

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

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

WHEN
Thursday
July 25, 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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JULY 25, 2024**

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

1. The Minutes of the June 11, 2024, Regular Board Meeting will be reviewed by the Board for approval. A motion by Director Woods, seconded by Director Bordsen to approve the July 11, 2024 minutes. Directors Rist, Lowe, Woods and Bordsen aye, Director Howard absent, motion passed.

2. Public Forum: None

3. The Board will discuss hiring an outside company to assist with vegetation removal throughout the District and act as necessary. A motion by Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Woods to set a \$50,000.00 limit to cleanup vegetation on district ditch banks. Directors Rist, Lowe, Woods and Bordsen aye, Director Howard absent, motion passed.

4. Manager’s Report:

COLLINS LAKE STATUS

DATE	REMAINING SUPPLY VOLUME %	LAKE ELEVATION	DIST BELOW SPILL	RELEASES	GEN OUTPUT
TODAY	35,958 AF 73.4%	1,168.8 FT	14.2 FT	100.3 CFS	0 kW
1 YEAR AGO	38,033 AF 77.7%	1,171.2 FT	11.8 FT	101.7 CFS	0 kW

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	50 CFS

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

STAFF ACTIVITIES

Payments and service calls have slowed down. The second payment was due at the end of June and the final billing has been sent out with the payment due by the end of August.

The BVID rental house was listed for sale on May 17, 2024. The real estate market has been very slow as interest rates remain high. After speaking with our real estate agent, the price has been reduced to \$395,000, and we received an offer on the house on Monday, July 22, 2024.

The Technical Services Manager continues to work on Sicard Pipeline easements through the UC. A second round of comments have been received from the UC, and after a quick legal review, have been re-submitted to the UC for review.

The Final PIR from HDR has been submitted to FERC and comments from FERC will be submitted by the end of the year.

The Manager has been looking at outside agencies to assist with the Employee Handbook and policy updates.

CURRENT PROJECTS

Sicard Flat Pipeline

The crew has been cleaning up the properties along the pipeline and backfilling. Fusion is expected to resume when the easement with the UC is complete.

BVID Property

The property is listed for sale and an offer has been submitted.

PAST MEETINGS

7/15/2024 NCWA Water Management Series - Teams
7/16/2024 Yuba Water Board meeting
7/22/2024 Meet with Amy Slade
7/24/2024 NCWA Water Leaders Class
7/25/2024 BVID and Emrgy

FUTURE MEETINGS

7/31/2024 Member Unit Water Management Workshop – YWA
8/5/2024 Bay-Delta Task Force – Teams
8/14/2024 Yuba IRWMP Quarterly meeting

DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE / OPERATIONS

Upper District

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

Virginia Ranch Dam Generator remains offline; the unit is very temperamental during hot temperatures. We will restart tomorrow when the temperature drops.

The crew is mechanically cleaning the Lower Browns Valley Ditch.

We have been chasing a low-pressure situation on the Sandy Way Pipeline. No leaks have been found and we are suspecting a blockage is affecting water pressure. The Crew is investigating, and we are looking into renting a camera to scope the pipeline.

Spraying and mowing of vegetation is being conducted, weather permitting.

Lower District

Pumpline Canal is running at 50 cfs.

Mechanical cleaning of the Canal will continue, as necessary.

5. Director's Comments and Reports: None

6. Correspondence: None

7. Closed Session: Conference with real property negotiator involving the purchase, sale, lease, or exchange of 5370 Marysville Road, and Kelly McNally, District negotiator(s) will negotiate with Stonebarger. Instructions to the negotiator(s) may include price, terms of payment, or both; Government Code sections 54954.5(b) and 54956.8.

8. Closed Session: Conference with labor negotiator involving Kelly McNally, General Manager regarding unrepresented employee(s); Government Code sections 54954.5(f) and 654957.6.

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

Agenda item 7 – A motion by Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Lowe to appoint General Manager Kelly McNally to sign and negotiate the sale of property located at 5370 Marysville Rd, Browns Valley CA. Directors Rist, Lowe, Woods and Bordsen aye, Director Howard absent, motion passed.

Agenda item 8 – No action taken. Personnel Committee will be scheduled to meet and discuss.

10. Adjournment: 6:58pm