

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
OF THE  
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
JUNE 27, 2019**

At 5:00pm President Wheeler called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Browns Valley Irrigation District to order. Directors present were Bordsen, Maslan, Wheeler and Woods. Director Lowe was absent. Also in attendance were Manager McNally, Clerk Springsteen and Operations Manager Shrader.

**1. Minutes:** The Minutes of the June 13, 2019 Regular Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Director Woods, seconded by Director Bordsen. Directors Bordsen, Maslan, Wheeler and Woods ayes, Director Lowe was absent. Motion passed.

**2. Public Forum:** Dick Vierra from Los Verjeles Rd commented that the 2019 water season is going good.

**3. The Board will consider authorizing the installation of a backup generator at the office in response to PG&E’s expected outages to prevent wildfires.** A motion by Director Woods, seconded by Director Maslan to authorize the installation of a generator at (Office) 9370 BV School Rd. Directors Bordsen, Maslan, Wheeler and Woods ayes, Director Lowe was absent. Motion passed.

**4. Manager’s Report:**

**COLLINS LAKE STATUS**

| DATE         | REMAINING SUPPLY<br>VOLUME | %            | LAKE ELEVATION    | DIST BELOW SPILL | RELEASES | GEN OUTPUT    |
|--------------|----------------------------|--------------|-------------------|------------------|----------|---------------|
| <b>TODAY</b> | <b>47,300 AF</b>           | <b>95.6%</b> | <b>1,180.3 FT</b> | <b>2.7 FT</b>    | 98.5 CFS | <b>714 KW</b> |
| 1 YEAR AGO   | 43,010 AF                  | 86.9%        | 1,175.9 FT        | 7.1 FT           | 90.3 CFS | 642 KW        |

**STAFF ACTIVITIES**

The manager is participating on the planning committee for the Yuba River Experience on behalf of the Yuba River Endowment. On June 18, 2019, the Yuba Water Agency Board unanimously voted to move forward with developing a comprehensive learning and interpretive center on the Yuba River. It is also important for BVID to remain in the loop because the history component of the center will likely rely heavily on the work and water rights of the District in the early years.

On June 17, 2019, the Manager attended a Yuba River Endowment meeting with YWA Chairman Brent Hasteley to discuss the Agency’s willingness to partner and provide match funding for certain donations.

On June 24, 2019, the Manager met with the USDA State Director of Rural Development to discuss grant and loan opportunities. They do not do large-scale capital improvement grants to non-municipal water suppliers, but do offer a low interest loan repayable over 40 years at 3.5%. However, they do offer smaller grants for purchasing equipment for continuity of service. As a result, the Manager has requested

the paperwork and/or requirements to purchase backup generators for the office and powerhouse. The Director made it clear that we would be eligible even after the purchase is made in the form of reimbursement.

On June 26, 2019, the Manager and Operations Manager met with the Yuba County Public Works Director to coordinate projects. The Manager has asked that staff identify existing crossings that will be affected and investigate if they should be replaced at this time. We are also looking at new and/or future crossings that can or should be sleeved while Yuba County is improving the roads to avoid trenching the new pavement.

## **CURRENT PROJECTS**

### **Caltrans Highway 20 Realignment**

The District's design consultant has submitted the completed plans and specifications to Caltrans for BVID's affected infrastructure.

### **SB 88**

MBK is still researching measuring devices that would be cost effective for use on the Upper Main Pipeline for SB 88 compliance.

### **Sicard Pipeline Project**

The Manager is waiting to hear from YWA.

### **Virginia Ranch Dam**

The Manager is currently reviewing the draft update to the District's EAP as per CalOES's comments. Staff has asked GEI to calculate the maximum low-level outlet releases at varying lake elevations as a requirement to the new EAP. We know the maximum through the generator is 125 cfs, but we also know there is substantially more capacity for reservoir evacuation that should be quantified.

## **PAST MEETINGS**

- 06/14/19 The Manager attended a NCWA Manager's Meeting in Knights Landing.
- 06/17/19 The Manager attended a YWA Water Education Center planning meeting at YWA.
- 06/17/19 The Manager attended a Yuba River Endowment meeting at YWA.
- 06/17/19 The Operations Manager attended a training seminar presented by Weinhoff Drug Testing. This was a required training to meet DOT regulations. This class also covered new California laws regarding testing for legalized substances.
- 06/18/19 The Manager attended a YWA Board Meeting in Marysville.
- 06/19/19 The Manager attended a Groundwater Sustainability meeting at Yuba County.
- 06/19/19 The Manager attended an IRWMP Meeting at Yuba County.
- 06/24/19 The Manager attended a USDA grant workshop at Yuba County.
- 06/26/19 The Manager and Operations Manager met with Yuba County Public Works to discuss the scheduling of upcoming road projects.

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

- 07/01/19      The Manager will attend a Yuba Watershed Experience meeting at YWA.  
07/02/19      The Manager will attend a Yuba River Endowment meeting at YWA.  
07/03/19 –    The Manager will be out of the office on vacation.  
07/08/19

## **DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE / OPERATIONS**

### **Upper District**

The upper district water flows have stabilized, allowing operations staff to focus on maintenance projects and new service installs.

The new service install has been completed on Township Road.

The buoys have been removed from the spillway at Collins Lake.

### **Lower District**

The Pumpline Canal is running 60 cfs

River levels have continued to decrease and we are still monitoring the intake screens on a daily basis.

### **Upcoming tasks**

New service install for the Loma Rica Browns Valley Services District.

Remove gravel buildup away from fish screens.

Weed eat and spray district waterways and fixtures as necessary.

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

**6. Correspondence:** None

**7. Adjournment:** 5:21 PM