

**FRESNO IRRIGATION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
HELD MARCH 23, 2010**

Fresno Irrigation District's Board of Directors met in regular session in the District office located at 2907 South Maple Avenue – Fresno, California, on March 23, 2010. 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 Serrato
Assistant General Manager Laurence Kimura
Watermaster Jim Irwin
HR Director Regina Davis
Controller DeAnn Hailey
Recording Secretary Lynn B. Rowe

OTHERS PRESENT

District Legal Counsel Gary Sawyer
Homeowners in CSA 51 (see attached list)

REVIEW AGENDA

Staff requested that Item 10 a. be moved to the beginning of the meeting with an opening statement given by General Manager Gary Serrato.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

a. CSA 51 Issue

General Manager Gary Serrato stated that staff from Fresno Irrigation District, County of Fresno, and their legal counsels have been re-working the language in the Water Banking and Reliability Agreement regarding CSA 51. FID Staff has just received additional comments from County of Fresno prior to the meeting and is not prepared to make any recommendations to the Board at this time. Staff requested additional time to review the comments and continue to work with County of Fresno to finalize the agreement and to be placed on the April 13 Board Meeting agenda. President Boswell asked the Members of the Board if they were in agreement to table this item until the next meeting – there was no opposition.

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REVIEW OF FUTURE MEETINGS

No changes

PUBLIC PRESENTATION

Director Boswell announced to the members in the audience, who were interested in the CSA 51 matter, that there will be no action taken related to CSA 51 during the meeting. Public Presentation for individuals who wanted to address the Board on this issue were asked to keep their comments brief.

Mr. Paul Nyber and Mr. Ronald Tatum who both reside within CSA 51 spoke in support of the project.

Mr. Jerome Shinaver, who resides within CSA 51, spoke in opposition of the project.

Director Jacobsen suggested that the Board form an ad hoc committee to review this subject; instead, the Board directed Staff to address the elements of the agreement that are authorized to be re-negotiated and to place the item on the April 13 agenda.

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 – February 23, 2010

M/S/C/(Neely/Balls) That Board of Directors approved the Consent Calendar with the modification to the Quagga Mussels section under the General Manager's Report by unanimous vote. (Ayes 5; Nays 0; Absent 0; Abstain 0)

380: WATER REPORT

a. Current Water Conditions

The current and projected water supply information was given by Watermaster Jim Irwin. As of March 22, Pine Flat release was 1,406 cfs and storage was 566,291 acre-feet. Precipitation at Pine Flat is currently at 18.83 inches for the season which is approximately 121.2% of normal.

Water demands have increased as the beginning of the season provided the opportunity to fill the canals, clear out the trash, and routed water to the authorized Flood Control basins.

Watermaster Jim Irwin also stated that Exhibit "D" Flows on the Kings River will occur this year at the lower levels.

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The Bureau of Reclamation has allocated 5% Class II which will need to be diverted within the first two weeks of April.

CONTROLLER'S REPORT

Miscellaneous

The audit continues to take place. The audit report is expected to be ready for presentation to the Board by the last meeting in April.

Bruce Negri has signed the five-year lease agreement for the 100 acres of land in the Trimmer Springs area. The lease will commence on April 1.

Rental applications for the District house located at the Fresno head gates are being accepted from District employees.

- a. **January 2010 Fund Statement**
- b. **January 2010 Notes to the Fund Statement**
- c. **January 2010 Treasurer's Report**
- d. **January 2010 Deposits and Investments**

Controller DeAnn Hailey reviewed expenses and income for the month of January. She also stated that expenditures on the Three-Year Plan, have reached the 80% mark; therefore, no monies will need to be returned.

Funds for the new building have been allocated and set aside. Staff will provide to the Board a report outlining the costs and payments for the project completed with bond monies derived from the Three-year Plan.

M/S/C/(Balls/Neely) That Board of Directors approved the Controller's Report as presented by unanimous vote. (Ayes 5; Nays 0; Absent 0; Abstain 0)

CHIEF ENGINEER'S REPORT

Assistant General Manager Laurence Kimura reported on the following items for the absent Chief Engineer Bill Stretch:

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

Developer Projects – Staff is performing pressure tests on the completed project during the startup of the 2010 irrigation season. Staff is processing five Developer pipeline project for the 2010-2011 maintenance season.

Agency Projects – Staff is performing pressure tests on the completed project during the startup of the 2010 irrigation season. Staff is processing five Agency projects for the 2010-2011 maintenance season.

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Helm Colonial West Branch Canal – Staff is currently conducting a pressure test during the startup of the 2010 irrigation season.

b. Capital Improvement Fund Projects Update for 2009-2010

The contractor recently completed the slip-liner project on the Victoria E. Branch Canal. Pressure tests are taking place.

c. Three-Year Maintenance and Facility Upgrade Project for 2009/10

Mr. Kimura updated the Board on the Three-Year Projects.

ASSISTANT MANAGER'S REPORT

Assistant General Manager Laurence Kimura reported on the following:

a. Nielsen Site Rubble Pile Update

Staff recently surveyed the site and found little to no changes. Staff continues to stay in contact with the Regional Water Quality Control Board.

b. Waldron Banking Facility

Repairs have been completed for the start of water season. Discussions are taking place with Emmett's Construction and Provost & Pritchard regarding the cause of the liner failure.

c. District Office Plan

Most of the structural steel is up. Wood framing is also taking place. Weather has improved which helps the construction move along at a quicker pace.

d. General Maintenance and Equipment Update

- Gopher holes and minor ditch breaks are being address as water season begins;
- Pipeline and gate crews are handling work orders;
- Spray crews are working on the east side now that the weather has improved;
- Trash crews are working on the hot spots.

The February 16 – March 15, 2010 Maintenance Report was handed out.

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MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager Gary Serrato reported on the following:

KINGS RIVER WATER ASSOCIATION

Fish and Game Committee

Mr. Serrato attended a meeting of the Fish and Game Committee where a review of the budget and future projects were discussed. The viability of a Kings River hatchery was also discussed. Costs associated with a fish hatchery are being investigated and will be brought back to the group.

Proposition 50

Reimbursement forms have been developed and will be sent to the State for Proposition 50 funds. The Jameson Groundwater Banking project is where Proposition 50 funds are to be utilized.

OTHER

City of Clovis Waste Water Treatment Plant Dedication

Director Neely, Laurence Kimura, and Gary Serrato attended the dedication of the treatment facility. It was reported to be a nice facility with an informational tour also being given.

DIRECTORS' REPORT

None

CLOSED SESSION

The Board went into Closed Session at 6:55 pm.

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: Gary R. Serrato and Liberty Christian
Terms and Conditions: Update (Gary R. Serrato)

Government Code Section 54956.8 Real Property Transactions.

Negotiators: Gary R. Serrato, FID and Pacheco Partnership
Properties: APN 015-080-17S
Terms and Conditions: Agreement for Purchase and Sale of Real Property and Escrow Instructions

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Government Code Section 54956.8 Real Property Transactions.

Negotiators: Gary R. Serrato, FID and River Cross, Inc.

Properties: APN 015-330-15S

Terms and Conditions: Agreement for Purchase and Sale of Real Property and Escrow Instructions

REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

President Boswell stated there was nothing to report from Closed Session. Closed Session was concluded at 7:12 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

President Boswell adjourned the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

Submitted By,



Gary R. Serrato
Board Secretary