

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

**WHEN**  
**Thursday**  
**October 24, 2024**  
**5:00 pm**

**WHERE**  
**9370 Browns Valley School Rd**  
**Browns Valley, CA**  
**95918**

This meeting will be conducted by Zoom Video Conference and Audio Teleconference Only.

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
OF THE  
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
OCTOBER 24, 2024**

Director Rist called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Browns Valley Irrigation District to order. Directors present were Rist, Howard, Lowe, Bordsen and Woods. Also in attendance were Secretary /General Manager Kelly McNally, Operations Manager Kevin Shrader and Technical Services Manager Mark Sayers.

**1. The Minutes of the October 10, 2024, Regular Board Meeting will be reviewed by the Board for approval.** A motion by Director Woods, seconded by Director Rist to approve the October 10, 2024 minutes. All ayes, motion passed.

**2. Public Forum:** None.

**3. Manager’s Report:**

**COLLINS LAKE STATUS**

DATE	REMAINING SUPPLY VOLUME %	LAKE ELEVATION	DIST BELOW SPILL	RELEASES	GEN OUTPUT
<b>TODAY</b>	<b>19,818 AF 40.5%</b>	<b>1,147.8 FT</b>	<b>35.2 FT</b>	79.0 CFS	<b>377 kW</b>
1 YEAR AGO	23,404 AF 47.8%	1,152.9 FT	30.1 FT	59.5 CFS	228 kW

**YUBA RIVER STATUS (PUMPLINE CANAL)**

DATE	MAX DIVERSION RATE (BVID/YWA CONTRACT)	BVID WATER RIGHT (CURRENT MONTH)	CURRENT DIVERSION*
<b>TODAY</b>	47.2 CFS	47.2 CFS	<b>35 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 Technical Services Manager continues to work with the UC management on getting the document signed. Two weeks ago, the UC field station Manger notified BVID staff that the UC Sicard Flat Easement meeting has been moved to the week of October 21, 2024. Staff received comments from the UC on the license agreement, the quitclaim and the easement agreement today and have sent the comments to District legal for review.

The Manager continues to work with Don Moss from Henwood Electric and Canyon Hydro on the replacement generator for Virginia Ranch Dam, as well as finalizing the federal agreement with the Department of Energy (DOE). The agreement was signed in September; however, DOE has had some corrections to the agreement and a signed copy was sent to DOE today.

BVID staff will be participating in the Emergency Action Plan (EAP) Functional/Tabletop exercise for Virginia Ranch Dam on November 7, 2024. Staff will work through an emergency scenario at Virginia Ranch Dam and EAP activation. BVID must perform the Functional/Tabletop exercise every five years. On Wednesday, October 23, 2024 the Manager and Technical Services Manager reviewed the scenario with the consultant and on Monday, October 28, 2024, all BVID staff will participate in the internal training and review of the Emergency Action Plan for Virginia Ranch Dam.

## **CURRENT PROJECTS**

### **Sicard Flat Pipeline**

Fusion is expected to resume when the easement with the UC is complete. Per the easement agreement, the UC is requesting a 10-day notice prior to work. Staff is hoping to resume fusion in November.

### **BVID Pumpline Canal**

Comments have been sent to the engineer regarding the box culvert option for the Pumpline Canal. Staff have also provided the engineer measurements for the culverts under Loma Rica Road, which will be improved as part of a Yuba County paving project in 2025.

## **PAST MEETINGS**

10/15/2024 YWA Board meeting  
10/21/2024 NCWA Water Management Series - Teams  
10/23/2024 BVID EAP Coordination - Zoom  
10/24/2024 Yuba River Endowment Board meeting

## **FUTURE MEETINGS**

10/28/2024 BVID EAP Internal Training  
10/31/2024 Yuba GSC meeting  
11/4/2024 Member Unit Water Management meeting  
11/4/2024 Bay-Delta Task Force  
11/7/2024 BVID Functional/Tabletop exercise  
11/13/2024 Yuba IRWMP meeting

## **DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE / OPERATIONS**

### **Upper District**

Operations staff remains busy with repairs and maintenance throughout the District.

Virginia Ranch Dam generator remains online.

The final cleanup of the Sicard Pipeline project has been completed on the lower section between Potts Trail and Hwy 20.

Mechanical cleaning of the Heintzen Ditch is underway.

Vegetation control around District infrastructure continues as time permits.

**Lower District**

Pumpline is Running 35 cfs.

Mechanical cleaning of the Canal will continue, as necessary.

**4. Director's Comments and Reports:** None

**5. Correspondence:** None

**6. Closed Session:** Public employee performance evaluation involving Distribution System Operator I; Government Code sections 54954.5(e) and 54957(b)(1).

**7. Closed Session:** Public employee performance evaluation involving General Manager; Government Code sections 54954.5(e) and 54957(b)(1).

**8. Open Session:** The Board will report any action taken in closed session. No action taken.

**9. Adjournment:** 6:27 pm