

**FRESNO IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
HELD JUNE 27, 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 June 27, 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  
Tom Steffen

**DIRECTORS ABSENT**

Steven Balls

**STAFF PRESENT**

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 Ken Richardson  
Reporter Don Wright

**REVIEW AGENDA**

No changes

**REVIEW OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

Mr. Kimura informed the Directors that there will be a Public Hearing covering the draft IRWMP. This Public Hearing will take place at the beginning of the Regular Board Meeting on July 25

**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]**

None stated

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**CONSENT CALENDAR**

- a. **Approval of Board of Equalization Minutes – June 4, 11, and 13, 2007**
- b. **Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes – June 13, 2007**

**M/S/C/(Niederfrank/Neely)** That Board of Directors approve the Consent Calendar by the following vote. (Ayes 4, Nays 0, Absent 1, Abstain 0)

**380: WATER REPORT**

- a. **Current water conditions**

Watermaster Jim Irwin reviewed the current and projected water supply. As of June 26, Pine Flat release was 4,600 cfs. Current storage at Pine Flat is 539,023 acre-feet.

- b. **2007 Hardship Run (walk in)**

Mr. Irwin reviewed the details of performing a Hardship Run. Staff will look for direction from the board on costs, timing, and length of run at the next board meeting. The last Hardship Run was in 2004 and delivered 7,500 acre feet.

**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** – FID is currently processing approximately 15 Developer pipeline projects for the 2007-08 Maintenance Season. Currently there is one project in progress and four have been completed since April 1, 2007. The on-going project impacts the Clovis Canal located southwest of Herndon and Armstrong Avenues.

**Agency Projects** – FID is currently processing approximately ten Agency projects for the 2007-08 Maintenance Season. Currently, there are no projects in progress and one has been completed since April 1, 2007.

At the July 11 meeting, Mr. Stretch will update the Board on the recently approved Three-Year Plan.

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

The latest word is that Donald Trump has come to an agreement with Mike Evans on the purchase of Running Horse for a reported \$40 million with terms and conditions to be worked out within the next few days.

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- c. Grant Deed – The City of Clovis requests to acquire property on FID’s Sunnyside and Shepherd parcel where the Enterprise Canal #109 crosses Shepherd Avenue. Action Request 2007-16**

In 2004, the City of Clovis widened the Shepherd Avenue Bridge over the Enterprise Canal due to the development of the surrounding area. As part of their process of accepting the completed bridge work, Clovis needs the land underlying this bridge granted to the City. The bridge has been widened to its ultimate right-of-way.

Staff inquired if the City would reimburse the District for the land dedication. The City stated that they will not reimburse for the portion of the dedication within the canal easement, but any portion outside of the canal easement is reimbursable at fair market value.

The Board decided to take no action at this time with Staff informing the City of Clovis of the Board’s decision.

**ASSISTANT MANAGER’S REPORT**

Assistant Manager Laurence Kimura reported on the following:

- a. Nielsen Site Rubble Pile Update**

The work at the Nielsen site continues with Mr. Erickson crushing material with aggregate and mixing with the on-site fine material. The mixture will result in a product for Mr. Erickson to use for construction projects. Progress has been made but there is still much more to do.

- b. Waldron Banking Project Update**

The contract with Steve Dovali Construction for the well equipping work is progressing. The pumps at Lambrecht and Empire have been installed and they are currently installing the first pump at the Waldron site. The electrical work is forthcoming. Arthur & Orum indicated the materials for the three wells to be drilled have been ordered with the drilling to start in July. There has been no significant change in the financial status of the project since the last report.

- c. District Office Plan**

The contract with S.I.M. Architects has been fully executed. S.I.M. Architects provided an initial layout of the office floor plan on June 15, 2007. Staff is currently reviewing the proposed draft layout.

- d. General Maintenance and Equipment Update**

Maintenance crews continue to be busy working on miscellaneous repairs and general maintenance. Sand previously removed from the Big Dry Creek is being spread along the Enterprise Canal. The trash truck is busy removing trash from the “hot spots” throughout the system. Tractor sprayers are working on the east side of the District while the spray truck is working in the urban areas. Magnacide has been applied. Pipeline repairs and gopher holes are also being taken care of.

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The Equipment Committee met before the Board Meeting to discuss the off-road equipment grant. It is the Equipment Committee's recommendation to accept the \$411,000 grant for purchase or upgrade to the District's off-road equipment.

M/S/C/(Steffen/Niederfrank) That Board of Directors approve to accept the \$411,000 Grant for the purchase and refurbishment of off-road equipment and with additional equipment purchases to be brought before the Board as necessary by the following vote. (Ayes 4, Nays 0, Absent 1, Abstain 0)

**MANAGER'S REPORT**

Assistant Manager Laurence Kimura reported on the following:

**KINGS RIVER WATER ASSOCIATION**

**KRWA Executive Committee Meeting**

Director Niederfrank reported on the most recent executive committee meeting.

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

Director Neely reported there will be two Friant meetings tomorrow that he and Mr. Kimura will be attending.

**OTHER ISSUES**

Director Boswell met with Phil Desatoff, from the City of Fresno, regarding Leaky Acres and area groundwater issues.

Central Unified has given their notice on leaving the Nielsen Avenue building as of August 1.

**ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

None

**DIRECTORS' REPORT**

**Director Neely** – asked Staff if they spoke with Sam Pallesi concerning a leak on his property in Clovis

**Director Steffen** – stated there are a few water users that are “stepping on” the guy at the end of the ditch by taking extra water and he would like Staff to try and prevent this from happening as much as possible

**Director Niederfrank** – would like staff to clean up the North Central Basin facility

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**CLOSED SESSION**

The Board went into Closed Session at 6:28 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)): one potential case.

**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 6:40 p.m. with President Boswell stating the Board of Directors had nothing to report from Closed Session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

President Boswell adjourned the meeting at 6:41 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gary R. Serrato  
Board Secretary