

**FRESNO IRRIGATION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
HELD APRIL 9, 2008**

Fresno Irrigation District's Board of Directors met in regular session at the District office located at 2907 South Maple Avenue – Fresno, California on April 9, 2008. 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

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Tom Steffen

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

Freelance Journalist Don Wright
Fresno Mayor Candidate Doug Vagim

REVIEW AGENDA

The Board will call Mr. Alex Peltzer at 5:30 pm to discuss Closed Session

REVIEW OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Staff requested that the April 23 meeting be moved to April 22.

PUBLIC PRESENTATION

Doug Vagim, candidate for Fresno Mayor, spoke to the Board and presented his qualifications for the position

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 – March 26, 2008**
- b. **March 2008 Check Register**
- c. **March 2008 Special Check Register**
- d. **March 2008 Payroll Register**
- e. **March 2008 Attorney Fees**
- f. **March 2008 Consultant Fees**
- g. **March 2008 Assessment Collection Report**
- h. **March 2008 Investment Account**

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

380: WATER REPORT

a. **Current Water Conditions**

Watermaster, Jim Irwin, reviewed the water condition report and the current and projected water supply. As of April 8, Pine Flat release was 1,803 cfs and storage was 355,863 acre feet.

Snow pillows are at 109.5% for April 8 or 102.4% of the April 1 average. Higher temperatures are expected by the weekend. This past March was the fifth driest on record.

b. **USBR Section 215 Water Contract – Resolution 2008-07**

Staff presented the yearly 215 contract for approval by resolution.

M/S/C/(Balls/Neely) That Board of Directors approve Resolution 2008-07 by a roll call vote. (Ayes Neely, Balls, Boswell, and Niederfrank, Nays 0, Absent Steffen, Abstain 0)

CLOSED SESSION

The Board suspended the open portion of the meeting at 5:26 pm and went into Closed Session.

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))

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

Government Code Section 54956.8 Real Property Transactions.

Negotiators: Laurence Kimura and Queensland Cotton/Anderson Clayton Corp.

Properties: Portion of APN 487-042-19S (.2 acres)

Terms and Conditions: Update

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The Board concluded Closed Session at 5:55 pm and returned to Open Session.

CHIEF ENGINEER'S REPORT

Chief Engineer reported on the following items:

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

Developer Projects – Staff has processed 10 Developer pipeline projects for the 2008-09 Maintenance Season. There are no projects currently in progress. Thirteen projects were completed between April 1, 2007 – March 31, 2008.

Agency Projects – FID is currently processing six Agency projects for the 2008-09 Maintenance Season. Six projects were completed between April 1, 2007 – March 31, 2008. No projects are taking place at this time.

Miscellaneous – Tarpey East Canal No. 100 and Landowner Sam Pellisi. Staff is researching several options per the Board's direction during the March 23, 2008, meeting. Staff is planning to present the options at the April 22, 2008, board meeting.

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

The Engineering Staff is working with contractors and developers on nine different projects.

c. Information Items:

i. Discuss City of Fresno's Temporary Surface Water Treatment Facility located N/W of Dakota and Temperance Avenues. Proposed Improvements to the Jefferson-Brown-Gunn Canal Systems

The City of Fresno is planning to construct a temporary Surface Water Treatment Facility located northwest of Dakota and Temperance Avenues. At maximum capacity, this plant should be able to treat eight MGD. The City of Fresno is planning for the plant to be online by May 2010 and remain in service for 10 years. The plant will run only during FID's irrigation season.

FID has determined that it will be best if this facility receives water from the Gunn and Brown pipelines, which receives water from the Enterprise via the Jefferson Canal. Although the SWTF is located near the Gould Canal, it was ruled out as a potential water source due to the routine use of aquatic herbicides and extensive work would be needed to upgrade the system.

ii. Discuss City of Fresno's Herndon Avenue Widening Project Between Marks and Valentine Avenues and Potential Pipelining of the Bullard Canal

The City of Fresno is proposing to widen Herndon Avenue (from four to six lanes) between Marks and Valentine Avenues. They need an additional six to ten feet of road right-of-way on the south side of Herndon Avenue which will impact the Bullard Canal No. 124. The City is proposing to encroach into the District's open canal easement and enter into a Common Use of

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Easements Agreement. The City's position is that the road widening will not impact canal operations or maintenance except where a right hand lane is needed at Marks Avenue. The City is willing to pipe 200 feet of the canal at this location. The project cost is estimated at \$450,000. Staff will continue to keep the Board informed on this project.

Director Boswell's suggested leaving the canal open and not pipe it unless the City agrees to maintain and landscape that area. He also suggests talking to Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District since the canal is now being used for routing "recharge" water.

Director Boswell left at 6 p.m. and handed the meeting over to Vice President Neely.

ASSISTANT MANAGER'S REPORT

Assistant General Manager Laurence Kimura reported on the following:

a. Nielsen Site Rubble Pile Update

Work at the site continues on a slow but steady basis. On-site materials were not processed during the latest visit due to lack of aggregate. Last week Staff met with Van Erickson, Harry Wilmeth, and two representatives from Fresno County to discuss the mining issue. A follow-up meeting will be scheduled in the next several weeks. Staff is checking to see about obtaining an extension.

b. Waldron Banking Project Update

Arthur & Orum well drilling work still has one well to complete. Arthur & Orum completed the air lifting activities. Provost & Pritchard has discussed the results with Ken Schmidt. A letter was sent to Mr. Arthur to discuss what is needed to be done next. Provost & Pritchard and District staff are currently working on getting the next set of plans and specifications out for equipping the three new wells. Staff is also working on the monitoring program with Provost & Pritchard.

c. District Office Plan

Staff is continuing to work on the plans for the new office. The plans and specifications for the storage buildings should be going out to bid in the near future. Staff will meet with Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District regarding their assessment fees on the new building.

d. General Maintenance and Equipment Update

Maintenance crews are busy performing maintenance activities as necessary for water deliveries. Gopher holes and ditch bank leaks are being addressed as necessary. Magnacide applications took place this week on the Dry Creek system. The trash truck continues to work throughout the District. Mr. Kimura reported an incident with the spray-rig tractor last month.

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MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager Gary Serrato reported on the following:

KINGS RIVER WATER ASSOCIATION

Director Neely and Gary Serrato attended the ACWA Region 6 lunch meeting last week. Mr. Tim Quinn, CEO of ACWA, was in attendance. Mr. Serrato spoke at the luncheon about the Upper Kings River Water Forum.

FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY / FRIANT WATER USERS AUTHORITY

Discussed during Closed Session.

OTHER ISSUES

Del Mar School Meeting

Mr. Serrato met with a group of parents, Fresno Unified School District staff, and City of Fresno representatives. After Mr. Serrato made his presentation, the parents still preferred the fencing idea over the District's suggestion of a new bridge. A school-wide assembly was also held a few days later with a Water Safety Council representative presenting safety information to the students. School representatives are interested in holding a water safety assembly every two years.

Fresno County

Mr. Serrato met with Alan Weaver, Public Works Director with Fresno County. Mr. Weaver is very interested in working with the District to develop a water supply for the Dry Creek Association. Mr. Weaver and Mr. Serrato will schedule a meeting in July to begin negotiations on the development of the agreement. The County is looking for 500 to 1,000 acre feet.

Meeting with Congressman Jim Costa

Congressman Jim Costa asked that Mr. Serrato to attend a meeting with Friant and Fresno County Board of Supervisor Phil Larson to discuss third party impacts of the Friant Settlement.

Kings County Water District

Gary Sawyers and Mr. Serrato met with Don Mills, General Manager of the Kings County Water District. The meeting went very well and a completed agreement should be available within the next couple of months.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

a. Board of Directors Mandatory Ethics/Harassment Training

Regina Davis updated the Directors on the requirements of mandatory ethics/harassment training for the Board Members and the District's upper management staff.

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- b. Approval of Overnight Stay for Four Administrative Assistants to Attend Laserfiche Training in Walnut Creek on April 28 and 29, 2008 (walk-in)**

Ms. Davis explained the importance in attending the advanced training on the Laserfiche software for the assistants.

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

- c. Approval of Overnight Stay for a Director to Attend Special District and Local Government Institute Administration Seminar in San Diego, CA on June 26 and 27, 2008**

Staff presented the information on an upcoming seminar on Administration sponsored by the Special District and Local Government Institute in San Diego, CA on June 26 and 27.

M/S/C/(Niederfrank/Balls) That Board of Directors approve the over night stay of any Director who would like to attend the upcoming seminar in June by the following vote. (Ayes Neely, Balls, and Niederfrank, Nays 0, Absent Boswell and Steffen, Abstain 0)

- d. March 2008 COP Investment Account (walk-in)**

Controller DeAnn Hailey reviewed the March 2008 COP Investment Account for the Board.

M/S/C/(Balls/Niederfrank) That Board of Directors approve the March 2008 COP Investment Account.as presented by Staff by the following vote. (Ayes Neely, Balls, and Niederfrank, Nays 0, Absent Boswell and Steffen, Abstain 0)

- e. Approval of Overnight Stay for Chief Engineer Bill Stretch to Attend the USCID's Conference in Scottsdale, AZ on May 28-31, 2008 with a Theme of "Urbanization of Irrigated Land and Water Transfers". Action Request 2008-14**

Staff presented the outline of the upcoming conference on Urbanization of Irrigated Lands to be held in Scottsdale, AZ on May 28-31, 2008

M/S/C/(Balls/Niederfrank) That Board of Directors approve the Chief Engineer attendance at the May 28-31 conference in Scottsdale, AZ by the following vote. (Ayes Neely, Balls, and Niederfrank, Nays 0, Absent Boswell and Steffen, Abstain 0)

- f. Resolution 2008-08 – John R. Wright Retirement (walk-in)**

Staff presented the Board with the resolution to be given to Mr. John Wright, Director of Planning & Development for the City of Clovis, at his retirement dinner.

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M/S/C/(Niederfrank/Balls) That Board of Directors approve Resolution 2008-08 by the following roll call vote. (Ayes Neely, Balls, and Niederfrank, Nays 0, Absent Boswell and Steffen, Abstain 0)

DIRECTORS' REPORT

Director Niederfrank – feels that when water measurement is implemented, the District will run more efficiently.

Motorcycles and quads continue to trespass on the Running Horse property. Staff is pursuing fencing the District's property. Staff has not heard anything new from the lenders who have taken possession of the property.

REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

Vice President Neely stated there was nothing to report from Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice President Neely adjourned the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gary R. Serrato
Board Secretary