

**FRESNO IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
HELD JUNE 22, 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 June 22, 2010. Meeting was called to order at 5:15 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**

Assistant General Manager Laurence Kimura  
Chief Engineer Bill Stretch  
Watermaster Jim Irwin  
HR Director Regina Davis  
Recording Secretary Lynn B. Rowe

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Landowner Dennis Olivas  
Landowner Joyce Matthews

**REVIEW AGENDA**

President Boswell stated that Mr. Serrato is on vacation and that Mr. Kimura will be handling items 6 b. and c., and the Manager's Report. Staff has arranged to call Mr. Gary Sawyers at 6 pm and will then go into Closed Session.

**REVIEW OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

None

**PUBLIC PRESENTATION**

Joyce Matthews and Dennis Olivas reside in the area of Olive and McCall avenues and use the private line served by East Branch Canal No. 5. Mr. Olivas and Ms. Matthews brought before the Board a concern about not receiving water on their scheduled days. Jim Irwin informed the Board that because the landowners are on a private line and use water intermittently, they are to inform their WSO 24-hours in advance of when they want water. A large squirrel infestation in that area makes it necessary to keep the water elevation at a lower level when irrigation water is not being used in this area. The Board requested that Staff research the issue and report back at the next board meeting.

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**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 – June 8, 2010**

**M/S/C/(Balls/Porter)** That the 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 June 21, Pine Flat release was 7,134 cfs, and storage was 891,133 acre-feet. Demands for June have reached normal expectancy. Temperatures are normal for this time of year with a slight cool down expected in the next ten days.

**b. Reclamation's Request for Scenario**

Staff has corresponded with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation on a "Request for Scenario" to help with the recirculation of recaptured water that is now stored in San Luis Reservoir. FID has proposed to help facilitate the recirculation of recaptured water by the transfer of water to the Westlands Water District. The Bureau of Reclamation responded that FID's proposal of recirculation was ranked first out of four proposals. Westlands would also like to increase the agreed amount of Class II water by an additional 3,000 acre-feet of water bringing it to a total of 25,000 acre-feet.

**c. Sale of 3,000 Acre-Fee Class II to Westlands Water District**

Westlands Water District has made a request to purchase an additional 3,000 acre-feet of water under the same terms and conditions as the current 22,000 acre-feet purchase.

**M/S/C/(Balls/Porter)** That Board of Directors approved the additional purchase of 3,000 acre-feet to Westlands Water District by unanimous vote. (Ayes 5; Nays 0; Absent 0; Abstain 0)

The meeting went into Closed Session at 6:00 pm and Attorney Gary Sawyers was contacted by telephone.

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**CLOSED SESSION**

**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 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**

The Board President announced there was no reportable action taken during Closed Session.

Open Session resumed at 6:30 pm.

**CONTROLLER’S REPORT**

Assistant General Manager reported on the following:

- a. **Controller’s Report**
- b. **May 2010 Fund Statements**
- c. **May 2010 Notes to the Fund Statements**
- d. **May 2010 Treasurer’s Report**
- e. **May 2010 Deposits and Investments**

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

**CHIEF ENGINEER’S REPORT**

Chief Engineer Bill Stretch reported on the following items:

- a. **Developer and Agency Project Schedule for 2010/11 Update**

**Developer Projects** – There are no new developer projects taking place.

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**Agency Projects** – There are no new agency projects taking place.

**b. Three-Year Maintenance and Facility Upgrade Project for 2010/11**

Staff will be presenting a list of projects at the July 13 meeting.

Emmetts Excavation was awarded the earthworks bid on the Pursell Basin. This will be a 45 day contract with Staff anticipating to divert water into the basin in late August or early September. Work on the Jameson, Oleander, and Big Sandridge Basins is proceeding.

**ASSISTANT MANAGER'S REPORT**

Assistant General Manager Laurence Kimura reported on the following:

**a. Nielsen Site Rubble Pile Update**

Not a lot of change has taken place since the last meeting. Staff has been in contact with the County who said they will get back to us on the requirements for additional removal product.

**b. Waldron Banking Facility**

There is not much new to report. P&P Engineering notified Staff that Emmetts may be sending us a letter. Staff continues to encourage the involved parties to work out a solution among themselves.

**c. District Office Plan**

There is a considerable amount of work occurring on the inside of the building. Rough electrical, plumbing, fire sprinklers, and HVAC work continues. The contractor continues to work under the additional work days provided for the rain delays under the contract.

**d. General Maintenance and Equipment Update**

- Heavy equipment operators have finished the clean-up work of moving the spoil piles on the Enterprise Canal;
- Heavy equipment operators have completed the embankment work along the Teilman-Valentine system near Cornelia and California avenues. Operators have moved on to reclaiming the embankment at the South Branch of the East Branch near Belmont and Highland avenues;
- Pipeline repairs are taking place on the Minor-Thornton, Beard, and Storey systems;
- Weed spraying took place on the Enterprise and Mill last week and is now taking place on the Herndon and the Herndon West;

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- Marestail and Fleabane were sprayed with Finale at the Waldron Banking Facility as a test plot;
- Trash crews are working on the hot spots including Herndon and the Houghton Canals.

Auction results on the old welders, trailers, and pickups were reported to bring in approximately \$7,000 total. The May 16, through June 15, 2010, Maintenance Report was made available.

**MANAGER'S REPORT**

The General Manager's report was given by Assistant General Manager Laurence Kimura on the following:

**KINGS RIVER WATER ASSOCIATION**

**Senate Bill X 7-7 – Groundwater Elevation Monitoring**

Bill Stretch attended a meeting held at KRCD regarding the volumetric measuring of SBX 7-7. There are four different basic types of measurement being discussed: 1) turn out; 2) lateral heading; 3) basin wide; and, 4) CVPIA regulation. The committee comprising of water agencies, environmental groups, and ACWA staff will meet every month or two for further discussions.

LAFCO is attempting to establish a new seat on its Board that would represent special districts. Establishment of the new seat would require the special districts to pay for one-third of LAFCO's budget.

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

Uncontrolled season is expected to run through Friday. Section 215 water was shut off at the beginning of June.

**9(d) Contract Negotiations**

The complaint, summons, and request for order of publication was filed with Fresno County Superior Court on June 17. The District has received the final draft of its Friant contract and the capital pay off amount.

**OTHER**

None

**ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

**a. Hoban/Hudson Fence Damage Claim**

An FID employee was spraying weeds on the St. George Canal off the Fancher Canal when the tractor he was operating slipped in the wet soil and in doing so slid into a fence and damaged a gate. The owner has submitted a claim in the amount of

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\$699.35. There is some question on whether the fence was encroaching onto FID's easement. The Board suggested sending a letter informing the claimant of the encroachment issue before proceeding with any action. After Staff researches the issue further and corresponds with the claimant, the agenda item will be brought back to the Board for further discussion and action.

**DIRECTORS' REPORT**

**Director Neely** – stated that without partners like the Cities of Fresno and Clovis it would be a challenge to economically pump water from banking facilities.

**ADJOURNMENT**

President Boswell adjourned the meeting at 7:21 p.m.

Submitted By,

Laurence Kimura  
Assistant General Manager for Gary R. Serrato, Board Secretary