

**FRESNO IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
HELD OCTOBER 24, 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 24, 2007. Meeting was called to order at 5:02 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  
Assistant General Manager Laurence Kimura  
Chief Engineer Bill Stretch  
Watermaster Jim Irwin  
HR Director Regina Davis  
Controller DeAnn Hailey  
Recording Secretary Lynn B. Rowe

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Legal Counsel Alex Peltzer

**REVIEW AGENDA**

No changes

**REVIEW OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

**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 Regular Board Meeting Minutes – October 10, 2007**
- b. **September 2007 Investment Account**
- c. **September 2007 COP Investment Account**

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

**380: WATER REPORT**

- a. **Current Water Conditions**

Watermaster Jim Irwin reviewed the current and projected water supply. As of October 23, Pine Flat release was 185 cfs and storage was 188,210. Hardship water concluded on September 30. There continues to be growers wanting to take Reclaim water. The Board directed Staff to continue with the Reclaim water as long as there is demand and does not impact any maintenance projects.

**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 located southwest of Herndon and Sunnyside Avenues. Seven projects have been completed since April 1, 2007.

**Agency Projects** – FID is currently processing approximately ten Agency projects for the 2007-08 Maintenance Season. There are three projects in progress which impact the following: 1) Mortenson Pipeline as part of the Caltrans 180 West project where several sections of the pipeline are being replaced near Valentine and Brawley Avenues; 2) the Church Avenue Bridge on the Washington Colony Canal located west of Clovis Avenue; and 3) Redbanks “C” Pipeline located northwest of Ashlan and Temperance Avenues. Four new projects should start during the next week or two including: 1) Clovis Avenue Bridge extension on the Mill Canal south of McKinley Avenue and 2) the Temperance Avenue Bridge replacement on the Gould Canal south of Ashlan Avenue; and 3) the Madera Avenue (Highway 145) culvert replacement (partial) on the Houghton West Canal located north of Nielsen Avenue. The City of Clovis will soon be installing a 48” pipeline underneath the Mill Canal and constructing an outfall structure into Fancher Canal located just downstream of the Fancher Creek Detention Basin (S/W McKinley and McCall Avenues) as part of their Sewer Water Reuse Treatment Facility project.

**USCID Conference** – Mr. Stretch reported on the USCID conference that he attended earlier this month. Mr. Stretch found the conference contained useful information with the networking of the other participants to be very beneficial.

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**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). Mr. Stretch has broken down the projects by the following categories and reported on each: pipelines, lining & rodent barriers, regulating structures & devices, measuring structure & devices, basins, trashrakes, miscellaneous canal structure, ROW/levees & encroachments, and miscellaneous/other.

**c. Developer Project – Dan Gamel RV Requests to Underground the Central Canal #23 in a Box Culvert Located N/E Central and Maple Avenues in Accordance with Board Policy. Action Request 2007-29**

Dan Gamel RV desires to expand its available parking area by undergrounding the Central Canal through its property located northeast of Central and Maple Avenues. This same project was proposed to and approved by the Board on February 5, 1986. Dan Gamel is planning to substitute 370 feet of existing open channel for a two bay box culvert that will connect to the culvert under Central Avenue. The proposed culvert will be designed to convey flows of 350 cfs. Staff recommends that the Board approve this project and that the President, Secretary and Chief Engineer be authorized to sign and accept all agreements, documents and maps pertaining to this project. Staff also recommends that the Developer be responsible for 1) future maintenance of the culvert including replacement; 2) removal of sediment and debris inside the culvert; 3) grant an access easement to the proposed culvert inlet; and, 4) accommodate the Malaga County Water District discharge as described above. President Boswell suggests referring to Civil Code Section 1468 when drawing up the agreement. The Board wants to make sure that the District's easement is protected, even if a future sale takes place.

M/S/C/(Niederfrank/Balls) That Board of Directors approve the project as presented by Staff with the inclusion of the Civil Code Section 1468 and protected verbiage in the agreement for the District by the following vote. (Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 0, Abstain 0)

**ASSISTANT MANAGER'S REPORT**

Assistant General Manager Laurence Kimura reported on the following:

**a. Nielsen Site Rubble Pile Update**

There has not been much change during the last month. Mr. Erickson has not processed any material for some time. There is still a significant amount of unprocessed materials at the site.

**b. Waldron Banking Project Update**

The contract with Steve Dovali Construction for the well equipping work continues. The electrical subcontractor has been busy working with PG&E to install meters, the testing started this week. Arthur & Orum is currently drilling the second of three wells. There has been no change in the financial status since the last report.

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**c. District Office Plan**

Staff presented the architect's rendition of the layout of the proposed building. The management staff is also reviewing the site layout.

**d. General Maintenance and Equipment Update**

Heavy equipment operators are finishing up 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. The trash truck is busy addressing work orders throughout the District. Mr. Kimura presented a slide show of on-going projects out in the field and the proposed plan for the new office building. A maintenance report covering September 16 through October 15, 2007 was passed out.

**MANAGER'S REPORT**

General Manager Gary Serrato reported on the following:

**KINGS RIVER WATER ASSOCIATION**

The Water Rights Fees invoices have been received. Last year's portion for the District was \$27,683 with this year's amount to stay the same. Staff will send out the payment accompanied by a letter stating that these fees are being paid under protest.

Cloud seeding in the Sierra's was discussed. A new company out of Utah has been selected to handle the seeding at a cost to the District of \$8,000 (total cost is approximately \$150,000).

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

Friant issues will be discussed during Closed Session.

**OTHER ISSUES**

**Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District**

The Flood Control District will be holding a public hearing later this year to discuss the replacement of a culvert on Fancher Creek at Academy/McKinley Avenues.

**ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

**a. Equipment Committee Report/Recommendations**

Staff held an Equipment Committee meeting prior to today's meeting and reviewed the purchase of two particulate filters and a new scanner. Payment should come from the Power Revenue Fund in the amount not to exceed \$30,000 for both filters. The scanner is being recommended by Staff in order for us to proceed with our records retention project. The Board had approved the purchase of computer equipment in the amount of \$109,092.37. Staff did not spend \$11,185

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of that amount and would like to take the remaining amount and reallocate it to the purchase of a Kodak Scanner in the amount of \$8,714.64.

**M/S/C/(Steffen/Niederfrank)** That Board of Directors approve the recommendations of the Equipment Committee and Staff for the purchase of two particulate filters not to exceed \$30,000 and a reallocation of funds for the purchase of a new Kodak scanner in the amount of \$8,714.64 from the Power Revenue Fund by unanimous vote. (Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 0, Abstain 0)

**b. Contract with Fresno County Equal Opportunity Commission – Local Conservation Corps**

Staff recommends approving an agreement with the Fresno County Equal Opportunity Commission in assisting District personnel with the removal of trash in the canals. Staff is looking to utilize LCC for 16 weeks during this maintenance season, part of which will occur after the water run starts. The cost is \$3,384 per month for three full-time members and one supervisor/crew leader.

**M/S/C/(Niederfrank/Balls)** That Board of Directors approve entering into an agreement by the following vote. (Ayes 4, Nays 0, Absent 0, Abstain Boswell)

- c. September 2007 Fund Statements**
- d. September 2007 Treasurer’s Report**
- e. September 2007 Deposits and Investments**

Controller DeAnn Hailey reviewed for the Directors the updates and changes regarding the financial reports listed above.

**M/S/C/(Balls/Neely)** That Board of Directors approve the financial reports as given by Staff by unanimous vote. (Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 0, Abstain 0)

**DIRECTORS’ REPORT**

**Director Neely** – commented on an article he read in the Fresno Bee concerning Consolidated Irrigation District (CID). CID will be holding a meeting on November 7 with their board members, cities, and council members. Mr. Serrato will be participating in a portion of that meeting.

**CLOSED SESSION**

The Board went into Closed Session at 7:45 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))

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**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): Snowden Family.

**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.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Gary R. Serrato  
Board Secretary