

**FRESNO IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
HELD JULY 13, 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 July 13, 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 R. Serrato  
Assistant General Manager Laurence Kimura  
Chief Engineer Bill Stretch  
HR Director Regina Davis  
Controller DeAnn Hailey

**OTHERS PRESENT**

None

**REVIEW AGENDA**

No changes

**REVIEW OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

None

**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 Board of Equalization Meeting Minutes – June 14, 21, and 22, 2010
- b. Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes – June 22, 2010
- c. June 2010 Check Register

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- d. June 2010 Payroll Registers**
- e. June 2010 Unpaid Assessment Report**
- f. June 2010 Unpaid ISIP Assessment Report**
- g. June 2010 Investment Account**

A correction to the June 21 Board of Equalization Meeting Minutes should show Director Porter as being absent.

**M/S/C/(Neely/Balls)** That the Board of Directors approved the Consent Calendar with the correction to the June 21 Minutes by unanimous vote. (Ayes 5; Nays 0; Absent 0; Abstain 0)

**380: WATER REPORT**

**a. Current Water Conditions**

Assistant General Manager Laurence Kimura reported on the current and projected water supply information in Watermaster Jim Irwin's absence. As of July 12, Pine Flat release was 7,204 cfs, and storage was 858,428 acre-feet.

Mr. Serrato informed the Board that with the projected runoff for the remainder of the water year it could trigger the higher flow requirement for Exhibit "D" Flow. The minimum flow requirement would increase by an additional 150 cfs.

**b. Report of Olivas/Matthews Water Delivery Issue**

Mr. Kimura reported that the irrigation issues that Mr. Olivas and Ms. Matthews raised at the last Board meeting have been resolved by reassigning their scheduled days to irrigate to better accommodate their water needs.

**CONTROLLER'S REPORT**

The Controller reported on the following:

- Payments to the Bureau of Reclamation have been made for the Recovery Water Account at \$10 an acre-foot
- Dunn & Bradstreet report has been updated
- Landowner Dora Velarde has requested removal of late fees that have been incurred through 2006. The Board is willing to forgive the penalty and interest fees when the landowner pays the assessments and hard costs in full. An amnesty program for late assessments and fees through 2006 is being discussed.

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

**Encroachments** – It was deemed that the Hudson/Hoban fence was placed within the District's easement along the St. George Canal. The Board decided not to pay the Hudson/Hoban claim but is waiting for the encroachment letters to be sent before bringing it to a motion. It was discussed that Staff further research the existing and future use of the canal and consider abandoning the canal.

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

Emmetts Excavation is working on Pursell Basin and it is expected to be finished in early August. The Jameson Basin plans are essentially completed and the project is on schedule to be constructed during upcoming maintenance season. The Oleander Basin and Big Sandridge Basin are in the design phase and Staff is hoping to have the basins constructed during the upcoming maintenance season.

**c. Purchase Pipeline Easement from Donald Myers as part of the Oleander Banking Facility located N/E Lincoln and Chestnut avenues. Action Request 2010-10**

As part of the Oleander Banking Facility project, FID plans to construct a conveyance facility along Lincoln Avenue and across Chestnut Avenue. The most cost effective alignment for the pipelines to connect the Oleander Canal with the banking facility would be along the north side of and adjacent to Lincoln Avenue, through property owned by Donald Myers.

FID recently sent Mr. Myers an offer letter in the amount of \$4,500 in exchange for the easement. Mr. Myers verbally accepted this offer on July 6, 2010.

Staff recommends the Board approve the purchase of the easement from Mr. Myers in the amount of \$4,500.

**M/S/C/(Porter/Balls)** That the Board of Directors approved attorney fees, Staff time, and payment to Mr. Meyer in the amount of \$4,500 for the easement at the Oleander Banking Facility by unanimous vote. (Ayes 5; Nays 0; Absent 0; Abstain 0)

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**d. Informational Items:**

- i. Present List of Three-Year Maintenance and Facility Upgrade Plan (MFUP) Projects to be Constructed During the 2010-11 Maintenance Season. Item 2010-09

Staff is entering into the last year of the Three-Year plan. To date, 105 regulation structures, 76 long-crested weirs, 13 ITRC flap gates, 16 gate valves, 25 measurement structures, 40 SCADA sites, property purchase for four (4) regulation recharge basins, two (2) miles of pipeline replacement, one (1) mile of canal lining, 30 miles of all-weather road along the Gould and Enterprise, replace two (2) flume crossings, and installation of four (4) auto trash rakes have been completed during the Three-Year MFUP projects.

As of May 31, there is approximately \$925,000 in bond funds remaining with an estimated 30 projects left to be completed. Mr. Stretch reviewed the projects being proposed including; regulating structures, lining/rodent barriers, trashrakes, canal structures, measuring structures and devices. The timeframe for the remaining projects is November 15 through February 15. Staff is anticipating grants and other agencies contributions to fill in the financial shortfall. Mr. Stretch will update the Board on completed projects and any changes in the project schedule.

**ASSISTANT MANAGER'S REPORT**

Assistant General Manager Laurence Kimura reported on the following:

**a. Nielsen Site Rubble Pile Update**

Only two pieces of equipment remain on the site. No additional materials have been moved. Staff continues to talk to the Fresno County Environmental Health to determine what steps need to be taken to complete the project.

**b. Waldron Banking Facility**

There is not much new to report. There has been no new information from any of the responsible parties on the settlement of the portion of the lining failure on the Lambrecht site.

**c. District Office Plan**

Interior framing is taking place. Crews continue to pull electrical wiring and finish up the work on the fire sprinklers and rough plumbing.

**d. General Maintenance and Equipment Update**

- Heavy equipment operators continue to remove dredgings stockpiled at the head of the Herndon Canal and sand the roads at the Gould Extension;
- Backhoes are addressing gopher holes and minor canal seepage;

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- Crews are removing the spoil piles along the Thompson Extension;
- Aquatic weeds are being dredged out near Fresno State (this is a variety of weed new to our conveyance system that is being investigated by UC Davis);
- Pipeline repair is taking place on the Victoria West Branch;
- Gate repairs took place on the Helm last week and this week they are on the G7;
- Spray trucks are on the Central Waste and Dry Creek.

The Equipment Committee held a meeting prior to the regular meeting to discuss proposed equipment purchases for 2010/2011. Staff will bring the costs to the Board once they have gone out for bid.

**MANAGER'S REPORT**

General Manager Gary Serrato reported on the following:

Mr. Serrato reminded those board members who are up for re-election and are interested in running for another term should complete and submit their application by August 6, 2010 at the Fresno County Elections office.

**KINGS RIVER WATER ASSOCIATION**

**Legislative Committee Meeting – SB 565 (Pavley)**

The KRWA Legislative Committee is working diligently to defeat SB 565. This bill, if passed, will require additional and repetitive reporting to the Department of Water Resources, in addition there would be changes in the Water Code that would authorize the State Water Resources Control Board additional authority to investigate water rights, water diversions and other areas.

Mr. Serrato spoke to Assembly Member Juan Arambula about the bill and its negative aspects and informed him that KRWA opposes the bill.

**Upper Kings River Water Forum Meeting**

The Upper Kings River Water Forum Steering Committee will be preparing an application for grant funding under Proposition 84 to update the Intergraded Regional Water Management Plan. The Committee has elected to issue a request for proposals from the local engineering firms. Costs for the update are estimated to run between \$250,000 to \$750,000.

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

**9(d) Contract Negotiations**

Staff has received the final draft of the 9 (d) contract and completed all the necessary requirements for the renewal. Friant will be awaiting the final discount rate scheduled to be determined by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation in October.

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**Bureau of Reclamation – Request for Scenarios**

The Bureau selected the District's Request for Scenarios as their first choice for recirculation of Friant's water in San Luis Reservoir. Staff is working with the Bureau on the approval letter which should be developed in the next two weeks

Mr. Serrato is also working with Peoples Ditch Company on a separate Scenario that would re-circulate water through the Tulare Lake Basin

**OTHER**

**Proposition 50 (Mini 50)**

Mr. Serrato and a group of Upper Kings representatives, including the City of Fresno, went to Sacramento to campaign for available Proposition 50 Mini funds. Fresno Irrigation District submitted a plan for the Jameson banking facility and reclamation infrastructure project. If successful, the District would receive approximately \$1 million for construction costs.

**Town Hall Meeting**

Mr. Serrato attended Governor Schwarzenegger's Town Hall meeting when he visited Fresno. The Governor explained his reasoning for delaying the Water Bond until 2012. The Governor is being pressured by different unions in relation to balancing the state's budget.

**Miscellaneous**

Water diversions from the Eastside Stream Group have been reported to the State Water Control Board as required.

Mr. Serrato spoke to Congressmen Jim Costa regarding the health care bill and explained that more clarification of the bill is needed. The new health care plan will affect the District and may require the employees to be taxed on the benefit.

**Kings County Water District Banking Facility Project**

An agreement has been reached with the surrounding landowners for one year. Staff will keep the Board informed as details develop.

**ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

None

**DIRECTORS' REPORT**

**Director Balls** - attended the Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies meeting where they discussed the frequency of scheduled meetings.

**Director Porter** - has been approached by growers about creating a part time position for one of the water systems operators when he retires. Staff will look into the matter and report back to the Board.

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**CLOSED SESSION**

The Board went into Closed Session at 7:17 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.

**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 and adjourned Closed Session at 7:25 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

President Boswell adjourned the meeting at 7:26 p.m.

Submitted By,

Gary R. Serrato  
Secretary of the Board