

**FRESNO IRRIGATION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
HELD AUGUST 10, 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 August 10, 2010. Meeting was called to order at 4:45 pm by Board Vice President Jeff Neely.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

President Jeff Boswell (arrived at 4:50 pm)
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
Controller DeAnn Hailey
Recording Secretary Lynn B. Rowe

OTHERS PRESENT

None

Staff took several of the Board members on a brief tour of the new administrative facility.

At 5:10 pm Directors and Staff returned to the Board Room where President Boswell continued with the meeting.

REVIEW AGENDA

Mr. Serrato notified the Board of Directors that Mr. Howard Sagaser will be contacted via conference call to provide an update on the Personnel Matter discussed in Closed Session during the July 27 meeting.

REVIEW OF FUTURE MEETINGS

No changes

PUBLIC PRESENTATION

None

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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 – July 27, 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

Watermaster Jim Irwin reported on the current and projected water supply information. As of August 9, Pine Flat release was 6,043 cfs, and storage was 622,879 acre-feet. Water demands have tapered off due to grape/raisin growers preparing for harvest. Revised forecast indicate that higher end Exhibit "D" Flows will not be triggered this season. Temperatures are expected to increase slightly by the weekend.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board went into Closed Session at 5:40 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)): Nielsen Avenue Property

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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

Government Code Section 54957. Personnel Matters.

REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

There was no reportable action taken during Closed Session. Closed Session concluded at 5:50 p.m. Open Session resumed at 5:51 pm.

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CONTROLLER'S REPORT

The Controller reported on the following:

- a. July 2010 Check Register
- b. July 2010 Payroll Registers
- c. July 2010 Unpaid Assessment Report
- d. July 2010 Unpaid ISIP Assessment Report
- e. July 2010 Investment Account

Controller DeAnn Hailey reviewed the District's July financial reports. Staff requested the reports be approved as presented.

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

- f. Controller's Report

The Controller reported that packets to potential auditors are being prepared to mail. The District is in favor of going with a five-year contract.

The Controller is working with Wells Fargo on a new line of credit. Staff will meet with the Financial Committee sometime after the next Board Meeting to discuss strategy and direction.

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.

Agency Projects – One new agency project is taking place - extending a pipeline into Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District's Fancher Detention Basin which is intertied to both the Limbaugh Pond and W. Br. of the East Branch canal which is located N/W Olive and McCall avenues. Once the Fancher Creek Detention Basin project is fully excavated it will hold 1,700 acre-feet of water.

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

Mr. Stretch reviewed the status of the on-going regulating and measuring structures and the basin projects. A presentation of the Pursell Pond project was given. As of Mr. Stretch's report, Pursell Pond is 99% complete with full completion expected within the next day or two.

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c. Informational Item:

- i. USBR WaterSMART Grant Update – Briggs Improvements. Item 2010-12

The District was awarded a \$300,000 WaterSMART Grant to be used towards the Briggs Canal. Total cost for the project is estimated at \$715,000. The District's project was one of 32 chosen.

ASSISTANT MANAGER'S REPORT

Assistant General Manager Laurence Kimura reported on the following:

a. Nielsen Site Rubble Pile Update

Staff continues to wait to hear from the Fresno County Public Works Department on whether they have a need or use for the remaining materials on the property.

b. Waldron Banking Facility

There has been no word from the involved parties regarding the repair of the banks on the Waldron (Lambrecht) site. The reclamation wells continue to operate.

c. District Office Plan

Outside scaffolding has been put in place in preparation for the stucco. Interior work continues to take place. Crews are preparing to install the skylight. A number of inquiries requested under the Public Records Act continue to be received.

d. General Maintenance and Equipment Update

- Heavy equipment operators are almost finished removing dredgings stockpiled at the head of the Herndon Canal;
- Backhoes are addressing gopher holes and minor canal breaks;
- Crews are discing Waldron basin and ripping at Pursell Pond;
- Crews are busy on the pipeline repairs and gate repairs;
- Fencing is being repaired at the Kearney Basin;
- Crews are spraying as weather permits;
- Trash removal is taking place throughout the District;

MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager Gary Serrato reported on the following:

FRIANT WATER USERS AUTHORITY / FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY

Bureau of Reclamation Water Allocation

Reclamation has allocated 10% of Class II water for the 2010 year.

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9(d) Contract Negotiations

The District continues to await the Bureau's final discount rate that will be announced in October.

Bureau of Reclamation – Request for Scenarios

The Bureau selected two of the District's proposals for recirculation of Friant's water in San Luis Reservoir. The first was for 25,000 acre-feet involving the Westland Water District, the second was 5,545 acre-feet with the Tulare Lake Basin. Staff has received the agreements from the Bureau and is reviewing them both at this time.

OTHER

AB1265

AB1265 has passed the State Senate which officially delays the proposed 2010 water bond slated for the November election until 2012.

SBX76

Staff from the Engineering Department attended a meeting at the Fresno County Farm Bureau where the State Department of Water Resources' staff gave an informational session on the legislation that will require groundwater monitoring and reporting.

Consolidated Irrigation District / Fresno Irrigation District Study

The District received the first draft of the banking opportunity study prepared by Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group. Staff is reviewing the draft and preparing comments.

Jameson Banking Facility

Staff has drafted the Letter of Agreement that will be forwarded to the City of Clovis for the development of the Agreement for the Jameson Groundwater Banking Facility. The intent of the letter is to develop the deal points for discussion and that will be incorporated into the agreement.

Miscellaneous

Staff informed the Board of the vacancy on the ACWA Region 6 Board. Staff is encouraging any member of the Board to consider being nominated to serve.

Staff informed the Board that City Manager Kathy Millison will be leaving the City of Clovis to take a position with the City of Napa. Staff also announced that Lon Martin, with the City of Fresno, will be leaving to take on a position with the Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- a. Resolution 2010-13 Posthumously Honoring Nick Ochinerero

Staff recommends approving Resolution 2010-13 in honoring Mr. Ochinerero for his many years of service to the District.

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M/S/C/(Jacobsen/Balls) That the Board of Directors approved Resolution 2010-13 honoring Mr. Ochinero for his many years of service by the following roll call vote. (Ayes Neely, Balls, Boswell, Porter, Jacobsen; Nays 0; Absent 0; Abstain 0)

DIRECTORS' REPORT

Director Boswell – mentioned that the SDRMA has an opening on their Board due to a recent resignation.

ADJOURNMENT

President Boswell adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Submitted By,

Gary R. Serrato
Secretary of the Board