

**FRESNO IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
HELD JUNE 10, 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 10, 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**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Greg Barbarian, organic farmer

**REVIEW AGENDA**

No changes

**REVIEW OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

**PUBLIC PRESENTATION**

Mr. Barbarian, an organic farmer within the District, addressed the Board with his concern about the application of Magnacide in the irrigation canal and the effect it has on his organic farming. Mr. Barbarian requests that District Staff notify the organic farmers prior to the Magnacide application or to hold off the application until after his assigned days. Staff will attempt to notify Mr. Barbarian before applying Magnacide but suggested he call in at the end of the month for the following month's schedule.

**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 – May 13, 2009**
- b. **Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes – May 27, 2009**
- c. **May 2009 Check Register**
- d. **May 2009 Payroll Register**
- e. **May 2009 Unpaid Assessment Report**
- f. **May 2009 Unpaid ISIP Assessment Report**
- g. **May 2009 Investment Account**
- h. **May 2009 COP Investment Account**

**M/S/C/(Jacobsen/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 9, Pine Flat release was 5,978 cfs and storage was 708,736 acre-feet. The Bureau of Reclamation reduced the Class I allocation to 77%. District wide water demands have decreased due to the recent rainfall and the below normal temperatures for this time of year.

The San Luis Water District is expected to begin diverting the exchange water on June 15, 2009.

**b. Uncontrolled Water Season**

Staff will be meeting with the City of Fresno on Friday to determine if the City is interested in scheduling uncontrolled season water from Friant.

**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** – One project may commence during the next few weeks which will impact the Teague School Canal (NE of Gettysburg and Polk).

**Agency Projects** – No projects are taking place at this time

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

An 18-inch pipe located in the parking lot of a Buddhist church that is under construction was moved without the District's knowledge or permission. The pipe is located at the

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Maupin West Branch in the Alluvial/Willow area. Staff will meet with representative of the church next week. The District has attempted to involve the County of Fresno in the negotiation process without any success. This pipe is currently being used for storm water discharge.

**ASSISTANT MANAGER'S REPORT**

General Manager Gary Serrato and Chief Engineer Bill Stretch reported on the following:

**a. Nielsen Site Rubble Pile Update**

Staff received a letter from Mr. Peltzer indicating the City of Fresno is willing to give an extension on the clean up process at Nielsen. However, additional information is being requested on the amount of material currently on site and the mixing ratio and amount of additional product that is needed to finish the work.

**b. Waldron Banking Project Update**

Mr. Stretch reported on the groundwater levels at the three banking facility. Levels are staying within the expected parameters.

Mr. Serrato reported that he had been in contact with the Department of Water Resources regarding the District's invoicing for the remaining 10% retention. DWR is hopeful that a reimbursement check to the District can be processed within the next three to four weeks.

**c. District Office Plan**

The District has one remaining issue to be resolved with Fresno County Planning Department to be resolved. Staff is working with County Staff to answer any questions regarding the hydrology report completed on the property. The bids are being analyzed and all references and licenses are being verified. Bids for demolition of the annex building and to construct the new office will be placed on the next board meeting. Staff will be making a recommendation to award the contract.

**d. General Maintenance and Equipment Update**

- Spray activities are taking place as weather permits – the wind has caused delays with the spray schedule
- Heavy equipment operators are repairing gopher and squirrel holes on the banks throughout the District
- Trash crews are working on the Enterprise, Herndon, and Dry Creek Canals

**MANAGER'S REPORT**

General Manager Gary Serrato reported on the following:

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**KINGS RIVER WATER ASSOCIATION**

Mr. Serrato reminded the Board of the Kings River Water Association executive committee meeting will be held next Tuesday. The external issues committee will be holding a meeting immediately following. Mr. Serrato has been asked to speak on the Waldron Banking project.

A signing ceremony on the ten year anniversary of the Kings River Fisheries Management Program has been scheduled for June 26 at Avocado Lake. Mr. Serrato encourages the Board members to attend if possible.

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

Nothing new to discuss.

**OTHER ISSUES**

**Proposition 1A**

Mr. Serrato received a memorandum from Glenn Farrel, Friant Water Authority Government Affairs Manager, updating Staff of the current status of Proposition 1A. Mr. Farrel noted that Senate Democrats came out in opposition to the suspension of Proposition 1A and vowed to fight the effort to take property tax revenues away from local governments. As of this reporting it is still unclear where this proposition will go from here.

**Rally for Water**

A rally is being planned by the California Latino Water Coalition for July 1, 2009, at Fresno City Hall. Planners have asked if a district director would be willing to participate in the program.

**Region 6 Nominations**

Calls for nominations to the Region 6 board have been announced. Mr. Serrato asked that if any Board member was interested in running to contact him for more details.

**Water Task Force**

The Fresno City announces the creation of a sub-committee dealing with water issues. The new sub-committee "Water Task Force" is sponsored by Andreas Brogeas, Cynthia Sterling, and Lee Brand. The task force will cover matters that pertain to water conservation, water planning, and water technology. The task force will be contacting the District as it moves forward.

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**ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

- a. **Resolution 2009-09 – Honoring Mickey Kenneson’s Years of Support (walk in)**

Staff recommends the approval of the resolution honoring Mr. Kenneson and all his support for the District.

**M/S/C/(Jacobsen/Balls)** That Board of Directors approve Resolution 2009-09 in Honoring Mr. Mickey Kenneson’s Years of Support by the following roll call vote. (Ayes Neely, Balls, Boswell, Porter, Jacobsen; Nays 0; Absent 0; Abstain 0)

- b. **Limbaugh House Roof Quote**

The roof has reached a condition where it is in great need of repair. If the roof is replaced, it was also suggested the air conditioning unit and additional insulation be looked into as well. Controller Hailey will seek two additional bids and bring the quotes to the board at the June 24 meeting.

**DIRECTORS’ REPORT**

Director Balls – discussed the situation of a fence at Shields and Blackstone area. Mr. Balls called the ACORN representative who re-initiated the fencing issue but got no response. City of Fresno is proceeding with the foot-bridge across the canal near the Del Mar Elementary School.

**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

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**ADJOURNMENT**

President Boswell adjourned the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

Submitted By,

Gary R. Serrato  
Board Secretary