

**FRESNO IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
HELD JUNE 8, 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 8, 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 Serrato  
Assistant General Manager Laurence Kimura  
Watermaster Jim Irwin  
HR Director Regina Davis  
Controller DeAnn Hailey  
Recording Secretary Lynn B. Rowe

**OTHERS PRESENT**

None

**REVIEW AGENDA**

**REVIEW OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

Mr. Serrato reviewed the upcoming dates for the Board of Equalization meetings which will be held on June 14, 21, and 22, 2010. At this time there are only a few applications submitted for change of value which will require board action.

**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 Regular Board Meeting Minutes – May 25, 2010
- b. May 2010 Check Register

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

**M/S/C/(Balls/Porter)** 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 June 7, Pine Flat release was 7,185 cfs, and storage was 821,971 acre-feet. Pine Flat precipitation is at 124.6% of normal for the season. Demands have started to increase with water deliveries expected to continue through the end of October.

Staff responded with a proposal to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's "Request for Scenario" to help with the recirculation of recaptured water that is now stored in San Luis Reservoir. FID's proposal would help facilitate the transfer of water to the Westlands Water District. Staff is waiting to hear from the Bureau of Reclamation on approval. Staff will bring this item back to the Board at the next meeting to discuss any further developments. 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 15,000 acre-feet.

The District will continue to provide Class II water to the Annex areas for \$75 per acre-foot because of the additional Class II water that has been allocated. The Board has already approved this action.

**CONTROLLER'S REPORT**

Controller DeAnn Hailey reported on the following:

**a. Controller's Report**

Ms. Hailey distributed a letter from the ACWA Health Benefits Authority explaining that the District will be receiving a credit on programs the District is currently enrolled in. The credit will be in the amount of \$28,759 which represents about two months worth of premiums.

Second assessment payment from the County of Fresno is expected any time.

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The COP Investment Account Summary is now invested in the money market account only.

**CHIEF ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Assistant General Manager Laurence Kimura is reporting on behalf of Chief Engineer Bill Stretch 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.

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

Staff continues to finish up on telemetry work on projects constructed last winter.

Staff had the bid opening for the earthwork portion of the Pursell Regulation Basin project. The bids came in under the engineer's estimate.

**ASSISTANT MANAGER'S REPORT**

Assistant General Manager Laurence Kimura reported on the following:

**a. Nielsen Site Rubble Pile Update**

Approximately 75% of the material was removed by Mr. Erickson during the Memorial Day weekend. The County of Fresno currently has the project shut down until Mr. Erickson receives a letter from the County explaining what requirements are needed to complete the project.

**b. Waldron Banking Facility**

There is not much new to report. An issue with some of the parties not willing or able to disclose all of the requested cost information has caused a delay.

**c. District Office Plan**

Wood framing continues to go up. The rough electrical, plumbing, and HVAC are being worked on. The installation of fire sprinklers is approximately 60% completed. Applegate Johnson continues to work off the rain days.

**d. General Maintenance and Equipment Update**

- Heavy equipment operators finished up the riprap work at Waldron last week;
- Heavy equipment operators are finishing up on moving the spoil piles off the Enterprise Canal;

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- Backhoe operators are addressing gopher holes and seepage;
- Pipeline and gate repair orders are being addressed;
- Weed spraying takes place as weather permits;
- Trash crews are working on the hot spots – Washington Central Divide and Dry Creek (H Street).

**MANAGER’S REPORT**

General Manager Gary Serrato reported on the following:

**KINGS RIVER WATER ASSOCIATION**

**Senate Bill X7 6 - Groundwater Elevation Monitoring**

District staff met with Kings River Conservation District (KRCD), Consolidated Irrigation District, and Alta Irrigation District to begin to develop a coordination process and a reporting format as required under the newly enacted State law SBX7 6. SBX7 6 requires the District to measure groundwater elevations and report the information to the Department of Water Resources. KRCD will be acting as the lead agency for the development and reporting of the required information. KRCD will develop a budget for gathering and reporting the information to DWR. This item will be brought before the board at a future meeting.

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

**9(d) Contract Negotiations**

Negotiations with the Bureau of Reclamation have been completed. Attorney Alex Peltzer has been participating in the Bureau’s negotiations with the Madera Irrigation District (MID), which has withdrawn its request for additional language in the contract that would have provided MID a priority for Friant water.

**OTHER**

**Division 4 Grower Meeting**

Staff met with a group of growers from Director Porter’s division to discuss the newly enacted legislation SBX7 6 regarding groundwater measurement and reporting and SBX7 7 involving measurement at the turnout gate and volumetric pricing. Mr. Serrato discussed the operations of the Waldron Banking Facility with several landowners.

**Miscellaneous**

Staff is working with the City of Clovis on the Water Development Agreement.

**ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

**a. Claim – Richard Carstens**

Staff recommends reimbursement to Richard Carsten for the removal of dirt from a broken ditch bank in the amount of \$50.

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**M/S/C/(Neely/Balls)** That Board of Directors approved Richard Carsten's Claim in the amount of \$50 by unanimous vote. (Ayes 5; Nays 0; Absent 0; Abstain 0)

**DIRECTORS' REPORT**

**Director Neely** – likes the long-crested weirs that have been installed.

**CLOSED SESSION**

There was no 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**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

President Boswell adjourned the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

Submitted By,

Gary R. Serrato  
Board Secretary