

**FRESNO IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
HELD June 14, 2011**

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 14, 2011. Meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. by Board President Jeff Neely.

**DIRECTORS PRESENT**

President Jeff Neely  
Vice President Ryan Jacobsen  
Jeff Boswell  
Steven Balls  
George Porter

**DIRECTORS ABSENT**

None

**STAFF PRESENT**

General Manager Gary Serrato  
Assistant General Manager Laurence Kimura  
Chief Engineer Bill Stretch  
Watermaster Jim Irwin  
Human Resources Director Regina Davis  
Assistant Human Resources Director September Singh  
Controller DeAnn Hailey  
Recording Secretary Lynn B. Rowe

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Mr. Curtis Rindlisbacher  
Mrs. Shirley Boswell  
Mr. Dave Holland, District's Counsel (arrived at 6:17 pm)

**REVIEW AGENDA**

Staff requested to have item 11 b. moved to follow the Controller's Report. Mr. Holland will be arriving at 6:30 pm to discuss a matter during Closed Session.

**REVIEW OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

None

**PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

None scheduled

**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

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**CONSENT CALENDAR**

- a. **Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes – May 24, 2011**
- b. **May 2011 Check Register**
- c. **May 2011 Payroll Registers**
- d. **May 2011 Unpaid Assessment Report**
- e. **May 2011 Unpaid ISIP Assessment Report**
- f. **May 2011 Investment Account**

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

**CONTROLLER'S REPORT**

- a. **April 2011 Fund Statements**
- b. **April 2011 Notes to Fund Statement**
- c. **April 2011 Treasurer's Report**
- d. **April 2011 Deposits and Investments**

Staff requested that the Board approve the April 2011 Financial Reports as presented.

**M/S/C/(Balls/Porter)** That the Board of Directors approved the April 2011 Financial Reports as presented by the Controller by unanimous vote. (Ayes 5; Nays 0; Absent 0; Abstain 0)

**ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

- b. **Adoption of Resolution 2011-05 (walk in)**

Mr. Serrato read and presented a plaque to Mr. Boswell for his many years of devoted service to the District. Jameson Groundwater Banking Facility has been renamed the Jeff Boswell Banking Facility in honor of Mr. Boswell.

Mr. Boswell informed the Board that he would abstain from the vote.

**M/S/C/(Balls/Porter)** That the Board of Directors approved Resolution 2011-05 by the following roll call vote. (Ayes Balls, Neely, Porter, Jacobsen; Nays 0; Absent 0; Abstain Boswell)

**380: WATER REPORT**

- a. **Current Water Conditions**

Watermaster Jim Irwin reported on the current and projected water supply information. As of June 13, Pine Flat release was 6,477 cfs with storage at 794,664 acre-feet. Pine Flat precipitation is at 170.9% to date. Average precipitation is 18.94" with current totals

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at 32.36". It was reported that due to the warmer weather, inflows are expected to peak sometime this week.

**CHIEF ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Chief Engineer Bill Stretch reported on the following items:

**a. Developer and Agency Project Schedule Update for 2011-2012**

**Developer Projects** – there are no current Developer Projects taking place at this time.

**Agency Projects** – there are no current Agency Projects taking place at this time.

**City of Fresno's Temporary SWTF – Improvements to the Jefferson and Gunn Canals**

There is no new update on this project. Issues still need to be resolved before PG&E can be hooked up.

**b. FID Projects Update for 2011-12**

**Flowmeters** - Staff hopes to install a few more meters at the tailend of the irrigation season.

**Basins -**

**Pacheco Basin** – the SCADA work should be completed shortly.

**Herndon West Basin** – the consultant on the project has just submitted 30% construction plans. Construction is planned to start in late November and be completed by the start of the 2012 irrigation season.

**Boswell Groundwater Facility** – the pilot hole for the third well is currently being drilled. The well should be completed in the next two – three weeks.

**Oleander Basin** – Staff has received the 90% plans from the consultant. The project is expected to start by late summer or early fall and be completed in time for the 2012 irrigation season.

**Briggs Improvements** – the Bureau of Reclamation and the consultant for the District are working together on the CEQA/NEPA documents which should be completed later this month. Construction is expected to start in late November and be completed by the start of the 2012 irrigation season.

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**c. Award Contract – Monitoring Well Construction Contract 174-1682-C as Part of the Jameson (Boswell) Basin Expansion Project. Action Request 2011-07**

The Boswell Banking Facility consists of expanding by 64 acres and adding recharge basin, recovery wells, monitoring wells, conveyance facilities, and telemetry equipment. On June 7, 2011, the three submitted bids to construct the monitoring wells were publicly opened. The lowest bid submitted came from Bradley & Sons, Inc., in the amount of \$52,200. Staff recommends awarding the contract to Bradley and Sons.

**M/S/C/(Jacobsen/Boswell)** That the Board of Directors approved granting the bid to Bradley and Sons, Inc., in the amount of \$52,200 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**

There has been no change in the status of this project.

**b. District Office Plan**

Applegate Johnson and their sub-contractors are working on both the inside and outside of the building. Work on the interior includes ceramic tile in the foyer and the repair to the plugged four-inch conduits. Exterior work includes fascia, gutters, and landscaping. Construction of the sign and seat walls are taking place. The canopy has been delivered and the sub-contractor is working out the installation issues. The floors have dried out enough to allow carpeting to be installed.

**c. General Maintenance and Equipment Update**

- Heavy equipment operators continue on embankment work on the Houghton Canal before moving on to the Lampee West Branch Canal;
- Fill material continues to be used to pack and repair ditch breaks, gopher holes, seepage, and squirrel holes;
- The backhoe operator is assisting with the dump trucks;
- Spray trucks operators were spraying the Central and Gould last week and this week they are on the Boswell Pond, Fancher, and Briggs;
- Spray tractor operators sprayed along the Edmiston and East Branch systems last week, and this week they are on the Hansen;
- Pipeline repairs last week included the McNeil line and this week it is the Fairview, Rayburn, and Teague School; and
- Trash crews continue to be busy at the usual hotspots and trashrakes.

Mr. Kimura reviewed the results of the equipment that was sent to the new auction house located in Five Points.

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**MANAGER'S REPORT**

General Manager Gary Serrato reported on the following:

**KINGS RIVER WATER ASSOCIATION**

**Kings River Fish and Game Committee**

The discussion at the last meeting focused on the 8,000 page EIR on the restoration of the San Joaquin River and its effects on the Kings River.

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

Bureau of Reclamation has declared 100% Class I and 20% schedulable Class II.

**215 Contracts**

The Bureau announced that it would extend the current 215 contracts in its current form until the end of the water year.

**Recaptured / Recirculated Water**

The Bureau notified FID and others that there would be a small amount of water that would be available for recapture and recirculation. The amount will be approximately 15,000 acre-feet. At this time the interest is coming from the Tulare Lake.

**OTHER**

**SBX 7-7**

The Department of Water Resources has continued to make changes to the legislation. The State Water Advisory Committee plans to recommend to the entire board that DWR remove the changes and adopt the suggestions of the ag interest and those developed by Friant.

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

The agreement has been completed and is now going through the CEQA process. Clovis is expected to adopt the agreement at their first City Council meeting in July.

**Meeting with the Department of Water Resources**

Mr. Serrato met with DWR's Sacramento and Fresno Staff for a site visit to the Boswell and Waldron Banking facilities. DWR staff was very impressed with both operations and plans on writing a feature article on the Boswell Facility which will be printed in a state-wide publication.

**County of Fresno CSA51**

The County Board of Supervisors unanimously passed and adopted the Amended CSA51 Agreement. The County is now waiting for the court decision on the CEQA lawsuit before they can proceed. This process will take another 60 days.

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**Public Workshop**

A public workshop on *Agricultural Water Use Efficiency* will be held on July 20 in Sacramento at the State Water Board. The ag community will be putting a program together to present during the workshop outlining the advances of irrigation technology and groundwater management that has been developed over the years.

**Appointment of Vacancy**

Mr. Serrato reviewed the procedure for filling a vacancy on the Board of Directors of the Fresno Irrigation District. Staff is looking to have the remaining Directors appoint a person to this position within the next 60 days, as mandated by the State Water Code.

**ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

**a. Purchase of Computer Equipment - Server**

Mr. Kimura reviewed the quote received from McMillan Consulting to purchase new computer equipment (server). The purchase of a new server was brought before the Equipment Committee for review. General computer practices recommend purchasing three times your current memory size which allows for growth over the next couple of years. The cost of the new server is \$104,364.03

**M/S/C/(Balls/Porter)** That the Board of Directors approved the cost of purchasing a new server in the amount of \$104,364.03 as presented by Staff by unanimous vote. (Ayes 5; Nays 0; Absent 0; Abstain 0)

**DIRECTORS' REPORT**

**Director Boswell** – at the conclusion of the meeting, Director Boswell will tender his resignation. Director Boswell stated that he thoroughly enjoyed serving on the FID Board and working with Staff.

**Director Balls** – attended an ethics training session a couple of weeks ago. It was recommended that government agencies have a Request for Public Information policy. It was also suggested that Directors keep an “open mind” while dealing with District business.

**Director Jacobsen** – wished Director Boswell well on his new adventure. Director Jacobsen apologized for not being able to attend the joint FID/FMFCD Tour the other week and asked how it went. Several Directors gave positive feedback saying it was very informative and a good tour.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Closed Session was called at 7:00 pm.

**Natural Resource Defense Council vs. Rodgers (Government Code Section 54956.9).** To confer with counsel on pending litigation.

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**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 54956.7.** Conference with Labor Negotiators Regarding Terms and Conditions of Employment with Represented Bargaining Groups.

**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)): Applegate Johnston, Inc.

**REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**

President Neely stated there was nothing to report from Closed Session. Closed Session was adjourned at 7:59 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT**

President Neely adjourned Open Session at 8:01 pm.

Submitted By,

Gary R. Serrato  
Secretary of the Board