

**FRESNO IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
HELD OCTOBER 10, 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 October 10, 2007. Meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Board President Jeff Boswell.

**DIRECTORS PRESENT**

President Jeff Boswell  
Vice President Jeff Neely  
Eddie Niederfrank  
Steven Balls  
Tom Steffen

**DIRECTORS ABSENT**

None

**STAFF PRESENT**

General Manager Gary Serrato  
Chief Engineer Bill Stretch  
HR Director Regina Davis  
Controller DeAnn Hailey  
Recording Secretary Lynn B. Rowe

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Legal Counsel Dan Dooley  
Independent Reporter Don Wright

**REVIEW AGENDA**

No changes

**REVIEW OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

Staff request the meeting scheduled for November 21 be cancelled because of the upcoming Thanksgiving Holiday. There will be several members of the Staff and Directors that will be absent

**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]**

Director Neely stated he will recuse himself from item i. of the Consent Calendar due to a conflict of interest with Granville Homes.

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**CONSENT CALENDAR**

- a. **Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes – September 26, 2007**
- b. **September 2007 Check Register**
- c. **September 2007 Special Check Register**
- d. **September 2007 Payroll Register**
- e. **September 2007 Attorney Fees**
- f. **September 2007 Consultant Fees**
- g. **September 2007 Assessment Collections Report**
- h. **Request for Correction of Charges (35-2000, 36-2001, 37-2002, 38-2003, 39-1999, 40-2000, 41-2001, 42-2002, 43-2003)**

M/S/C/(Neely/Balls) That Board of Directors approve the Consent Calendar with the removal of item i. by an unanimous vote. (Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 0, Abstain 0)

- i. **Standard Developer Project – Granville Homes will Pipeline the Gow Canal #99 Located Southeast Shields and Fowler Avenues in Accordance with Board Policy. Action Request 2007-27**

Director Neely left the room while the vote took place.

M/S/C/(Niederfrank/Balls) That Board of Directors approve item i. of the Consent Calendar by the following vote. (Ayes 4, Nays 0, Absent 0, Abstain Neely)

Director Neely returned to the room at the conclusion of the vote.

**380: WATER REPORT**

- a. **Current Water Conditions**

General Manager Gary Serrato reviewed the current and projected water supply. As of October 8, Pine Flat release was 201 cfs and storage was 186,435. Kings River Water District is still diverting and will probably continue until November 1.

**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 located at Clovis W. Branch Canal southwest of Herndon and Sunnyside Avenues. Six projects have been completed since April 1, 2007. The Gow Canal project has been completed.

**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

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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. 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 through downtown Fresno, lining repair/replacement on Dry Creek Canal through downtown Fresno, weir/catwalk retrofit on the Herndon Canal at the Epstein Check, as well as many other projects. Three more Langemann gates have been ordered recently for the Fancher Flume project on the Enterprise.

**c. Award Contract – Structures Contract 109-1264-A as part of the Enterprise-Fancher Flume Replacement Project. Action Request 2007-28**

In mid-September the District publicly advertised for bids for a project that consists of replacing the canal flume where the Enterprise Canal crosses Fancher Creek. The work in general consists of demolition of the existing concrete flume, the construction of new, larger concrete flume, modification of the existing Fancher Creek; installation of two 14.25 ft wide Langemann Gates and a 40 cfs overshot weir gate; installation of conduit and wire for the SCADA system and incidentals for a complete and useable facility.

Staff recommends that the Board award the contract to Agee Construction as low bidder in the amount of \$643,075 including the canal bypass. Should the Cities of Fresno and Clovis decide they do not need a bypass to run their Water Treatment Plants in December and January, then the cost would be \$538,075.

**M/S/C/(Balls/Niederfrank)** That Board of Directors approve awarding the Fancher Flume Replacement Project to Agee Construction in the amount of \$643,075 which includes the bypass if needed, otherwise the amount will be \$538,075 by the following vote. (Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 0, Abstain 0)

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

The Board directed Staff to research two items if the District was to join the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan 1) when funds become available or when the District wishes to make a claim, will the District be able to apply directly through FEMA or will all funds be distributed by the County and; 2) does the District have to be part of the LHMP to receive any pre and post-disaster funds?

At this time, the LHMP is required to qualify for pre-disaster competitive grants and flood mitigation assistance grants. It is also required to qualify for the post-disaster hazard mitigation grant program. This accounts for approximately 7.5% of post-disaster federal assistance. Should the District choose not to participate, we will still be eligible for most FEMA assistance in the event of a disaster with the money coming from FEMA and not through the County.

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If the District chooses to participate in the multi-jurisdictional plan and would like to pursue any of the above mentioned grants, the application materials would be submitted directly to FEMA.

After a brief discussion between the Directors and Staff it was decided not to participate in Fresno County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

**ASSISTANT MANAGER'S REPORT**

General Manager Gary Serrato and Chief Engineer Bill Stretch reported on the following:

**a. Nielsen Site Rubble Pile Update**

The level of material has diminished since the last site visit, however; there is still a lot of work left to be done.

**b. Waldron Banking Project Update**

The contract with Steve Dovali Construction for the well equipping work continues. The electrical subcontractor has been busy addressing PG&E issues. Once the issues with PG&E are resolved, testing will be able to commence. Arthur & Orum has started the well drilling on the second remaining well. There has been no change in the financial status since the last report.

**c. District Office Plan**

Staff has received drawings of the proposed exterior of the building. Mr. Kimura will give an update at the next Board Meeting.

**d. General Maintenance and Equipment Update**

Heavy equipment operators continue to be busy rebuilding canal banks on Lower Dry Creek. Equipment operators are also busy removing silt from the Central Canal and assisting maintenance crews with their construction projects. Pipelines repairs were completed on the Fuller system and crews are currently working on the Briggs at Cornell Pond and the Little Houghton system.

The District is selling off some equipment through Martella Auction as directed by the Equipment Committee.

**MANAGER'S REPORT**

General Manager Gary Serrato reported on the following:

**KINGS RIVER WATER ASSOCIATION**

There has not been much activity with KRWA – information on water bond legislation continues to be passed along to the members.

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

This will be discussed during Closed Session.

**OTHER ISSUES**

**State Water Bond**

There are Democratic and Republican versions of a water bond. These bonds are being targeted for the February 2008 election. Mr. Serrato continues to participate in Assembly Member Juan Arambula's valley's group. Key to the Bond will be: 1) storage (above and below ground); 2) Delta Conveyance; and 3) Integrated Regional Water Management Plans.

**Discussion with the City of Clovis**

Staff continues to work with the City of Clovis to discuss the Regional Water Quality Control Board and Department of Health Services issues with the discharge of the treated water from the waste water treatment plant. Staff hosted a meeting on Tuesday, October 9.

**Groundwater Banking Facility**

Staff continues to work with Kings County Water District and the City of Clovis on the second banking facility. The initial study has come back with positive results. The City of Clovis is currently reviewing the banking agreement. The plan is to have the agreement completed by the end of the year.

**Removal of Homeless**

Staff continues to work with the City of Fresno Police Department on removing the homeless off the canal banks. The district is being diligent at keeping the homeless away since this area is near a school.

**Nielsen Property**

The District is looking at a potential tenant for the Nielsen Property.

**Annual Agribusiness Management Conference**

This conference will held on November 7 at the Fresno Convention Center. Anyone interested in attending should let Staff know.

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**ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

**a. Proposed Revised 2007 Budget**

As in past years, the District's Controller reviewed the mid-year budget. Ms. Hailey covered variances that occurred due to a shorten water season, the Three-Year Maintenance Facility Upgrade Plan, and other changes.

**M/S/C/(Balls/Neely)** That Board of Directors approve the revised budget by unanimous vote. (Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 0, Abstain 0)

**b. Water Education Foundation**

Staff recommends giving \$1,000 to the foundation which includes the membership fees.

**M/S/C/(Neely/Balls)** That Board of Directors approve giving \$1,000 to the Water Education Foundation from the General Fund by unanimous vote. (Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 0, Abstain 0)

**DIRECTORS' REPORT**

**Director Steffen** – a grower on the Rolinda Ditch has been leaking into our canal when he irrigates his vineyard. Director Steffen will direct him to call Bill Stretch regarding remedying this situation.

**Director Niederfrank** – attended a training session regarding pesticides with a portion covering how they affect groundwater. Director Niederfrank also inquired about what type of safety training we do for employees having to be certified on respirators.

**CLOSED SESSION**

The Board went into Closed Session at 7:20 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.

**REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**

Closed Session adjourned at 8:25 p.m. with President Boswell stating the Board of Directors had nothing to report.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

President Boswell adjourned the meeting at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gary R. Serrato  
Board Secretary