

**FRESNO IRRIGATION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
HELD FEBRUARY 27, 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 February 27, 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
Tom Steffen

DIRECTORS ABSENT

STAFF PRESENT

General Manager Gary Serrato
Assistant General Manager Laurence Kimura
Watermaster Jim Irwin
Chief Engineer Bill Stretch
Human Resources Director Regina Davis
Controller DeAnn Hailey
Recording Secretary Lynn B. Rowe

OTHERS PRESENT

Legal Counsel Gary Sawyers (via conference call)

REVIEW AGENDA

Mr. Serrato request that Closed Session be moved to 5:30 pm and that a conference call with Gary Sawyer will take place.

REVIEW OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Same as posted

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 – February 13, 2008**
- b. **Standard Developer Project – City of Clovis will pipeline the Gunn Canal #386 located N/E Ashlan and Temperance Avenues in Accordance with Board Policy. Action Request 2008-08**

In the February 13, 2008, minutes under Directors' Reports, Director Steffen reported that he met with Nick Koretoff and not Nick Nazaroff.

M/S/C/(Balls/Neely) That Board of Directors approve the Consent Calendar as corrected under Director Steffen's report by a 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 February 26, Pine Flat release was cut back to 52 cfs and storage was 335,872 acre feet.

Friant Water Authority anticipates a portion of the Class II water will be allocated for this water season.

- b. **Water Allocation – Cost for Annex Areas for 2008 Season**

Staff recommends charging the same fee as in 2006 at \$75 per acre feet for Class II water. Should the District not receive Class II water, fees and allocation will be brought back to the Board for additional direction.

M/S/C/(Niederfrank/Neely) That Board of Directors approve the allocation of Class II water at \$75 per acre foot by unanimous vote. (Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 0, Abstain 0)

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 20 Developer pipeline projects for the 2007-08 Maintenance Season. All but one project on the Eisen Canal at Belmont and Armstrong Avenues have been wrapped up. Ten projects have been completed since April 1, 2007.

Agency Projects – FID is currently processing approximately eight Agency projects for the 2007-08 Maintenance Season with four projects being completed since April 2007. The final agency projects are being wrapped up before the start of the 2008 water season.

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CLOSED SESSION

The Board suspended the open portion of the meeting at 5:30 pm and initiated a conference call to District counsel, Gary Sawyers in 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

The Board returned from of Closed Session at 6:44 pm and resumed Mr. Stretch’s presentation on the following:

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

Mr. Stretch completed his presentation on the Maintenance and Facility Upgrade Plan (MFUP). A slide presentation reviewed the progress of current and completed projects.

A recess took place from 7:00 pm to 7:30 pm and Open Session resumed with the following:

Staff requested that Administrative Matters be moved ahead to accommodate the controller’s schedule.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

a. Financial Update

Sampson and Sampson will be on site to perform the District’s annual audit on March 26, 27, and 28. Incode consultants are finishing their third week of installation. Staff, in general, is very pleased with the progress and software capabilities.

ASSISTANT MANAGER’S REPORT

Assistant General Manager Laurence Kimura reported on the following:

a. Nielsen Site Rubble Pile Update

Work at the site continues to be slow but steady. On-site materials continue to be processed intermittently. A fair amount of what appears to be finished product is stacked at the site.

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b. Waldron Banking Project Update

The contract with Steve Dovali Construction for the well equipping work continues. The lights have been installed.

Arthur & Orum well drilling work still has one well to complete. They are still working on resolving the sand problem.

c. District Office Plan

Site plans are in the stage of being finalized and Staff continues to work with Anderson-Clayton on the purchase of a strip of land bordering our two properties.

d. General Maintenance and Equipment Update

Maintenance personnel are preparing for a March 1st start date. Heavy equipment operators are busy dredging and hauling sand for the Central and Washington Canals. Equipment operators are also performing grading work on the Houghton Canal and are currently working east from the Waldron Banking Facility. Spraying activities continue with both Direx and Roundup. The trash truck is working on the Houghton, Enterprise, and Herndon systems. The Maintenance Report covering January 16 – February 15, 2008, was distributed. Two vehicles have been taken to auction.

MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager Gary Serrato reported on the following:

KINGS RIVER WATER ASSOCIATION

Fish and Game

Mr. Serrato met yesterday with the Fish and Game Committee. Topics covered the matching funds from the Department of Fish and Game for the fish program and the completion of the last fish radio transmitter implants.

Upper Kings River Water Forum

The Proposition 50 grant funding recipients under the section of Integrated Regional Water Management Plans will be announced in May 2008.

FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY / FRIANT WATER USERS AUTHORITY

Discussed during Closed Session.

OTHER ISSUES

Meeting with Del Mar Elementary School Representatives

A meeting with the Del Mar parents committee, member of city council, school principal, and District Staff will be held next week to discuss safe pedestrian traffic routes to and from school.

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Waterways Newsletter

The latest issue of the Waterways Newsletter has been printed and has been mailed to landowners and others. Copies were distributed to the Board Members.

Groundwater Banking Facility / City of Clovis

Gary Sawyers and Gary Serrato met with the City of Clovis staff and their city attorney. In general, it was a more productive meeting with several of the bigger issues being settled. A preliminary agreement is being developed.

DIRECTORS' REPORT

None

REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

President Boswell stated there was nothing to report from Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT

President Boswell adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gary R. Serrato
Board Secretary