

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

WHEN
Thursday
March 24, 2022
5:00 pm

WHERE
Teleconference via Zoom
Browns Valley, CA
95918

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MARCH 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, Lowe and Sokoloski. Director Woods absent. Also in attendance were Secretary /Manager Kelly McNally, and Operations Manager Shrader. Clerk Springsteen absent.

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

2. Public Forum: Any member of the public may address and ask questions of the Board relating to any matter within the Board’s jurisdiction provided the matter is not on the agenda. The public also may address the Board during an agenda item. None

3. The Board will consider a request to sell water to an out-of-District landowner at 13025 Crazy Horse Trail. After discussion a motion by Director Lowe, seconded by Director Wheeler not to sell water to out-of-district customer on Crazy Horse Trail. Directors Wheeler, Lowe, Sokoloski and Bordsen aye. Director Woods absent. Motion passed.

4. The Board will consider a Resolution Declaring a Water Emergency under Ordinance 2014-01. A motion by Director Lowe, seconded by Director Wheeler to adopt Resolution 2014-01 Director Bordsen polled the Board

AYES: Directors Bordsen, Lowe, Wheeler and Sokoloski
 NOES: None
 ABSTAIN: None
 ABSENT: Woods
 Resolution 2014-01 Passed

5. The Board will discuss the 2022 Irrigation Season. After discussion the 2021 irrigation season begin sometime after April 4, 2022.

6. Manager’s Report:

COLLINS LAKE STATUS

DATE	REMAINING SUPPLY VOLUME	%	LAKE ELEVATION	DIST BELOW SPILL	RELEASES	GEN OUTPUT
TODAY	32,720 AF	66.1%	1,164.4 FT	18.6 FT	1.0 CFS	0 kW
1 YEAR AGO	21,390 AF	43.2%	1,149.7 FT	33.3 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

Hydrological conditions remain dry, and staff is keeping a close eye on reservoir elevation and inflow. For reference, and with similar conditions in 2015 and 2020, the irrigation season was started April 22, 2015 and April 20, 2020. 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 Manager and the Accord Member Units are meeting with the State Water Contractors on March 28, 2022 to continue negotiations for the Groundwater Substitution Transfer.

GEI is currently working on the 2021 DSSMR. Staff has reviewed the draft and returned comments prior to submittal to FERC.

The Administrative Services Manager has been working on billing for the 2022 irrigation season and bills will be sent out on April 1, 2022.

CURRENT PROJECTS

Groundwater Substitution Transfer

There will be a Groundwater Substitution Transfer this year and the price is still under negotiation.

Staff will sound the wells monthly, and per YWA's request, take EC readings at the initiation of pumping, two months later and again at the end.

Conserved Water Transfer

The Santa Clara Valley and Dudley Ridge Water Districts have both shown interest in a Conserved Water Transfer. It is likely the price will be comparable to the Groundwater Substitution Transfer price.

Voluntary Agreements

The SWRCB has reinitiated discussions surrounding the VA's. More information will become available as discussions progress.

PAST MEETINGS

- 3/11/2022 NCWA Annual Meeting – Part 2
- 3/14/2022 Yuba C4 Meeting
- 3/15/2022 YWA Board of Directors meeting.

- 3/16/2022 Yuba Groundwater Sustainability Committee meeting
- 3/17/2022 Yuba River Endowment Board meeting.
- 3/18/2022 NCWA Manager's Meeting – Drought
- 3/23/2022 Member Unit Water Management Workshop

FUTURE MEETINGS

- 3/25/2022 NCWA Central Valley Salmon Recovery
- 3/28/2022 Yuba C4 Meeting Round 2
- 4/4/2022 Bay-Delta Task Force Meeting
- 4/5/2022 YWA Board of Directors meeting.

DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE / OPERATIONS

Upper District

Crews continue to be busy with maintenance around the district and are preparing for the start of the 2022 Irrigation Season.

The medium size 307 excavator has been in the shop for undercarriage repairs and this work is being done in house.

Henwood Associates has received the heat exchanger for the Virginia Ranch Dam Powerplant and the repair will be completed prior to the start of this year's irrigation season.

Lower District

The Pumpline Canal remains off and staff is preparing the canal for the 2022 Irrigation Season.

Two service outlets have been repaired; H1 needed a complete valve rebuild. MC3 had not been used in several years and needed an almost complete overhaul.

7. Director's Comments and Reports: Director Bordsen would like to discuss water Truck Permits at the April 14, 2022 Board meeting

8. Correspondence: None

9. Adjournment: 5:41PM