

**FRESNO IRRIGATION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
HELD November 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 November 9, 2010. Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. 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
Staff Engineer Felix Vaquilar
Watermaster Jim Irwin
Human Resources Director Regina Davis
Controller DeAnn Hailey
Recording Secretary Lynn B. Rowe

OTHERS PRESENT

None

REVIEW AGENDA

No changes

REVIEW OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Staff recommends holding the November 23 meeting but canceling the December 28 meeting due to the holidays.

M/S/C/(Porter/Neely) That the Board of Directors approved canceling the December 28 Board of Directors Meeting by unanimous vote. (Ayes 5; Nays 0; Absent 0; Abstain 0)

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 – October 26, 2010**
- b. **October 2010 Check Register**
- c. **October 2010 Payroll Registers**
- d. **October 2010 Unpaid Assessment Report**
- e. **October 2010 Unpaid ISIP Assessment Report**
- f. **October 2010 Investment Account**
- g. **Developer Project – Wilson Homes is Proposing to Pipeline the Reyburn Canal No. 380 Located S/E Bullard and Locan Avenues. Action Request 2010-21**
- h. **Developer Project – Raj Singh/ABN Investments LLC is Proposing to Pipeline the Teague School No. 46 Located S/E Gettysburg and Polk Avenues. Action Request 2010-22**

M/S/C/(Balls/Neely) 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 November 8, Pine Flat release was 136 cfs, and storage was 367,974 acre-feet. Consolidated Irrigation District will divert the required Exhibit "C" and "D" flows at the Fresno Weir through the month of November and possibly into the first part of December while FID performs maintenance work. Fresno Irrigation District delivered over 600,000 acre-feet of water during the 2010 water season.

CONTROLLER'S REPORT

The Controller reported on the following:

The District mailed out the Request for Proposals the hiring of a new auditor. The deadline for response is December 10. Director Jacobsen would like to have the Board interview the top candidates. A Finance Committee meeting is requested prior to the December 14 Board meeting.

The 2011 Budget should be ready for the Controller to present to the Board at the December 14 Board meeting.

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FID Controller Ms. Hailey is in the process of setting up the OPEB account and creating a District policy.

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 developer projects taking place at this time. There are three or four projects scheduled for this Maintenance Season.

Agency Projects – Two CalTrans projects are expected to start within the next two weeks. One project consists of piping a portion of the Hansen Canal as part of the SR 180 East between Temperance and Academy avenues. The other is sliplining the culvert under Highway 99 of the Cole South Branch located S/W Olive and West avenues. There are six to eight agency projects that will occur during the Maintenance Season.

City of Fresno's Temporary SWTF - Improvements to the Jefferson and Gunn Canals
The contractor started mobilizing during the week of October 25. Removal of encroachments, trees, and bushes has taken place and re-construction of the Jefferson Canal headgate has started.

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

Crews are currently in a transition period and will be fully moved over to Maintenance/Construction starting the week of November 15. The Jameson Basin, Oleander Basin, and Big Sandridge Basin are proceeding as expected.

The District received a \$250,000 AB303 Grant administered by the Department of Water Resources. Staff will use these funds to install water meters at approximately ten basins and plans to incorporate SCADA at three of the sights.

Mr. Stretch showed slides showing the following projects:

- Metering stations
- Jameson Pond
- Jefferson & Gunn Improvements (City of Fresno SWTF)
- Dry Creek Fencing – upgrade to hydraulic actuators

c. Reduce Trash Accumulation on the Lower Dry Creek Canal No. 77 Located S/W North and Jameson Avenues. Action Request 2010-20

Upstream of the Jameson Pond, large volumes of trash collect in the Lower Dry Creek Canal. Staff looked into different options to improve the situation. Three possible solutions that Staff devised were: 1) Sawcut and remove the concrete catwalk on the check structure and remove the steel and wood catwalk (estimate \$100-500); 2) Sawcut

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and remove the concrete catwalk on the check structure and raise the steel and wood catwalk (estimate \$2,000); or 3) Sawcut and remove the concrete catwalk on the check structure and replace the steel and wood catwalk with a new structure and automatic trash screens (estimate \$250,000). Staff recommends Option #1 at a cost of \$100-500. Some of the trash will be collected at small automated trashrake downstream and the rest will continue downstream.

M/S/C/(Porter/Balls) That the Board of Directors approved Staff's recommendation of Option #1 at a cost of \$100-500 by unanimous vote. (Ayes 5; Nays 0; Absent 0; Abstain 0)

ASSISTANT MANAGER'S REPORT

Assistant General Manager Laurence Kimura reported on the following:

a. Nielsen Site Rubble Pile Update

The County of Fresno continues to remove materials from the site. Only one large pile remains.

b. District Office Plan

Work on the building continues with electrical and stucco. The windows that came in last week were rejected. They are working on closing up the outside so work can start on the inside.

c. General Maintenance and Equipment Update

- Safety meetings are taking place during the transitional week of November 8;
- On November 8 the District held an all day training program for all employees;
- Heavy equipment operators were on the Herndon near Shaw and Shasta;
- Grading on the Gould Extension and Dry Creek were completed;
- Maintenance crews are working on pipeline, liner, and gate repairs;
- Crews are dredging the Enterprise Canal;
- Rodent issues along the canal banks are being addressed;
- Grading work on the Herndon is taking place.

d. Review Recommendations of Equipment Committee

The Committee discussed the purchase of vehicles/equipment, computer hardware, and Laserfiche Licenses.

Mr. Kimura presented an outline of the submitted bids and Staff's recommendations for half-ton pick ups, construction truck with boxes, air compressor, wheel disc, and portable arc welders. Director Jacobsen was interested in the fuel efficiency between the Ford's and Chevrolet's.

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M/S/C/(Porter/Balls) That the Board of Directors approved the purchase of the proposed equipment items 2-5 on the Equipment Bid Summary sheet by unanimous vote. (Ayes 5; Nays 0; Absent 0; Abstain 0)

The Committee discussed the purchase of four desktop and two laptop computers which will continue with the three-year rotation. Cost will be \$10,846. Staff is discussing a four-year rotation program. The server equipment is still under discussion. Staff also recommends purchasing 25 licenses that is used with the Laserfiche software at a cost of approximately \$30,000.

M/S/C/(Porter/Balls) That the Board of Directors approved Staff's recommendation to purchase the computer equipment and Laserfiche Licenses with funds to come from the Power Revenue Account by unanimous vote. (Ayes 5; Nays 0; Absent 0; Abstain 0)

After additional discussion, the Board decided to vote on the purchase of the pick-up trucks.

M/S/C/(Porter/Balls) That the Board of Directors approved purchase of the pick-up trucks from H & J Chevrolet by the following vote. (Ayes Neely, Balls, Boswell, Porter; Nays Jacobsen; Absent 0; Abstain 0)

Mr. Kimura reviewed the disposal of cast-in-place and back-hoe equipment. Staff was given direction to proceed with disposing of the listed equipment.

MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager Gary Serrato reported on the following:

KINGS RIVER WATER ASSOCIATION

Pine Flat storage releases are down to Exhibit "C" and "D" flows.

FRIANT WATER USERS AUTHORITY / FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY

9 (d) Contracts

Mr. Serrato has reviewed the contract. The Exhibit "A" map outlining the District's boundaries was corrected. District legal council will mail the contract to the commissioner for signature.

OTHER

City of Clovis / FID Jameson Groundwater Banking Project

The first draft of the agreement is complete and has been forwarded to City of Clovis. Another meeting will take place on the 22nd of November.

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Meeting with Councilmember Larry Westerlund

Councilmember Larry Westerlund requested a meeting to discuss water issues surrounding the City of Fresno including groundwater recharge and the City's Class 1 CVP contract.

SBX7-7 Meeting

Fresno State University will be hosting a meeting to discuss SBX7-7 (water measurement) which the General Manager will be attending.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- a. **Request for Overnight Stay for Board Members and Staff to Attend the Fall ACWA Conference, November 30 – December 3, 2010 in Indian Wells, CA**

Director Neely, Mr. Serrato, and Mr. Kimura will be attending the Fall Conference.

M/S/C/(Balls/Porter) That the Board of Directors approved the overnight stay for Directors and Staff to attend the ACWA Fall Conference in Indian Wells by unanimous vote. (Ayes 5; Nays 0; Absent 0; Abstain 0)

- b. **Request for Overnight Stay for Four Staff to Attend Laserfiche Conference, January 9 – 13, 2011 in Los Angeles, CA**

Staff request authorization for four employees to attend the 2011 Laserfiche Conference in Los Angeles, CA.

M/S/C/(Neely/Porter) That the Board of Directors approved four Staff members to attend the 2011 Laserfiche Conference by the following vote. (Ayes Neely, Balls, Boswell, Porter; Nays 0; Absent 0; Abstain Jacobsen)

- c. **Post 2010 Re-Districting Services**

Mr. Serrato presented and discussed the proposal submitted by Marguerite Leoni for the re-districting that takes place after each census count. Ms. Marguerite Leoni performed the re-districting for the District in 2002. Staff is recommending obtaining Ms. Leoni to perform the 2011 re-districting.

M/S/C/(Jacobsen/Balls) That the Board of Directors approved hiring Marguerite Leoni to perform the basic estimate with Options 8 and 9 by unanimous vote. (Ayes 5; Nays 0; Absent 0; Abstain 0)

DIRECTORS' REPORT

Director Balls – Reported attending an AMWA meeting where primary topic of discussion was to disband AMWA. There was also the discussion of donating

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approximately \$13,000 of remaining funds to the Water Awareness Council. The FID Board of Directors agreed to let AMWA disband.

Director Boswell – discussed the CEQA issues surrounding the Consolidated Irrigation District and the Cities within their District.

CLOSED SESSION

Open Session concluded at 7:09 and the Board went into 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)): 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

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

REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

President Boswell stated that all the bids for the purchase of the District property located at Chestnut and Lincoln have been rejected.

ADJOURNMENT

President Boswell adjourned Closed Session at 7:15 p.m. and adjourned the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

Submitted By,

Gary R. Serrato
Secretary of the Board