

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

WHEN
Thursday
October 10, 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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Director Rist called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Browns Valley Irrigation District to order. Directors present were Howard, Bordsen and Woods. Director Lowe was absent. Also in attendance were Secretary /General Manager Kelly McNally, Operations Manager Kevin Shrader and Technical Services Manager Mark Sayers.

1. The Minutes of the September 26, 2024, Regular Board Meeting will be reviewed by the Board for approval. A motion by Director Woods, seconded by Director Bordsen to approve the September 26, 2024 minutes. Directors Rist, Howard, Woods and Bordsen aye, Director Lowe absent, motion passed.

2. Public Forum: None.

3. Finance Committee Report: September 2024 Financials. A motion by Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Rist to approve the September 2024 financials. Directors Rist, Howard, Woods and Bordsen aye, Director Lowe absent, motion passed.

4. Personnel Committee Report: The Board discussed the Healthy Workplaces, Healthy Families Act (SB 616), which requires employers to allow temporary employees to accrue sick leave. A motion by Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Woods to allow temporary employees to accrue sick leave in accordance with the Sick Leave guidelines as outlined in the BVID Employee Handbook.

5. The Board will discuss the 2024 Irrigation Season and may take action as appropriate. After some discussion, no action was taken.

6. Manager’s Report:

COLLINS LAKE STATUS

DATE	REMAINING SUPPLY VOLUME %	LAKE ELEVATION	DIST BELOW SPILL	RELEASES	GEN OUTPUT
TODAY	22,254 AF 51.0%	1,151.3 FT	31.7 FT	86.2 CFS	482 kW
1 YEAR AGO	25,168 AF 51.4%	1,155.3 FT	27.7 FT	71.3 CFS	377 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	35 CFS

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

STAFF ACTIVITIES

Final payments continue to trickle in as the final payment for the 2024 irrigation season was due August 31, 2024.

The Technical Services Manager continues to work with the UC management on getting the document signed. As of today, 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.

This morning, the Manager, Operations Manager and the Foreman for the Sicard Flat Pipeline project met with Dan Schweitzer at his leased property to discuss the email Mr. Schweitzer submitted to BVID on Saturday, October 5, 2024. After some discussion, Mr. Schweitzer was satisfied with the fencing plan proposed by BVID staff.

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.

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 October.

BVID Pumpline Canal

Comments have been sent to the engineer regarding the box culvert option for the Pumpline Canal. Staff has 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

10/1/2024	YWA Board meeting
10/7/2024	BVID/ADP meeting
10/7/2024	BVID/MBK – Smith Ranch
10/8/2024	BVID Personnel Committee meeting
10/8/2024	BVID/YWA – Interconnection agreement
10/10/2024	BVID and Dan Schwietzer - Sicard Project

FUTURE MEETINGS

10/15/2024	YWA Board meeting
10/21/2024	NCWA Water Management Series - Teams
10/24/2024	Yuba River Endowment Board meeting
11/7/2024	BVID Functional/Tabletop exercise

DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE / OPERATIONS

Upper District

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

Virginia Ranch Dam Generator remains online.

The debris fence at Virginia Ranch Dam has been replaced and large concrete blocks have been placed to help prevent damage to the wheelhouse and powerhouse structures.

Crew has completed the concrete structure around the pressure reducers on the Sicard Pipeline. A steel lid will be placed as the final piece. New fencing is also being constructed around the infrastructure.

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.

7. Director's Comments and Reports: None

8. Correspondence: None

9. Adjournment: 5:33 pm