

**FRESNO IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
HELD JANUARY 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 January 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  
Steven Balls  
Tom Steffen

**DIRECTORS ABSENT**

Eddie Niederfrank

**STAFF PRESENT**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Independent Reporter Don Wright  
General Counsel Gary Sawyers (arrived as scheduled at 6:30 pm)

**REVIEW AGENDA**

Staff removed item 9 g. which will be scheduled for a later meeting

**REVIEW OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

The regular meeting to be held on January 23 has been rescheduled for January 30 due to a conflict in schedules with the Pacific Region Water Users Conference in Reno, NV

**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

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

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

- a. **Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes – December 12, 2007**
- b. **December 2007 Check Register**
- c. **December 2007 Special Check Register**
- d. **December 2007 Payroll Register**
- e. **December 2007 Attorney Fees**
- f. **December 2007 Consultant Fees**
- g. **December 2007 Assessment Collection Report**

M/S/C/(Steffen/Balls) That Board of Directors approve the Consent Calendar by the following vote. (Ayes Neely, Balls, Boswell, Steffen, Nays 0, Absent Niderfrank, Abstain 0)

**380: WATER REPORT**

- a. **Current Water Conditions**

Watermaster Jim Irwin reviewed the current and projected water supply. As of January 8, Pine Flat release was 85 cfs and storage was 237,742 acre feet.

**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 25 Developer pipeline projects for the 2007-08 Maintenance Season. Currently there is one project in progress. The one current project impacts the Central Canal located northeast of Church and Peach Avenues. Nine projects have been completed since April 1, 2007. Several additional projects are expected to start within the next few weeks.

**Agency Projects** – FID is currently processing approximately ten Agency projects for the 2007-08 Maintenance Season with three projects being completed since April 2007. There are two 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; and 2) Grey Colony culvert crossing at McCall Avenue and south of Shields Avenue.

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

Mr. Stretch provided the Board an update on the Maintenance and Facility Upgrade Plan (MFUP). A slide presentation shows the progress of current projects.

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

**c. Purchase Digital Aerial Photographs. Action Request 2008-01**

Staff recommends that the Board approve the purchase of 2007 aerial photos with the expenditure to come from the General Fund. Staff also recommends that the District stay current with changes in both the rural and urban areas and update the photos every two-three years.

M/S/C/(Neely/Steffen) That Board of Directors approve the purchase of aerial photos at a cost of \$8,430 by the following vote. (Ayes Neely, Balls, Boswell, Steffen, Nays 0, Absent Niederfrank, Abstain 0)

**d. Grant Application – Approve Funds to Prepare Application for the USBR Water Conservation Field Grant and Contribute Matching Funds to Project. Resolution 2008-03 – Action Request 2008-02**

Staff recommends that the Board approve Acton Request 2008-02 and Resolution 2008-03 and authorize Staff and its consultant (Provost & Pritchard) to proceed with the grant application. The preparation of the application is estimated at \$3,000 which shall come from the Construction Fund. This project was approved as part of the three year Maintenance and Facility Upgrade Plan and shall be funded through the Construction Fund. Staff also recommends the grant reimburse the Construction Fund.

M/S/C/(Neely/Balls) That Board of Directors approve the recommendation of Staff on Action Request 2008-02 as presented by a roll call vote. (Ayes Neely, Balls, Boswell, Steffen, Nays 0, Absent Niederfrank, Abstain 0)

M/S/C/(Neely/Balls) That Board of Directors approve Resolution 2008-03 by a roll call vote. (Ayes Neely, Balls, Boswell, Steffen, Nays 0, Absent 1, Abstain 0)

**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. A fair amount of what appears to be finished product is stacked at the site.

**b. Waldron Banking Project Update**

The contract with Steve Dovali Construction for the well equipping work continues. Dovali Construction and their electrical subcontractor are essentially finished with the punch list items except for the lighting work that will not occur until the parts are received and installed later this month.

Arthur & Orum well drilling work is almost complete. The last well was developed and tested and found a significant amount of sand was being pumped. This problem is being addressed.

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

The next pay request is about ready to submit to the State. This request will be the last one to the State except for the retention amount.

**c. District Office Plan**

Staff is currently working with SIM Architects on the site plan and storage buildings. Geotechnical work was performed. Staff is in discussions with Anderson-Clayton Corporation about the potential purchase of a strip of land to the south of the proposed office location to better accommodate the proposed office building.

**d. General Maintenance and Equipment Update**

Maintenance personnel are gearing up again after the holiday breaks. Heavy equipment operators are busy assisting construction crews with project on the Enterprise Canal and Herndon Canal. Director Neely suggested looking into a “lowjack or security system” for the high-dollar equipment in case of future vandalism or theft. Maintenance Report covering November 16 – December 15, 2007 was distributed to Directors and Staff.

**MANAGER’S REPORT**

General Manager Gary Serrato reported on the following:

**KINGS RIVER WATER ASSOCIATION**

**Fishery Management Program**

The Fish and Game Committee met yesterday and prepared a recommendation for the Executive Committee. The Committee is requesting that the Executive Committee allow funding and approve a study that will include a study of the fishery and the riparian habitat in the laterals that are being utilized by the King River Water District.

**Upper Kings River Water Forum**

The Upper Kings River Water Forum will meet tomorrow to decide which project(s) will be presented for the second round of Proposition 50 funding.

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

This item will be discussed during Closed Session.

**OTHER ISSUES**

**Groundwater Banking Facility / City of Clovis**

District Staff and legal counsel and City of Clovis Staff and their attorney will meet on January 22<sup>nd</sup> to continue their discussions on a proposed water banking facility. An agreement is still a ways apart.

**Joint Powers Insurance Authority**

A representative from JPIA would like to come and speak at a future meeting. Staff will work to set this up and inform the Board when the details are set.

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

**Miscellaneous Items**

Mr. Serrato reported that he has been contacted by Senator Florez's staff about fencing along the District's canal banks.

Staff continues to work on moving the water out of the water bank facility. Details still need to be worked out.

The upcoming newsletter covering the new office building plan and the Three Year Maintenance Upgrade Plan is coming along and should be ready for mailing by the end of the month.

**ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

**a. Resolution 2008-01 (Change of Dates of Regularly Scheduled Board Meetings)**

Staff recommends moving the District's meeting dates to the second and fourth Wednesday of each month starting in February 2008.

**M/S/C/(Balls/Neely)** That Board of Directors approve the new meeting dates as presented by Staff by roll call vote. (Ayes Neely, Balls, Boswell, Steffen, Nays 0, Absent Niederfrank, Abstain 0)

**b. Resolution 2008-02 – Recognition of Years of Service for Samuel Rodriguez**

Mr. Rodriguez has worked for the District for the past 22 + years and is now retiring. The District would like to present to Mr. Rodriguez a plaque for his years of dedication.

**M/S/C/(Neely/Balls)** That Board of Directors approve Resolution 2008-02 for Mr. Rodriguez's years of service by a roll call vote. (Ayes Neely, Balls, Boswell, Steffen, Nays 0, Absent Niederfrank, Abstain 0)

**c. Revision of Policy 140-522 Employee Driving District Vehicle – taxes on Personal Use of Vehicle**

Staff recommends approving the revised policy to comply with the IRS Publication 15-B.

**M/S/C/(Steffen/Balls)** That Board of Directors approve the modification to Policy 140-522 by the following vote. (Ayes Neely, Balls, Boswell, Steffen, Nays 0, Absent Niederfrank, Abstain 0)

**d. Revision Policy 130-403 Purchasing Source Accounting – Increase Spending Limit Approval**

Staff recommends approving the revised policy to comply with California Government Code §54201.

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

**M/S/C/(Steffen/Balls)** That Board of Directors approve the increase in spending limit from \$2,000 to \$5,000 by the following vote. (Ayes Neely, Balls, Boswell, Steffen, Nays 0, Absent Niederfrank, Abstain 0)

**e. Revision of Policy 130-508 Audit & Issuance of Checks – Changes for Audit Committee**

Staff recommends the changes to the procedures for audit and issuance of checks due to additional safety/verifications processes have been put in place.

**M/S/C/(Balls/Neely)** That Board of Directors approve the change in audit procedures by the following vote. (Ayes Neely, Balls, Boswell, Steffen, Nays 0, Absent Niederfrank, Abstain 0)

**f. Authorization for Overnight Stay for Assistant General Manager Laurence Kimura to Attend California Weed Science Society Annual Conference – Monterey, CA January 28-30, 2008**

Staff requested authorization of an over-night stay for the Assistant General Manager to attend the CWSS Conference in Monterey, CA

**M/S/C/(Steffen/Balls)** That Board of Directors approve the overnight stay of the Assistant General Manager by the following vote. (Ayes Nelly, Balls, Boswell, Steffen, Nays 0, Absent Niederfrank, Abstain 0)

**g. Removed from Agenda – KT Enterprises – Fuel Management Equipment Installation**

**h. Kings River Watershed Coalition Authority Joint Powers Agreement**

In December 2007, Kings River Conservation District (KRCD) met with a group of district managers to discuss the formation of a Watershed Coalition Authority. The KRCD is not willing to continue to be the lead agency for the Ag Wavier Program. KRCD is now asking the participants in the current Kings River Water Coalition to form the Kings River Watershed Coalition Authority. KRCD would continue to perform water quality analysis on the river, but would perform those duties as a subcontractor. Staff recommends continuing to participate in this program.

The Board recommends continuing as presented by Staff.

**DIRECTORS' REPORT**

None

**CLOSED SESSION**

After a short recess, the Board went into Closed Session at 7:15 pm.

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

**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 conferred 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

**REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**

Closed Session adjourned at 8:29 p.m. with President Boswell stating there was nothing new to report.

**ADJOURNMENT**

President Boswell adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gary R. Serrato  
Board Secretary