the Marysville High School FFA program, with an additional \$20,000 for Marysville High FFA students to attend the National Convention in Indianapolis later this month, and an 16,000 pounds of rice to the Yuba-Sutter Food Bank.

Negotiations with Operating Engineers #3 are underway and will continue until an agreement is reached between the District and OE3.

CURRENT PROJECTS

Groundwater Substitution Transfer

Pumping for the 2022 Groundwater Substitution transfer began on April 15, 2022 and will continue through October 31, 2022. As of today, BVID has pumped 100% of the Zone 1 allocation and approximately 90% of the Zone 4 allocation for a total of 95%. The first payment has been received from YWA and will be mailed out on September 9, 2022.

Conserved Water Transfer

The Santa Clara Valley and Dudley Ridge Water Districts have been invoiced for the Conserved Water Transfer. The transfer was completed in mid-August, and the District has received payments from SCVWD and Dudley Ridge.

Sicard Flat Pipeline

The Sicard Flat Pipeline Upgrade project bid closed on September 30, 2022. The Invitation for Bid included the supply HDPE pipe, fittings and pipe fusing services. The District received two bids and the low bid was for \$3,761,922.21. The Agreement is being reviewed by the District’s Legal counsel and will soon be submitted to the contractor for signature.

PAST MEETINGS

- 9/26/2022 Yuba River Endowment/Yuba-Sutter Food Bank
- 9/26/2022 Michael DeAnda – OE3.
- 9/28/2022 BVID and UC Field Station
- 9/29/2022 Candidate Meet and Greet
- 9/30/2022 Sicard Bid opening
- 10/3/2022 BVID Staff and GoCanvas
- 10/4/2022 BVID Staff, Charlie Mathews and Ryan McNally
- 10/6/2022 SR 20 Ribbon Cutting - Sycamore Ranch
- 10/10/2022 Yuba River Salmon Tour
- 10/11/2022 Michael DeAnda – OE3.
- 10/11/2022 MJUSD Board Meeting

FUTURE MEETINGS

- 10/18/2022 YWA Board Meeting
- 10/20/2022 LEADership Yuba-Sutter
- 10/26/2022 Member Unit Water Management workshop
- 10/27/2022 Yuba River Endowment Board meeting.
- 10/27/2022 Michael DeAnda – OE3.

DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE / OPERATIONS

Upper District

Crew is finishing the final stages of the Mountain View Terrace project.

The Able Pipeline failed and is back in operation.

The electric motor that operates the fish screen brushes at the Yuba River diversion stopped working, and we had a “backup” gear box and motor that was installed to get brushes back in service. Unfortunately, the failed part is not repairable, and staff is looking for a replacement.

Virginia Ranch Dam Powerhouse remains offline. Still no ETA on repairs.

Staff continues to be busy with service calls, small projects, and repairs.

Lower District

Pumpline is running 45cfs.

9. Director's Comments and Reports: None

10. Correspondence: None

11. Closed Session: Update the Board on labor negotiations involving Directors Bordsen and Woods and Operating Engineers #3 and take action as appropriate; Government Code sections 54954.5 (f) and 54957.6.

12. Open Session: The Board will report any action taken in closed session. Discussion only, no action taken.

13. Adjournment: 5:37PM