

**FRESNO IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
HELD OCTOBER 12, 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 October 12, 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  
Watermaster Jim Irwin  
Human Resources Director Regina Davis  
Controller DeAnn Hailey  
Recording Secretary Lynn B. Rowe

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Jim McKelvey, Representing Derrel's Mini Storage

**REVIEW AGENDA**

Mr. Serrato reminded the members of the Personnel Committee that there will be a meeting on Thursday, October 14, at 12 noon. Mr. Jim McKelvey requested to speak to the Board under the Public Presentation section. Dr. David Cehrs (item 11 a.) is scheduled to give a groundwater presentation; Mr. Serrato asked that the presentation follow the Consent Calendar portion of the meeting. President Boswell noted the changes and there were no objections from the Board.

**REVIEW OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

No changes

**PUBLIC PRESENTATION**

Mr. McKelvey, who represents Derrel's Mini Storage, is asking for a response to a letter that was sent by his office requesting reimbursement for the replacement of a portion of the Teague School Pipeline across Shaw Avenue, west of Polk Avenue. Mr. Stretch will respond to Mr. McKelvey's request and report back to the Board.

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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 – September 28, 2010**
- b. **September 2010 Check Register**
- c. **September 2010 Payroll Registers**
- d. **September 2010 Unpaid Assessment Report**
- e. **September 2010 Unpaid ISIP Assessment Report**
- f. **September 2010 Investment Account**

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

- a. **David Cehrs, KRCD – Groundwater Level Presentation**

Dr. Cehrs gave a presentation on *Groundwater Recharge – The Fresno Recharge Well System*. He is suggesting that additional recharge could be done within the District's canals by using tile/drainage pipe and recharge wells.

**380: WATER REPORT**

- a. **Current Water Conditions**

Watermaster Jim Irwin reported on the current and projected water supply information. As of October 11, Pine Flat release was 1,150 cfs, and storage was 351,579 acre-feet. With the recent storms, Pine Flat precipitation is 1.17 inches for year-to-date. Deliveries are expected to continue through the end of October. At the next board meeting Staff will request action from the Board to turn off the water for the season. KRWD, Lonetree, and Fresno Irrigation District are the only districts still diverting water.

**CONTROLLER'S REPORT**

The Controller reported on the following:

The loan documents with Wells Fargo Bank for the warrants have been completed and signed. Work on the 2011 budget has started and should be ready for review by the end of November.

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**a. Resolution 2010-15 Public Agencies Post-Retirement Health Care Plan**

Controller DeAnn Hailey explained Resolution 2010-15 is to set up the OPEB account with PARS for the retired employees' health insurance cost. The Directors decided to table the resolution until they had an opportunity to read through the *Post-Retirement Health Care Plan Trust Agreement* that was handed out. The directors also instructed staff to research any other available plans.

**b. Resolution 2010-19 Amending Resolution 2010-17**

Controller DeAnn Hailey explained the need for the amendment to Resolution 2010-17.

**M/S/C/(Jacobsen/Neely)** That the Board of Directors approved Resolution 2010-19 correcting Resolution 2010-17 by the following roll call vote. (Ayes Neely, Balls, Boswell, Jacobsen, Porter; 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 on-going developer projects taking place at this time.

**Agency Projects** – The City of Clovis is replacing a concrete collar connection on the Helm Company Canal No. 103 located northeast of Barstow and Willow Avenues.

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

Mr. Stretch reviewed the status of the Three-Year Maintenance Projects. Staff and crews are preparing for the start of Maintenance Season.

Emmetts Excavation is excavating the keyway underneath the south levee of Cell 2 on the Jameson Basin. The project is scheduled to be completed by February of 2011. Staff is reviewing several options on improving the trash situation and should have a recommendation ready by the next board meeting.

An ad has been placed in the Fresno Bee which will run for several days during the month of October for the sale of the southern section of the Oleander Basin. The bid process is scheduled to close around November 2.

Plans on the Big Sandridge Basin are approximately 90% complete.

**ASSISTANT MANAGER'S REPORT**

Assistant General Manager Laurence Kimura reported on the following:

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**a. Nielsen Site Rubble Pile Update**

The County of Fresno continues to remove materials from the site which are being used for road repairs. The remainder of the material is expected to be removed over the next several months, and hopefully completed by the end of the year.

**b. District Office Plan**

Work on the site continues with electrical, HVAC, stucco, and window framing. The most recent estimate of completion received from the general contractor is the end of January 2011.

**i. Resolution 2010-20**

The County of Fresno, as a condition of the Site Plan Review, requires the dedication of the north seven feet of the property along with a corner cutoff at the intersection of Maple and Edgar avenues for road purposes. This resolution gives the General Manager authorization to sign documents pertaining to this easement.

**M/S/C/(Balls/Porter)** That the Board of Directors approved Resolution 2010-20 by the following roll call vote. (Ayes Neely, Balls, Boswell, Jacobsen, Porter; Nays 0; Absent 0; Abstain 0)

**c. General Maintenance and Equipment Update**

- Heavy equipment operators are finishing up the riprap work on the Big Sandridge Canal;
- Riprap work continues at the Central Canal on the east side of Fig Avenue;
- Grading and brush removal are taking place on the Enterprise Canal;
- Backhoe operators continue to address gopher/squirrel holes and minor seepage;
- Repairs to the gate on the West Branch of the Victoria Colony Ditch and tailpipe repair on the Fresno Colony near Valentine and Muscat avenues have been performed;
- Spray trucks are on the Enterprise Canal;
- Trash crew is working on hot spots and the automatic trashracks.

**MANAGER'S REPORT**

General Manager Gary Serrato reported on the following:

**KINGS RIVER WATER ASSOCIATION**

Because of the scheduled maintenance on the Fresno Headgates and work on the Enterprise Canal in November, Consolidated Irrigation District will be diverting the additional water in November. FID is scheduled to divert the additional flows once the work is completed on the two systems.

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

**9 (d) Contracts**

The discount rate for the 9(d) contracts was determined on October 1. The discount rate announced is 3.4 percent. The District's discounted obligation to convert to a 9(d) contract is \$3,217,116.63. A decision on whether to convert over must be made by January 1, 2011.

**OTHER**

**Re-division of Director Division Boundaries**

Mr. Serrato contacted Special Elections Counsel Marguerite Leoni to discuss researching the division boundaries resulting from the 2010 United States Census. The census is scheduled to be adopted March 2011. Staff request direction from the Board to begin the process for a "Request for Proposals" for the division boundary review and adjust in accordance to the Federal Voting Rights Act.

**City of Clovis / FID Jameson Groundwater Banking Project**

Mr. Serrato continues to meet with Mike Leonardo from the City of Clovis and the attorneys representing both parties for the development of the Groundwater Banking Agreement.

Mr. Serrato also informed the Board that the invoice submitted to DWR for reimbursement from the Proposition 50 funding has been posted and should be paid within 60 days.

**November Election**

The Fresno County Elections office sent the District a letter reporting that Division 1 (Jeff Neely) and Division 4 (George Porter) Directors are running un-opposed and therefore will be appointed by the County Board of Supervisors saving the District the cost of those divisions election.

**ACWA Health Benefits Election**

Staff received a ballot for the upcoming election of the ACWA Health Benefits Board that covers the District's dental and health benefits. Mr. Serrato requested direction from the Board on how the Board wanted to vote for the Southern Region Candidates. The Board deferred the choice of candidates to Mr. Serrato.

**DIRECTORS' REPORT**

**Director Neely** – received an inch of rain at his property above Academy.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Open Session concluded at 7:05 and the Board went into Closed Session at 7:20 p.m.

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**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

**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)): County Service Area 51.

**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

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**REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**

President Boswell stated there was nothing to report from Closed Session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

President Boswell adjourned Closed Session at 7:25 p.m. and Open Session at 7:26 p.m.

Submitted By,

Gary R. Serrato  
Secretary of the Board