

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

WHEN
Thursday
September 23, 2021
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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**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
SEPTEMBER 23, 2021**

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

1. Minutes: The Minutes of the September 09, 2021 Regular Board Meeting will be reviewed by the Board for approval. A motion by Director Woods, seconded by Director Bordsen to approve the September 9, 2021 minutes. Directors Bordsen, Woods, Wheeler and Sokoloski ayes, Director Lowe absent. Motion passed.

2. Public Forum: None

3. The Board will discuss the dry conditions and the potential for additional water deliveries. A motion by Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Wheeler to release water delivery from Collins Lake September 28, 2021 to October 4, 2021. Directors Bordsen, Woods, Wheeler and Sokoloski ayes, Director Lowe absent. Motion passed.

4. The Board will consider adopting Resolution 09-23-21-01 authorizing staff to apply for Small Community Drought Relief grant funds for the Sicard Pipeline Project. Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Woods moved to approve the Resolution 09-23-21-01 Small Community Drought Relief grant funds for the Sicard Pipeline.

AYES: Directors Bordsen, Wheeler, Sokoloski and Woods
 NOES: None
 ABSTAIN: None
 ABSENT: Lowe
 Resolution 09-23-21-01 Passed

5. Manager's Report:

COLLINS LAKE STATUS

DATE	REMAINING SUPPLY VOLUME	%	LAKE ELEVATION	DIST BELOW SPILL	RELEASES	GEN OUTPUT
TODAY	590 AF	1.2%	1,110.3 FT	72.7 FT	0.0 CFS	0 kW
1 YEAR AGO	16,730 AF	33.8%	1,142.9 FT	40.1 FT	70.8 CFS	305 kW

On September 13, 2021 Collins Lake reached a level just above minimum pool and ended the irrigation season for the Upper District.

YUBA RIVER STATUS (PUMPLINE CANAL)

DATE	MAX DIVERSION RATE (BVID/YWA CONTRACT)	BVID WATER RIGHT (CURRENT MONTH)	CURRENT DIVERSION*
TODAY	90 CFS	47.2 CFS	38 CFS

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

Lower District supplies on the Yuba River continue as expected. The District is limited to its monthly water rights allocation (47.2 cfs), plus any remaining project base supply and demand has begun to taper down. The irrigation season will end September 30, 2021 and on October 1, 2021, when the fall allocation begins, the District will continue receiving its water right per corresponding month, which is normal since project base does not extend past September:

MONTH	FALL DIVERSION RATE
September	47.2 CFS
October	47.2 CFS
November	35 CFS
December	13 CFS

It is important to remember that per the Water Supply Agreement, any water saved during the irrigation season cannot be applied toward the fall allocation. This is due to the fixed fall allocations that are established with tight tolerances consistent with fish flow requirements.

STAFF ACTIVITIES

Management is monitoring the COVID 19 resurgence and is prepared to increase protective measures consistent with County and/or State standards. This includes another office closure and management staff working from home on a rotating schedule, if the conditions are appropriate. Management is fully outfitted with the equipment and networking access to perform all office functions remotely, including call forwarding and VPN access to the server and files.

Staff has received a letter of interest for the J. Rey subdivision to be annexed into the District.

Staff is monitoring legislation surrounding Board meetings and the Board's ability to teleconference. The law surrounding the exemption which allows the Board to participate from remote locations expires September 30, 2021.

CURRENT PROJECTS

Collins Lake

On September 13, 2021, staff inspected the outlet works in Collins Lake. The ROV inspected the intake structure and found it to be configured differently than designed. Instead of one horizontal intake surface, there are additional redundant vertical surfaces. The structure is also keyed to allow for the drop-in replacement of the screens if needed.

PAST MEETINGS

N/A

FUTURE MEETINGS

N/A

DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE / OPERATIONS

Upper District

Water flow was terminated from Virginia Ranch Dam about 8:00 am on September 13, the final elevation ended slightly above the predictions cast from the 2015 water season.

BVID contracted with Pro Rov services to conduct an underwater inspection of the intake structure at Virginia Ranch Dam. Utilizing a remote operated vehicle we were able to capture video images of all sides of the concrete structure and look for blockages and decay. Staff has compared the images taken in 2014 to the new 2021 images and no new concerns have been found.

Operations crew has been working throughout the district working on repairs that could not be addressed with water in the ditches and pipelines.

Preparations are underway to replace 900 ft. of aged 6" PVC pipe near Madrone Ln. This section failed multiple times this season and was found to be rated at a much lower pressure than needed.

Lower District

Demand has increased and the pumps are running at 38 CFS

District well is off.

6. Director's Comments and Reports: None

7. Correspondence:

- Non-binding Letter of Interest for J-Rey Irrigation Project

8. Closed Session: Public employee appointment or employment involving the unrepresented position of General Manager (Government Code section 54957(b)). **Tabled**

9. Open Session: The Board will report any action taken in closed session.

10. Adjournment: 5:28PM