

**FRESNO IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
HELD SEPTEMBER 26, 2007**

Fresno Irrigation District's Board of Directors met in regular session at the District office located at 2907 South Maple Avenue – Fresno, California on September 26, 2007. Meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Board Vice President Jeff Neely.

**DIRECTORS PRESENT**

Vice President Jeff Neely  
Eddie Niederfrank  
Tom Steffen

**DIRECTORS ABSENT**

President Jeff Boswell  
Steven Balls

**STAFF PRESENT**

General Manager Gary Serrato  
Assistant General Manager Laurence Kimura  
Watermaster Jim Irwin  
Chief Engineer Bill Stretch  
HR Director Regina Davis  
Controller DeAnn Hailey  
Recording Secretary Lynn B. Rowe

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Legal Counsel Alex Peltzer  
Independent Reporter Don Wright

**REVIEW AGENDA**

No changes

**REVIEW OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

Vice President Neely indicated that he will not be able to make the last meeting in November. Staff will look at the schedule and report back later.

**PUBLIC PRESENTATION**

None

**POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

**(Any Board Member who has a potential conflict of interest may now identify the item and recuse themselves from discussing and voting on the matter.) [FPPC §87105]**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

- a. Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes – September 12, 2007
- b. August 2007 Investment Account

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- c. **August 2007 COP Investment Account**
- d. **August 2007 Fund Statements**
- e. **August 2007 Treasurer's Report**
- f. **August 2007 Deposits and Investments**

M/S/C/(Niederfrank/Steffen) That Board of Directors approve the Consent Calendar by the following vote. (Ayes Neely, Steffen, Niederfrank, Nays 0, Absent Boswell and Balls, Abstain 0)

**380: WATER REPORT**

**a. Current Water Conditions**

Watermaster Jim Irwin reviewed the current and projected water supply. As of September 25, Pine Flat release was 257 cfs and storage was 185,732. Due to warmer weather, demands have increased. This will be the last week for the Hardship Run.

**CHIEF ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Chief Engineer Bill Stretch reported on the following items:

**a. Developer and Agency Project Schedule for 2007/08 Update**

**Developer Projects** – Staff has processed 25 Developer pipeline projects for the 2007-08 Maintenance Season. Currently there is one project in progress and six have been completed since April 1, 2007. The one on-going project impacts the Gow Canal located northwest of Shields and Locan Avenues.

**Agency Projects** – FID is currently processing approximately ten Agency projects for the 2007-08 Maintenance Season. The current Caltrans 180 project impacts the Mortensen Pipeline where several sections of pipeline are being replaced near Valentine and Brawley Avenues. Two projects should start during the next week or two, including the Clovis Avenue bridge extension on the Mill Canal south of McKinley Avenue and the Church Avenue Bridge on the Washington Colony Canal located west of Clovis Avenue.

**b. Running Horse Development and Kearney Basin Project Update**

Any new issues will be discussed during Closed Session.

**c. Three-Year Maintenance Facility Upgrade Project for 2007/08**

Mr. Stretch gave the Board an update on the Maintenance and Facility Upgrade Plan (MFUP). Crews continue to work on a major brushing project on the Dry Creek Canal through the downtown area. Three additional Langemann gates have been ordered recently for the Fancher Flume project on the Enterprise and the Herndon at Flume check.

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**d. Approval of Participating in the Fresno County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. Action Request 2007-26**

Staff is recommending participation in the Fresno County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. The main reason for participation would be in case there was a disaster; the District would be eligible for FEMA funds. It will require staff time to attend meetings and possibly \$3,500 for a consultant to aid staff in gathering the necessary data. Staff recommends the funds come from the General Fund. Before any direction is given, the Board would like staff to obtain more information on how the fund distribution, in case of an emergency, works.

**ASSISTANT MANAGER'S REPORT**

Assistant Manager Laurence Kimura reported on the following:

**a. Nielsen Site Rubble Pile Update**

Not much progress since the last meeting. The crusher was not operating during the last site visit. There is a significant amount of processed materials at the site. No new materials from the outside were present.

**b. Waldron Banking Project Update**

The contract with Steve Dovali Construction for the well equipping work continues. The electrical subcontractor has been busy installing the electrical equipment. The equipment should be installed and tested by the end of September. Arthur & Orum have yet to initiate work on the last two wells. They are expected to start on the next well October 1. There has not been any change in the financial status of the project since the last report.

**c. District Office Plan**

There is nothing new to report. Staff continues to stay in contact with the architects.

**d. General Maintenance and Equipment Update**

Heavy equipment operators continue to be busy rebuilding canal banks on Lower Dry Creek. Silt was removed from the head of the Thompson Ditch. Spray rigs are spraying in the southern part of the District as weather permits and the trash truck is continuing to complete the work orders. The Maintenance Report covering August 16 through September 15, 2007 was distributed.

**MANAGER'S REPORT**

General Manager Gary Serrato reported on the following:

**KINGS RIVER WATER ASSOCIATION**

Mr. Serrato attended a recent KRWA committee meeting. Discussions covered the Fish and Game Committee and the habitat restoration that is taking place. They are taking advantage of

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the low water flow on the river and have started boulder placement. Fish count around the Winton Park area and the fish monitoring system were discussed.

**Legislation**

- The Hoffman bill (AB 1849) has become a two-year bill.
- The Governor's bond measure is being monitored.
- Assembly Member Arambula was appointed to a special democratic committee to develop a democratic version of the proposed state water bond. Assembly Member Arambula asked for Mr. Serrato's participation in a valley group that would craft language that deals with issues of the Central Valley.

KRCD attended a Triennial review meeting of the Tulare Lake Hydrological Basin Plan. This plan is reviewed every three years and adjusted as needed.

**FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY / FRIANT WATER USERS AUTHORITY**

This will be discussed during closed session.

**ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

**a. Report/Recommendations of Equipment Committee**

The Equipment Committee met earlier to discuss the purchase of four truck boom and winch units. This purchase will be funded by the Power Revenue account.

**M/S/C/(Niederfrank/Steffen)** That Board of Directors approve the purchase of the four truck boom and winch units up to \$10,000 with the money to come from the Power Revenue account by the following vote. (Ayes Neely, Steffen, Niederfrank, Nays 0, Absent Balls, Boswell, Abstain 0)

**DIRECTORS' REPORT**

None

**CLOSED SESSION**

The Board went into Closed Session at 5:54 pm.

**Conference with Legal Counsel–Anticipated Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9(b)).** Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation (G.C. §54956.9. Significant Exposure to Litigation pursuant to subdivision (b)): Waldron Banking Facility.

**Natural Resource Defense Council vs. Rodgers (Government Code Section 54956.9).** To conferred with counsel on pending litigation.

**Conference with Legal Counsel–Anticipated Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9(b)).** Conference with Legal Counsel on potential litigation. Significant Exposure to Litigation pursuant to subdivision (b)): Van Volkinburg.

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**REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**

Closed Session adjourned at 6:36 p.m. with Vice President Neely stating the Board of Directors had nothing to report.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Vice President Neely adjourned the meeting at 6:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gary R. Serrato  
Board Secretary

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