

**FRESNO IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
HELD MARCH 9, 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 9, 2010. Meeting was called to order at 5:02 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  
Chief Engineer Bill Stretch  
Watermaster Jim Irwin  
HR Director Regina Davis  
Controller DeAnn Hailey  
Recording Secretary Lynn B. Rowe

**OTHERS PRESENT**

District Legal Counsel Gary Sawyer  
County of Fresno Representative Alan Weaver  
Homeowners in CSA 51 (see attached list)

**REVIEW AGENDA**

Staff requested that Closed Session follow the Controller's Report to accommodate the District's legal counsel.

**REVIEW OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

No changes

**PUBLIC PRESENTATION**

Alan Weaver, Public Works Director with Fresno County addressed the Board to discuss concerns with the agreement regarding water service within CSA 51.

Bruce Moyer who resides within CSA 51 spoke in support of the project.

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Mr. Vernon Crowder also addressed the Board and requested that the Board support the water service agreement.

Director Jacobsen requested this subject be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

**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**
- b. **February 2010 Check Register**
- c. **February 2010 Payroll Registers**
- d. **February 2010 Unpaid Assessment Report**
- e. **February 2010 Unpaid ISIP Assessment**
- f. **February 2010 Investment Account**
- g. **February 2010 COP Investment Account**

**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**

The current and projected water supply information was given by Watermaster Jim Irwin. As of March 8, Pine Flat release was 53 cfs and storage was 537,545 acre-feet. Precipitation at Pine Flat is currently at 18.47 inches for the season which is approximately 131% of normal – average for this date is 14.10 inches. Mr. Irwin presented the water operations report with water deliveries beginning March 16. The routing indicates the ability to provide deliveries through September and possibly into the first part of October. The Kings River snow pillows are indicating that the snow pack accumulation is greater at the lower elevations.

**CONTROLLER'S REPORT**

**Miscellaneous**

The lease for the Oleander basin has been completed with a termination date of September 30, 2010, with a possible 15 day extension.

The annual financial audit is in progress. The auditor will be presenting his results by the last of meeting in April.

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Staff received a 30 day notice of intent to vacate the District's headgate house on April 1. There will be a selection process for employees interested in leasing the house.

**a. Resolution 2010-04 Land Lease – Trimmer Springs Road**

The advertisement for the lease of the Trimmer Springs property was posted in the Fresno Bee. Staff received one bid on the property. The bid was submitted by Bruce Negri for \$7,500 per year. Director Neely reminded Staff to not allow any sub-leasing on the property. Director Jacobsen requested that the verbiage in the resolution be made in the past tense. Staff will incorporate the changes in the resolution and the agreement.

**M/S/C/(Jacobsen/Balls)** That Board of Directors approved Resolution 2010-04 for the submitted lease bid in the amount of \$7,500 by roll call vote. (Ayes Neely, Balls, Boswell, Porter, Jacobsen; Nays 0; Absent 0; Abstain 0)

**b. Resolution 2010-05 Quitclaim Deed**

The Buchnoff Brothers have satisfied the late assessments and Staff is requesting the Board approve the resolution for the quitclaim deed back to the Buchnoff Brothers.

**M/S/C/(Balls/Neely)** That Board of Directors approved Resolution 2010-05 by a roll call vote. (Ayes Neely, Balls, Boswell, Porter, Jacobsen; Nays 0; Absent 0; Abstain 0)

**CLOSED SESSION**

The Board went into Closed Session at 5:55 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.

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**Government Code Section 54956.8 Real Property Transactions.**

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

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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 6:40 pm with Open Session resuming at 7:00 pm after a short break.

**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** – The North Central Canal project at North/Orange Avenues has recently been completed and is ready to convey water.

**Agency Projects** – CalTrans crews are wrapping up the work on the Hansen Canal near NW Kings Canyon (SR 180) and Academy Avenue. The Bullard Canal project is almost complete. The pipeline is being pressure tested and the canal will be ready for water season.

Helm Colonial West Branch Canal Blockage - City of Clovis completed the removal of tree roots and sediment and is now ready to run water.

**b. Capital Improvement Fund Projects Update for 2009-2010**

Floyd Johnston was awarded the contract to repair the Victoria E. Branch Canal near McKinley and Marks Avenues. Crews have completed the installation and welding of the slip liner and pulling it through the old concrete canal. The project is expected to be completed before water season.

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

Mr. Stretch updated the Board on the Three-Year Projects and reviewed slides of the nearly completed projects.

**ASSISTANT MANAGER'S REPORT**

Assistant General Manager Laurence Kimura reported on the following:

**a. Nielsen Site Rubble Pile Update**

Staff spoke to the regional board without much progress being made. The site remains relatively untouched.

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**b. Waldron Banking Facility**

A failure of about 200 feet of a concrete liner at the Lambrecht site happened last week. Staff is working with crews who were involved in the construction of the liner to have repairs made before the start of water season.

**c. District Office Plan**

Most of the structural steel is up with the welding taking place as the weather permits. The center turret is currently being constructed. At this point, the project is behind schedule – the structural steel has been a major problem.

**d. General Maintenance and Equipment Update**

- Crews are finishing up winter maintenance work in preparation for water season;
- Heavy equipment operators are back hauling spoil away from the Central Waste;
- Brushing crews are working on work orders – this week on Fancher Canal;
- Spraying takes place as weather permits – crews are working overtime and on Saturdays;
- Most WSO's are back in water;
- Trash crews are working on hot spots – cleaning up from storm water routings.

Mr. Kimura presented slides of the concrete liner failure at Lambrecht. Slides showed the failure all the way through to the completed repairs. Certain areas of the liner showed insufficient thickness in the concrete.

The Magnacide problem has not yet been resolved. We are still waiting to hear back from the manufacturer. Different options are being field tested.

**MANAGER'S REPORT**

General Manager Gary Serrato reported on the following:

KRWA Watermaster indicated that 2010 runoff is projected to be above 100% and could trigger the requirement of Exhibit "D" Flows.

**KINGS RIVER WATER ASSOCIATION**

**a. Upper Kings River Agreement – Exhibit "C" Flows**

Mr. Serrato reviewed the final Upper River Agreement with the Board and recommended the approval of the Agreement which would allow President Boswell and Mr. Serrato to enter into the agreement.

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**M/S/C/(Neely/Balls)** That Board of Directors approved the entering into the Upper Kings River Agreement by unanimous vote. (Ayes 5; Nays 0; Absent 0; Abstain 0)

Staff participated in the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan meeting held at the Fresno County Farm Bureau last week. Staff was assured by a DWR representative that the District's Proposition 50 funding was still secure.

**OTHER**

A "History's Perspective on the Future of Valley Water" will be presented on March 16 at the Fresno Art Museum. Staff is encouraging anyone who is available to attend – this will be a panel discussion.

The Bureau of Reclamation released a memorandum indicating the discovery of Quagga Mussels in the San Luis Reservoir. Monitoring will continue to take place.

The spring FID Waterways Newsletter has been mailed.

**b. Resolution 2010-06 – 215 Water**

Staff recommended the adoption Resolution 2010-06 which is an annual contract required by the Bureau that allows the FID to receive 215 water, should it become available.

**M/S/C/(Jacobsen/Balls)** That Board of Directors approved signing the Bureau of Reclamation 215 Water Contract by the following roll call vote. (Ayes Neely, Balls, Boswell, Porter, Jacobsen; Nays 0; Absent 0; Abstain 0)

**ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

**a. Adoption of Policy 140-528 Equipment Vehicle Idling**

A written policy is now available. Staff has already been informed of the policy and the requirement/obligation that goes with it. Director Jacobsen made a few suggestions which will be put into the final draft.

**M/S/C/(Jacobsen/Neely)** That Board of Directors approved Policy 140-528 – Equipment/Vehicle Idling with the suggested changes by unanimous vote. (Ayes 5; Nays 0; Absent 0; Abstain 0)

**DIRECTORS' REPORT**

**Director Boswell** – informed the Board on the ribbon cutting ceremony at the City of Clovis Water Reuse Facility scheduled for the morning of March 19.

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**Director Jacobsen** – reported he had met with Chief White with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service who announced a federal \$25 million dollar grant for water efficiency projects which could include development of groundwater recharge basins. Director Jacobsen would like to set up a meeting to include Gary Serrato, representatives of NRCS, and Director Jacobsen.

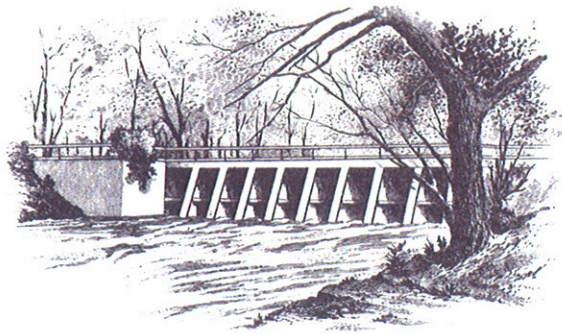
**ADJOURNMENT**

President Boswell adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Submitted By,



Gary R. Serrato  
Board Secretary



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*Sign In Sheet*

Name	Representing
<u>Augie Perez</u>	<u>Home owner</u>
<u>Charles Williams</u>	<u>Home ownership</u>
<u>Rod Gust</u>	<u>Home owner</u>
<u>Karl Kienow</u>	<u>Home owner</u>
<u>Vernon M. Crowder</u>	<u>Home owner</u>
<u>Ellen Kapalko</u>	<u>Home owner</u>
<u>MARTIN REED</u>	<u>HOME OWNER</u>
<u>JOSE HUERTA</u>	<u>HOME OWNER</u>
<u>Patricia Myle</u>	<u>Home Owner</u>
<u>Bruce Myle</u>	<u>Home Owner</u>