

**FRESNO IRRIGATION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
HELD APRIL 22, 2009**

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 22, 2009. Meeting was called to order at 5:04 pm by Board President Jeff Boswell.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

President Jeff Boswell
Vice President Jeff Neely
Steven Balls
George Porter
Ryan Jacobsen

DIRECTORS ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

General Manager Gary R. Serrato
Assistant General Manager Laurence Kimura
Chief Engineer Bill Stretch
Human Resources Director Regina Davis
Recording Secretary Lynn B. Rowe

OTHERS PRESENT

City of Fresno – Department of Public Utilities Representative, Lon Martin (Assistant Director)

REVIEW AGENDA

The February financial reports were handed out for review only. Approval of the reports will be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

REVIEW OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Mr. Serrato informed the Board that the auditor will present his report at the May 13 meeting.

PUBLIC PRESENTATION

City of Fresno, Lon Martin – Water Meters

Mr. Martin gave a presentation to the Board on the City of Fresno's Meter Installation Implementation process. The presentation reported on the following requirements and timeline:

- Install residential water meters on or before January 2013
- Install approximately 113,265 meters City wide by 2013
- Failure to do so, puts federal water supply (60,000 AF) Contract at risk.
- Implement automatic meter readings on residential meters.
- Develop website to allow Customers to check on up-to-date information such as current water used.
- The City will explore new and improved drive-by or fixed network types of meter technology

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- The city will hold public meetings to outline the use of the website and develop a water meter installation hotline.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

a. Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes – April 8, 2009

Director Balls motioned and Vice President Neely seconded the approval of the Consent Calendar; however, Director Jacobsen requested that the motion stated in the April 8 minutes under Water Sales; Groundwater Bank, reflect the verbiage of the description (page 36).

President Boswell asked Director Ball to withdrawal his motion and for Vice President Neely to withdrawal his second – both agreed. It was decided the minutes should be corrected and placed on the next Board meeting agenda for approval.

380: WATER REPORT

a. Current Water Conditions

Watermaster Jim Irwin reviewed the current and projected water supply and snow pack information. As of April 21, Pine Flat release was 1,562 cfs and storage was 409,486 acre-feet. Pine Flat precipitation is 67.6% of normal. After several days of above-average temperatures, cooler weather is expected by the weekend. Mr. Irwin reported the coordinate run, which consists of lower river districts combining their deliveries to reduce river channel losses, will begin on June 1.

CHIEF ENGINEER'S REPORT

Chief Engineer Bill Stretch reported on the following items:

a. Developer and Agency Project Schedule for 2009/10 Update

Developer Projects – No projects are taking place at this time – reviewing of new projects continue

Agency Projects – No projects are taking place at this time – reviewing of new projects continue

b. Three-Year Maintenance and Facility Upgrade Project for 2008/09

Mr. Stretch reviewed the progress of the three-year projects.

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Mr. Mike Mehling, on the Sylvia Ditch, is experiencing low head pressure. Staff is working to correct this.

ASSISTANT MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager Gary Serrato reported on the following:

a. Nielsen Site Rubble Pile Update

A small amount of material is being removed from the site. Mr. Kimura also reported on the meeting he and Mr. Serrato attended with Council President Cynthia Sterling and City of Fresno Code Enforcement Manager, Matthew Lopez. Mr. Lopez will be reviewing the project and contacting Staff. The City appears to be taking a supportive position towards FID. District Staff is requesting an additional two-year extension.

b. Waldron Banking Project Update

All pumps are operating at the project. Staff continues to wait on reimbursement from the Department of Water Resource.

c. District Office Plan

The San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control Board has signed off on the work on the annex building. Removal of the annex building can now proceed. The project to remove the annex building and build the new facility is currently out for bid.

d. General Maintenance and Equipment Update

- Crews are back in water operation
- Heavy equipment operators are taking care of gopher holes around the District
- Spraying is taking place as weather permits
- Trash truck is on the south side

Maintenance report covering March 16, 2009 to April 15, 2009 was handed out.

MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager Gary Serrato reported on the following:

KINGS RIVER WATER ASSOCIATION

KRWA Executive Committee

KRWA Board President Norm Waldner request that the Annual Dinners be discontinued due to lower turnout and increasing cost. A vote on whether to continue the dinners will take place at the next KRWA Executive Committee meeting.

KRWA Watermaster Steve Haugen announced that the Fisheries Frame Work Agreement will only require Exhibit "C" flows this year due to the less than the 80% runoff.

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The stacking plates that were installed at the lake and river to detect mussel infestation were reported to be clear of the Quagga and zebra mussels at this time.

PG&E is proposing to construct two small reservoirs above Wishon on Short Haired Creek and Lost Canyon. Combined they will have the ability to retain 30,000 acre-feet.

Northern California

The California Drought Waterbank is expected to only produce 35,000 acre-feet this year. Water purchased from the bank will cost \$275 per acre-foot north of the Delta.

Fresno County Meeting – CSA 51

A meeting has been scheduled with County of Fresno representatives to complete discussions on the final detail of the CSA 51 agreement.

Waldron Banking Facility Reimbursement

Mr. Serrato spoke with DWR Representative, Tracy Billington, regarding the Waldron Facility reimbursement from Proposition 13 funds. The project has been deemed completed and all final documents were submitted to DWR in December of 2008. The District is in a good position to receive the remaining 10 % retention

FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY / FRIANT WATER USERS AUTHORITY

Discussions continued towards settling the last component of the mediated agreement. The recovered/re-circulated Water Account remains the last issue to resolve. The issue remains in weather the recovered and re-circulated should be allocated as supply in the same year, or weather same water should be given to those districts that have provided the water in prior years.

OTHER ISSUES

Growers Meeting

The growers meeting in Director Jacobsen's was well attended and recieved. Approximately 25-30 growers were present. Watermaster Jim Irwin presented the latest water routing and explained the different components (such as storage) that are taken into consideration by the Board prior to beginning of each year water season. Chief Engineer Bill Stretch reported on the improvements being made throughout the system made possible with the success of the 218 election. Staff heard a lot of positive feedback from the growers.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

a. Review of Board of Equalization Dates

Staff reviewed the dates for the Board of Equalization. The public notice will be posted in the Fresno Bee in May. The dates set for the meetings are June 1, June 8, and June 10.

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b. Review of Board of Directors Handbook

Staff presented a draft copy of the Directors' Handbook to the Directors for review and comments. This will be placed on the next Board agenda for general review.

DIRECTORS' REPORT

Director Balls – will be attending the Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies meeting on Thursday

Director Porter – took the Farm Bureau's Fact class tour of the Kings River and Pine Flat Dam. Director Porter found the tour to be very interesting and informative. The tour included a visit to the interior of the Pine Flat Dam.

Director Jacobsen – Requested a copy of the ACWA PowerPoint presentation for the other Directors at the next meeting

CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session convened at 7:39 p.m.

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

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)): KRWA.

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)): Nielsen Avenue Property

Government Code Section 54956.8 Real Property Transactions.

Negotiators: Laurence Kimura and Ardismae Brooks

Properties: Portion of APN 334-320-05

Terms and Conditions: Update

REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session concluded at 8:25 p.m.

President Boswell stated the Snowden case has been settled.

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ADJOURNMENT

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

Submitted By,

Gary R. Serrato
Board Secretary