

**FRESNO IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
HELD JUNE 24, 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 June 24, 2009. Meeting was called to order at 5:05 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**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT**

None

**REVIEW AGENDA**

No changes

**REVIEW OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

None

**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

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

- a. **Approval of Board of Equalization Meetings Minutes – June 1, June 8, June 10, 2009**
- b. **Approval of Special Meeting Minutes – June 8, 2009**

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**c. Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes – June 10, 2009**

**M/S/C/(Neely/Balls)** That Board of Directors approved the Consent Calendar by 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 information. As of June 23, Pine Flat release was 5,888 cfs and storage was 641,429 acre-feet. Staff will present a water supply update at the July 8 meeting and make a recommendation of the length of the 2009 delivery season.

**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 at this time. One project may commence during the next few weeks on the H Ditch.

**Agency Projects** – A permit was issued this week on the Teague School Pipeline (Polk and Gettysburg area). The project is expected to be completed the first week of July.

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

A list will be provided at the next board meeting covering the 2009/2010 Three-Year maintenance schedule.

**c. Fresno Betsuin Buddhist Temple – Potential Pipeline Relocation of the Maupin West Branch Canal No. 374 located NW Alluvial and Willow Avenues – Update**

Mr. Stretch and Mr. Serrato explained to the representatives from the Betsuin Buddhist Temple the requirements for relocating the pipeline. The pipeline has numerous leaks and needs to be replaced. The Betsuin Buddhist Temple representative said they cannot afford to pay for the move and replacement of the pipeline and they feel that they have met all their legal obligations. Staff suggested financing the project with the District – it is currently under consideration.

**d. Canal Abandonment – Tailend Portion of the Lisenby No. 45 Located Near Highway 99 and Blythe Avenue. Action Request 2009-15**

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Staff will send out letters informing the landowners of the affected canal of the District's intent to abandon this canal. The canal has remained dormant for about five years. Before a decision is made, there will be an open meeting to hear public comments.

Staff asked for approval to proceed with the initial steps to close down the canal.

**M/S/C/(Neely/Porter)** That Board of Directors approved Staff to proceed with abandonment of the Lisenby No. 45 canal by unanimous vote. (Ayes 5; Nays 0; Absent 0; Abstain 0)

**e. Informational Item:**

- i. Discuss USCID's Conference in Reno, Nevada on June 3-6 with a Theme of "Irrigation District Sustainability – Strategies to Meet the Challenges". Item 2009-16

Mr. Stretch attended the conference in Reno, NV. The audience was mostly made up of technical people such as engineers. Mr. Stretch jointly presented a paper on waste water with Dave Mowry of Blair, Church and Flynn. Another co-authored paper was presented by Randy Hopkins, of Provost & Pritchard Engineering and Mr. Stretch on the improvements of the Enterprise system.

Mr. Stretch took a half day tour where he visited the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District just outside of Fernley, NV. Mr. Stretch visited the area where a major break occurred in 2007 from a severe storm. It is believed that rodents played a part in the breach.

A constituent in Director Porter's area called to complain about the trash at the intersection of Shaw and Goldenrod (G-1). Staff will look into the matter.

Another constituent across from the Jameson Pond called about the moss build-up and the problems it is causing. The moss is attracting birds, insects, and is putting out a foul smell.

**ASSISTANT MANAGER'S REPORT**

Assistant General Manager Laurence Kimura reported on the following:

**a. Nielsen Site Rubble Pile Update**

Nothing much has changed at the site. The city is inquiring about the estimated volume of material needed to be brought in to complete the job. Mr. Erickson is starting to remove some of his equipment.

**b. Waldron Banking Project Update**

Wells are expected to be turned off early July sometime. Groundwater levels are being monitored. An Advisory Committee meeting has been scheduled for the end of the month.

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**c. District Office Plan**

Bid opening took place on May 14. Staff reviewed the bid submittals from the lowest three bidders and found everything to be in order. Licenses, permits, and other essential documentation were verified for the lowest bidder. Staff's recommendation is to award the bid to the lowest bidder, Applegate Johnston, Inc., based out of Modesto. Once work commences, it should take approximately 300 days for the completion of the office building.

**M/S/C/(Balls/Porter)** That Board of Directors approved awarding the bid to Applegate Johnston, Inc. by unanimous vote. (Ayes 5; Nays 0; Absent 0; Abstain 0)

**d. General Maintenance and Equipment Update**

- Long Crested Weirs and flap gates have been helping minimize rodent holes by maintaining water levels
- Heavy equipment operators are repairing gopher and squirrel holes on the banks throughout the District
- Cleaning up the rubble at Waldron
- Putting up bird spikes around the shop/office building area
- Cleaning up and finishing up the fence work around Little Pine Flat
- Spraying as weather permits
- Magnacide application will occur this week
- Trash crews are working on the Fancher / Herndon systems

The maintenance report covering May 16 through June 15, 2009 was distributed.

**MANAGER'S REPORT**

Assistant General Manager Laurence Kimura reported on the following:

**KINGS RIVER WATER ASSOCIATION**

The Kings River Fisheries Management Program celebration is scheduled for Friday, June 26, at 10 a.m. Directors Neely and Jacobsen, and Assistant Manager Laurence Kimura are planning to attend.

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

Nothing new to discuss.

**OTHER ISSUES**

Staff informed the Board of the passing of recently retired FID Supervisor, Jim Campbell. Mr. Campbell was 62.

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**Proposition 1A**

Controller DeAnn Hailey prepared a spreadsheet on Proposition 1A which was broken down by the proposed percentages for the money that the State wants to borrow. Mr. Serrato has been in contact with the area state legislature representatives.

**ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

**a. Resolution 2009-11 – Friant Implementation Agreement**

After a discussion by the Board, it was decided to table this resolution and place it on the agenda for the next board meeting.

**M/S/C/(Neely/Jacobsen)** That Board of Directors approve to table this discussion until the next board meeting by unanimous vote. (Ayes 5; Nays 0; Absent 0; Abstain 0)

**b. Directors Handbook (walk in)**

The proposed handbook was distributed to each Director – with little comment it was recommended by Staff to accept the handbook as presented.

**M/S/C/(Balls/Jacobsen)** That Board of Directors approved the Directors Handbook as presented by unanimous vote. (Ayes 5; Nays 0; Absent 0; Abstain 0)

- c.** May 2009 Fund Statements
- d.** May 2009 Notes to the Fund Statements
- e.** May 2009 Treasurer's Report
- f.** May 2009 Deposits and Investments

Controller DeAnn Hailey presented the May financial reports. Ms. Hailey pointed out the few adjustments that have been made.

**M/S/C/(Balls/Porter)** That Board of Directors approved May 2009 Financial Reports as presented by Staff by unanimous vote. (Ayes 5; Nays 0; Absent 0; Abstain 0)

**DIRECTORS' REPORT**

**Director Neely** – commented how smoothly the water seasoning was running.

**Director Balls** – Mr. Serrato and Director Balls attended on June 19, the gathering at Del Mar School near Shields and Blackstone Avenues. There was a small group of area residents wanting to address the fencing issue again. Mr. Serrato spoke to the crowd and answered their questions. FID is working with the City of Fresno to construct a pedestrian bridge at Del Mar street over the Herndon canal. The

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construction of the bridge should reduce the foot traffic on Blackstone Avenue and will allow the area school children a safer route to attend school.

Director Balls attended the Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies meeting. A spreadsheet on groundwater recharge in FMFCD basins that was distributed at the meeting was passed around. Their objective is to have 40,000 acre-feet of surface water recharge.

**Director Jacobsen** – noticed the Board that US Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar is coming to Fresno. He will participate in a town hall meeting to discuss water issues. The meeting is scheduled to start Sunday afternoon with place yet to be determined.

**CLOSED SESSION**

There was no closed session called.

**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**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

President Boswell adjourned the meeting at 6:46 p.m.

Submitted By,

Jeff Boswell  
Board President