

**FRESNO IRRIGATION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
HELD JANUARY 24, 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 January 24, 2011. Meeting was called to order at 5:00 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 Resource Director September Singh
Controller DeAnn Hailey

OTHERS PRESENT

Jeff Roberts – Tree Fresno
Scott Miller – Tree Fresno

REVIEW AGENDA

No changes

REVIEW OF FUTURE MEETINGS

No changes

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None scheduled

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

a. Jeff Roberts – Tree Fresno

Mr. Roberts and Mr. Miller, representing Tree Fresno Board of Directors, addressed the Board and explained how Tree Fresno, along with Fancher Creek Properties, is interested in pursuing a Proposition 84 Grant to create a linear parkway along Fancher Creek. Tree Fresno has obtained the support of FMFCD and the City of Fresno and is seeking the support of the FID. Director Boswell shared the Board's concerns about easements and liability issues that the District has raised in the past. Director Boswell

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also explained landowners' issues with the public using the trails and canal banks to ride motorcycles, ATV's, and causing disturbances/vandalism along their property. The area that Tree Fresno is proposing to enhance is Kings Canyon to Belmont Avenue.

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 – January 11, 2011

M/S/C/(Jacobsen/Balls) 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 January 23, Pine Flat release was 3,001 cfs with storage at 661,723 acre-feet. Staff is preparing the system for the start of water season to begin on March 1. Flood releases are expected to continue until the end of the month and possibly the first week of February. The first Snow Survey of the year is being scheduled for the end of January.

CONTROLLER'S REPORT

The Controller reported that financial binders are being prepared for the auditor review and that the year-end payroll reports are being prepared.

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. Two projects are expected to start during the next couple of weeks.

Agency Projects – Six agency projects are currently taking place.

City of Fresno's Temporary SWTF - Improvements to the Jefferson and Gunn Canals – The earthwork portion of the project is just about completed. The SCADA portion is still being worked on.

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

Mr. Stretch reported on the last remaining projects of the three-year plan including measuring structures, basins, and regulating structures.

Jameson Basin: The Contractor has completed constructing the levees for Cell 2, completed most of the conveyance channel, and some of the outfall/interbasin structures. Construction continues on the structures and pipelines between Cell 2 and the conveyance channel. They have also started placing the fabric and rip-rap at the northwest and southeast corners of Cell 2.

Oleander Basin: As reported at the last meeting, the District has entered into a lease agreement for the southern portion of the property.

Staff is looking into the pedestrian and motorcycle situation brought before the Board at the last meeting. Staff is seeing what can be done to assist the Ailanjian's with their concerns.

ASSISTANT MANAGER'S REPORT

Assistant General Manager Laurence Kimura reported on the following:

a. Nielsen Site Rubble Pile Update

Staff has met with the County of Fresno Public Health and Fresno County Public Works and Planning Departments. A meeting summary was prepared and transmitted to the County of Fresno. Staff is currently working with legal counsel regarding the County's comments.

b. District Office Plan

Work continues at a slow pace. Plumbing and sheetrock work continue inside the building. Portable heaters are being used to help dry the sheetrock mud and exterior doors have now been hung.

c. General Maintenance and Equipment Update

- Heavy equipment operators continue to repair wash-ins along the canal, including one at the Biola Spill;
- Brush removal crew is on the Lower Dry Creek Canal near Howard and Central avenues, and near the Biola Spill to provide access for the wash-in repair;
- Herbicide spraying is taking place along the Herndon Canal system;
- Pipeline leaks continue to be repaired on the American Colony Main;
- Gates are being repaired on the North Central near North and Fig avenues;
- Trash crews continue to remove a significant amount of tires from the canals.

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MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager Gary Serrato reported on the following:

KINGS RIVER WATER ASSOCIATION

Kings River Floodwater Agreements / Mitigated Lands Trust

The KRWA Watermaster reported that KRWA has negotiated an agreement with the Bureau of Reclamation regarding impacts on the lands owned by KRWA and others affected by the San Joaquin River Settlement.

KRWA Watermaster reported that KRWA has negotiated a five-year extension with various downstream individuals and districts that divert flood waters below Crescent Weir.

Fishery Management Program

The Department of Fish and Game will continue to plant trout as they have historically done. KRWA and KRCD will initiate a planting of trees and shrubs in the river below the Army Corp of Engineers measuring station. KRCD has suspended electro-shocking for the remainder of the year.

FRIANT WATER USERS AUTHORITY / FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY

The Bureau of Reclamation has initially declared a 100% Class I and 15% Class II for the beginning of the season.

OTHER

City of Clovis / FID Jameson Groundwater Banking Project

Mr. Serrato continues to meet with the City of Clovis representative to iron out the last of the details on the agreement. Mr. Serrato believes that an agreement is close to becoming completed.

Groundwater Monitoring SBX 7-6

Mr. Serrato reported that DWR has accepted the proposal submitted by the KRCD to administer the monitoring and reporting of groundwater levels as required by SBX 7-6. The current reporting grid requires one well per section to be monitored.

Enterprise Canal / Big Dry Creek – Merit Award

Mr. Serrato will be traveling to Sacramento, CA to attend an award ceremony for the project and visit with some of the newly elected State Officials from the Central Valley.

Water Right Fees

Mr. Serrato again stated that under Governor Brown's budget revisions the State Water Resources Control Board's budget has been cut out of the State's general fund. Staff is anticipating that increased Water Right Fees will make up the lost revenues.

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ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- b. **Request for Overnight Stay to Attend Special District and Local Government Institute – Governance Seminar in Anaheim, CA February 17/18, 2011**

Any Directors or Staff interested in attending the Governance Seminar in February should contact staff for reservations.

M/S/C/(Boswell/Balls) That the Board of Directors approved allowing Directors and Staff to attend the Governance Seminar by unanimous vote. (Ayes 5; Nays 0; Absent 0; Abstain 0)

DIRECTORS' REPORT

None

CLOSED SESSION

The Board went into Closed Session at 6:23 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)): 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.

Government Code Section 54957. Personnel Matters.

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.

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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 6:44 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

President Neely adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Submitted By,

Gary R. Serrato
Secretary of the Board