

**FRESNO IRRIGATION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
HELD FEBRUARY 11, 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 February 11, 2009. 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
Ryan Jacobsen
George Porter

DIRECTORS ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

KRCD Representative Dave Cone
Fresno State University Water Institute Representative Sarge Green

REVIEW AGENDA

Staff requests that Dave Cone (item 9 a.) from KRCD be moved forward on the agenda; followed by Sarge Green (item 9 b.) from the Water Institute at Fresno State.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

a. Upper Kings River Water Forum Joint Powers Association – Resolution 2009-03

Dave Cone gave a report to the Board of Directors outlining the importance of Upper Kings River Water Forum and the reason for establishing a Joint Powers Authority. The main function of the Forum was to develop and adopt an Integrated Regional Water Management Plan. The Forum has evolved to include the cities within the Alta, Consolidated and Fresno Irrigation Districts, Counties and environmental groups. Fresno Irrigation District was one of the original members. Mr. Cone outlined the benefits for the District as a participating member as follows:

- Ability to pursue funding from State grants under Proposition 50 and 84;
- Identifying the over-drafted areas of the valley and taking steps to correct the problem;

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- Improving groundwater supply and quality; and
- In 2007 a plan was developed and adopted to increase water delivery reliability – improve water quality – provide additional flood protection – enhance the River’s aquatic eco system

Staff recommended continuing to participate in the Forum with an annual commitment of approximately \$7,000 per year from the District.

M/S/C/(Jacobsen/Balls) That Board of Directors approve Resolution 2009-03 as presented by the following roll call vote. (Ayes Neely, Balls, Boswell, Porter, Jacobsen; Nays 0; Absent 0; Abstain 0)

b. California Water Institute – Sarge Green Groundwater Model (informational)

Mr. Green gave a presentation to the Board reflecting groundwater conditions within the District, adjacent areas and the San Joaquin Valley. The most deficient groundwater area in the Central Valley lies to the west of the District. Valley wide, the deficit areas are the Stockton, Chowchilla, Corcoran, and Bakersfield areas.

REVIEW OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Mr. Serrato requested a Special Meeting be called for Wednesday, February 18, at 5 pm. The majority of the meeting will be held in Closed Session.

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 Regular Board Meeting Minutes – January 28, 2009**
- b. **January 2009 Check Register**
- c. **January 2009 Payroll Registers**
- d. **January 2009 Unpaid Assessment Report**
- e. **January 2009 Unpaid ISIP Assessment Report**
- f. **January 2009 Investment Account**
- g. **January 2009 COP Investment Account**

M/S/C/(Balls/Jacobsen) That Board of Directors approve the Consent Calendar by unanimous vote. (Ayes 5; Nays 0; Absent 0; Abstain 0)

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380: WATER REPORT

a. Current Water Conditions

Watermaster Jim Irwin reviewed the current and projected water supply and snow pack information. As of February 10, Pine Flat release was 120 cfs and storage was 242,846 acre-feet.

b. Start of 2009 Water Season

Staff prepared a routing reflecting current water conditions. The routing indicates the ability for the District to hold off water deliveries until April 1 without filling storage and meeting Temperature Control Pool requirements at the end of the season. The Board directed Staff to continue to monitor weather conditions and report back with an update and recommendation on the start of water deliveries. A press release will be sent out to announce the District will not start the water season on March 1.

CHIEF ENGINEER'S REPORT

Chief Engineer Bill Stretch reported on the following items:

a. Developer and Agency Project Schedule for 2008/09 Update

Developer Projects – Currently there are no projects in progress and none are expected to start before water season begins.

Agency Projects – All projects have been wrapped up with the exception of the Gunn Pipeline at Ashlan and Temperance Avenues. No other projects will take place before the start of water.

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

Mr. Stretch gave an update on the Maintenance and Facility Upgrade Plan (MFUP) – the Silvia Pipeline projects should be completed by the end of next week. Other items reviewed were: lining & rodent barriers, regulating structures, basins, brushing, flap gates, and Langemann gates. (Complete list attached)

Most construction personnel will be transferred to water around March 23.

ASSISTANT MANAGER'S REPORT

Assistant General Manager Laurence Kimura reported on the following:

a. Nielsen Site Rubble Pile Update

The City of Fresno is not happy that rock is being brought in to mix with the rubble currently on site. Staff is working with Mr. Erickson on a solution.

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b. Waldron Banking Project Update

PG&E is working on pulling wire to the Waldron Banking site. With the current State budget crises, Staff is not confident that the District will be receiving the 10% retention withheld from the grant funds anytime soon.

c. District Office Plan

The two metal buildings are almost complete – currently waiting on PG&E. Staff is also working on the removal of the annex building. The start of construction on the main building is slightly behind schedule.

d. General Maintenance and Equipment Update

Crews are performing dredging work upstream of Jameson Pond. The motor grader has finished on the Oleander system. Brushing crews are working on work order items and the trash truck is tied up in the City of Fresno.

MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager Gary Serrato reported on the following:

KINGS RIVER WATER ASSOCIATION

FID is in line for assuming the vice-chair position on the KRWA Board starting March 2010. The vice-chair position is for a two-year term. The vice-chair will assume the chairmanship for another two-year term.

FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY / FRIANT WATER USERS AUTHORITY

San Joaquin River Settlement

The Omnibus Public Land Management Act has been postponed due to Legislature working on the passage of the stimulus package.

OTHER ISSUES

Water Panel at Fresno State

Directors and Staff attended the water panel discussion held at Fresno State with Judge Wagner as the moderator. The panel was compromised of three agriculture and water individuals and three environmentalists which gave way to very different views concerning water for farming vs. fish in the Central Valley.

Fresno County Water Advisory Committee

Mr. Serrato has been requested by County Board of Supervisor, Judy Case, to continue to serve on the committee for another four-year term.

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Propositions 13 and 50 Funding

Mr. Serrato was informed by the Department of Water Resources that the funds are in place for Proposition 13 but DWR Staff is unable to disburse the funds until the state budget is in place. State bonding for Proposition 50 funds will not occur until a later time.

Region 6 & 7 Meeting

On March 13, ACWA will be holding a region meeting in Visalia – Valley legislative representatives will be in attendance to discuss groundwater and Delta issues.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- c. Request for overnight stay for Two Directors and Two HR Department Staff Members to Attend SDRMA Safety/Claims Education Day in Sacramento, CA on March 17, 2009

Ms Davis described the benefits of attending this educational workshop and the discounts that the District will receive on its workers compensation fees by attending these types of programs.

M/S/C/(Balls/Neely) That Board of Directors approve sending up to two Directors and two HR Staff members to Sacramento, CA to attend the SDRMA Safety Education Day by unanimous vote. (Ayes 5; Nays 0; Absent 0; Abstain 0)

DIRECTORS' REPORT

Director Neely – reported that Ashlan Avenue is finally open between McCall and Thompson Avenues. The closure was due to the construction of the City of Clovis waste water treatment plant pipeline.

Director Jacobsen – inquired about the status of the District's newsletter. Staff is working with Mr. McFarland in getting that completed.

CLOSED SESSION

Staff went into Closed Session at 8:00 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.

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

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REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

President Boswell stated that there was no action during Closed Session to report.

Closed Session concluded at 9:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

President Boswell adjourned the meeting at 9:16 p.m.

Submitted By,

Gary R. Serrato
Board Secretary