

**FRESNO IRRIGATION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
HELD DECEMBER 3, 2007**

Fresno Irrigation District's Board of Directors met in special session at the District office located at 2907 South Maple Avenue – Fresno, California on December 3, 2007. Meeting was called to order at 8:05 am 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
Human Resources Director Regina Davis
Controller DeAnn Hailey
Recording Secretary Lynn B. Rowe

OTHERS PRESENT

None

REVIEW AGENDA

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

CHIEF ENGINEER'S REPORT

Chief Engineer Bill Stretch reported on the following items:

- a. **Grant Application – Approve Funds to Prepare Application for DWR Local Groundwater Assistance Grant. Resolution No. 2007-12 and Action Request 2007-32**

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Staff is proposing that the District apply for a grant administered by the Department of Water Resources (DWR) known as the Local Groundwater Assistance Program. A total of \$6.4 million is available for award in Fiscal Year 2007-2008. No single applicant will receive more than \$250,000. Unlike the Water 2025 Grant, there is no cost share required to receive the funds. Staff is proposing the grant be applied towards measurement improvements at the District's ponds, including SCADA and automation improvements. If approved, the District's Consultant (Provost & Pritchard) will begin preparing the grant application which is estimated at \$5,000. DWR requires the Board to approve a resolution authorizing the grant application process. Director Balls suggested a couple of corrections on the actual resolution which will be taken care before the appropriate signatures.

M/S/C/(Balls/Niederfrank) That Board of Directors approve Resolution 2007-12, with the grammar changes as suggested by Director Balls, authorizing the application process at a cost of \$5,000 with funds to come from the Construction Fund by a roll call vote. (Ayes Neely, Balls, Boswell, Steffen, Niederfrank, Nays 0, Absent 0, Abstain 0)

b. Grant Application – Approve Funds to Prepare Application for USBR Water 2025 Grant and Contribute Matching Funds to Project. Resolution No. 2007-13 and Action 2007-33

Staff is proposing that the District apply for a grant administered by the USBR known as the Water 2025 Challenge Grant. This would be a cost-shared funding on a competitive basis for projects that will create water markets and make more efficient use of existing water supplies. A total of \$3 million is available for award in Fiscal Year 2008. The District is seeking a total of \$180,000 for six projects with the money to be used for investigation proposed by the District as part of a continuing, collaborative effort to better manage and put available water supplies within the region to beneficial use. The estimated cost of preparing the application is \$5,000 which is being preformed by Provost & Pritchard Engineering.

M/S/C/(Niederfrank/Balls) That Board of Directors approve Resolution 2007-13, authorizing the application process at a cost of \$5,000 with funds to come from the Construction Fund by a roll call vote. (Ayes Neely, Balls, Boswell, Steffen, Niederfrank, Nays 0, Absent 0, Abstain 0)

ADJOURNMENT

President Boswell adjourned the meeting at 8:25 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gary R. Serrato
Board Secretary