

**FRESNO IRRIGATION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
HELD July 26, 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 July 26, 2011. Meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m. by Board President Jeff Neely.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

President Jeff Neely
Vice President Ryan Jacobsen
Steven Balls
Jerry Rebensdorf (newly sworn in)

DIRECTORS ABSENT

George Porter

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

None

OATH OF OFFICE

Mr. Serrato administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Jerald Rebensdorf who was appointed by the board to fulfill the remainder of the term of Division 5. Director Rebensdorf then took his seat at the Board of Directors table.

REVIEW AGENDA

Mr. Serrato requested that item 11 a. be pulled from the agenda. Legal counsel and Staff needs additional time to review the Environmental Impact Report that will need to be adopted by the District's Board prior to the adoption of the agreement. Staff will place this item back on the agenda for the August 9 Board meeting.

REVIEW OF FUTURE MEETINGS

None

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None scheduled

POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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(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 Special Board Meeting Minutes – July 12, 2011**
- b. **Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes – July 12, 2011**
- c. **Approval of Special Board Meeting Minutes – July 18, 2011**

M/S/C/(Jacobsen/Balls) That the Board of Directors approved the Consent Calendar by the following vote. (Ayes Rebensdorf, Balls, Neely, Jacobsen; Nays 0; Absent Porter; Abstain 0)

CONTROLLER'S REPORT

Controller DeAnn Hailey presented the June financial reports. The Controller announced that all bond monies have been expended and is awaiting the audit to be performed by Wells Fargo Bank.

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

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

M/S/C/(Balls/Rebensdorf) That the Board of Directors approved the June 2011 Financial Reports as presented by the Controller by the following vote. (Ayes Rebensdorf, Balls, Neely, Jacobsen; Nays 0; Absent Porter; Abstain 0;)

- e. **Transfer of Funds (Three Year Plan)**

Staff requested that \$2.9 million be moved from the Water Purchase Fund into the Construction Fund to be used towards the completion of the new office building and the completion of the remaining facilities.

M/S/C/(Balls/Jacobsen) That the Board of Directors approved moving \$2,925,000 from the Water Purchase Fund into the Construction Fund for the completion of the new office building by the following vote. (Ayes Rebensdorf, Balls, Neely, Jacobsen; Nays 0; Absent Porter; Abstain 0)

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380: WATER REPORT

a. Current Water Conditions

Watermaster Jim Irwin reported on the current and projected water supply information. As of July 25, Pine Flat release was 7,161 cfs with storage at 943,704 acre-feet. Staff is projecting an eight month deliver season for 2011 and conservatively projecting a carryover of 67,700 acre-feet of water.

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

The District sent out an invoice to the City of Fresno last week for work performed. A letter to the City of Fresno was also sent outlining the issues that still need to be addressed. These issues will need to be resolved before PG&E can be hooked up.

b. FID Projects Update for 2011-12

Staff is compiling a report summarizing the work that took place under the Three-Year Plan. This report should be ready for presentation to the Board within the next two-three months.

Flowmeters

Staff is working on finishing the SCADA work and continues to wait for PG&E to energize a couple of sites.

Basins

Herndon West Basin – the consultant on the project submitted 30% construction plans which have been reviewed by Staff and sent back with comments. There are some issues with an adjacent landowner that are being addressed. Staff anticipates starting the project in November 2011 and having it completed prior to the 2012 irrigation season.

Boswell Groundwater Facility – the third and final recovery well and monitoring wells have been completed. Staff anticipates utilizing the facility by December 2011.

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Oleander Basin – Staff is waiting for a final review of the project plans before submitting it for bid. The project is expected to start by early fall and be completed in time for the 2012 irrigation season.

FID Miscellaneous Projects

Briggs Improvements – the Bureau of Reclamation staff continues to review and make changes to the NEPA documents. In-house staff is working on the surveying and plans for this project. Construction is expected to start in late November and be completed by the start of the 2012 irrigation season.

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. A fence will be constructed separating the District's and the adjacent property owned by Mr. Erickson.

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 sliding windows, cabinetry under the sliding windows, and installation of small appliances. Exterior work includes painting the wrought iron fence, installation of the front canopy, and the outdoor lighting fixtures being installed. Staff continues to wait for the punch list from Applegate Johnson which must be received before the architects can submit their punch list.

c. General Maintenance and Equipment Update

- Heavy equipment operators have been moving dirt, handling work order repairs, and embankment work on the Hanson Canal;
- Heavy equipment operators hauled fill material to the Central Waste where water was going around the check near McMullin Grade;
- Backhoe operator and trash crew removed a large tree branch from the Fresno Headgates;
- Last week spray trucks operators were spraying the western part of the District and applying Magnacide – this week they will be spraying the southern portion;
- Pipeline repairs continue to take place throughout the District, and;
- Trash crews continue to be busy at the usual hotspots and trashrakes.

Mr. Kimura informed the Board the Maintenance Report from June 16, through July 15, 2011, has been passed out.

MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager Gary Serrato reported on the following:

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KINGS RIVER WATER ASSOCIATION

KRWA Watermaster Steve Haugen projected a high carryover in Pine Flat that will induce a flood release in January of an estimated 40,000 acre-feet.

San Joaquin River EIR / EIS

The Kings River Water Association has prepared comments regarding the third party impacts it is anticipating on the Kings River due to the restoration of the San Joaquin River. KRWA, KRCD, and the Kings River Fly Fisherman group went back to Washington, D.C. and met with a number of the areas representative including Senators Boxer and Feinstein to expressed concern over these issues.

APEX Mediation

The Kings County Water District continues to hold meetings with the local landowners surrounding the APEX groundwater bank regarding the operation of the facility. KRWA staff reported that the meetings are going very well and another meeting is planned for August. A grid of monitoring wells will be installed and measured. Information gathered from the wells will be utilized to help with the operation of the recovery wells.

FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY

The Class II water supplies have been reduced to 5%.

OTHER

SBX 7-6 and SBX 7-7

The Kings River Conservation District will be conducting a workshop on August 16 to discuss the recent interpretation of both ABX 7-6 and 7-7 by the State Water Advisory Committee. Several members of District's Staff will be attending.

City of Clovis / FID Boswell Groundwater Banking Project

The agreement has been completed and was approved at the July 18 City of Clovis Council meeting. The agreement will be put on the agenda for approval at the next board meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

None

DIRECTORS' REPORT

Director Neely – read an appreciation letter that was sent by Division 5 candidate Curtis Rindlisbacher.

Director Jacobsen – asked Staff if there are any new registered herbicides for the control of mares tail on the canal banks. Staff reported that different options are being tested.

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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)): Nielsen Avenue Property.

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

No Closed Session

ADJOURNMENT

President Neely adjourned the meeting at 6:28 pm.

Submitted By,

Gary R. Serrato
Secretary of the Board