

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

WHEN
Thursday
September 26, 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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**MINUTES OF THE
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OF THE
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
SEPTEMBER 5, 2024**

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

1. The Minutes of the September 5, 2024, Regular Board Meeting will be reviewed by the Board for approval. A motion by Director Woods, seconded by Director Howard to approve the September 5, 2024 minutes. All ayes, motion passed.

2. Public Forum: None.

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

4. Manager’s Report:

COLLINS LAKE STATUS

DATE	REMAINING SUPPLY VOLUME	%	LAKE ELEVATION	DIST BELOW SPILL	RELEASES	GEN OUTPUT
TODAY	24,870 AF	51.0%	1,154.9 FT	28.1 FT	82.6 CFS	447 kW
1 YEAR AGO	27,132 AF	55.4%	1,157.9 FT	25.1 FT	74.8 CFS	362 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	20 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.

On September 17, 2024, the Yuba Water Agency Board of Directors unanimously voted to approve the Supplemental EIR to extend the Lower Yuba River Accord’s Water Transfer program for another 25 years, through 2050.

The Technical Services Manager received the go-ahead from the UC on the Sicard Pipeline easements through the UC property, however, the District has not received an update on when the UC will be able

to sign the easement agree. The Technical Services Manager continues to work with the UC management on getting the document signed.

The Manager received the Program Agreement document for the Hydro Efficiency grant. It has been reviewed by the Manager, the Technical Services Manager and the MBK Project Manager. The document has been signed and returned to the Department of Energy for signature.

The Manager and Director Bordsen met with the Operating Engineers 3 (OE3) representative and the OE3 representative agreed with the proposed changes to the MOU.

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. Fusion is anticipated to resume in October.

BVID Property

The approved floor plan was sent to the Engineer on September 10, 2024.

PAST MEETINGS

9/16/2024 NCWA Water Management Series - Teams
9/17/2024 YWA Board meeting
9/19/2024 ACWA/JPIA
9/19/2024 BVID EAP Coordination meeting - Zoom
9/20/2024 BVID/OE3 meet and confer - Zoom
9/26/2024 BVID/BKS

FUTURE MEETINGS

10/1/2024 YWA Board meeting
10/7/2024 Yuba River Endowment at Wheatland FFA
10/15/2024 YWA Board meeting
10/21/2024 NCWA Water Management Series - Teams
10/24/2024 Yuba River Endowment Board meeting

DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE / OPERATIONS

Upper District

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

Virgina Ranch Dam Generator is back online; Don was able to piece it back together to get it up and running.

A new service has been installed on the Bald Mountain Pipeline.

The crew is building a concrete structure around the pressure reducers and valves on the Sicard Pipeline at Hwy 20. Final grading and erosion control measures have been completed on the section between Frontier Trail and Hwy 20.

Vegetation control around district infrastructure continues as time permits.

Lower District

Pumpline is Running 20 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 labor negotiator involving Kelly McNally and Operating Engineers Local Union #3; Government Code sections 54954.5(f) and 54957.6.

8. Closed Session: Public employee performance evaluation involving Distribution System Operator II and Utility Worker III; Government Code sections 54954.5(e) and 54957(b)(1).

9. Open Session: The Board will report any action taken in closed session. A motion by Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Woods to approve the revisions to the BVID/OE3 MOU. All ayes, motion passed. No action taken on Item 8.

10. Adjournment: 6:18pm