

**FRESNO IRRIGATION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
HELD FEBRUARY 8, 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 February 8, 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
Recording Secretary Lynn Rowe

OTHERS PRESENT

None

REVIEW AGENDA

Mr. Serrato requested to have the Controller's Report heard at the beginning of the meeting and requested that Closed Session follow the Controller's Report to discuss a personnel matter.

REVIEW OF FUTURE MEETINGS

No changes

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 – January 24, 2011**
- b. **January 2011 Check Register**
- c. **January 2011 Payroll Registers**
- d. **January 2011 Unpaid Assessment Report**
- e. **January 2011 Unpaid ISIP Assessment Report**
- f. **January 2011 Investment Account**

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

CONTROLLER’S REPORT

The auditor should receive the binders by February 14 to start the 2010 audit process. The State Controller’s office has received from the District the employee compensation information for posting on their website this month.

a. Request for New Roof at Nielsen Firehouse

The Controller gathered bids to replace the roof on the old Firehouse building located on Marks/Nielsen Avenues. The lowest bid came from Kings Roofing but the Controller was not confident that they would be able to handle a project of this size.

The second lowest bid came from Brad’s Quality Roofing with a third bid coming in from Byrom Roofing and Maintenance, Inc. The highest bid came in from Minnick Roofing. There may be possible dry-rot damage that will have to be addressed at the time of roofing. Staff recommends Byrom Roofing installing a 40 year roof and 30 pound felt underlayment.

M/S/C/(Balls/Boswell) That the Board of Directors declined the proposal for a new roof and asked Staff to request like-quotes from the bidders. (Ayes Boswell, Balls; Nays Neely, Porter, Jacobsen; Absent 0; Abstain 0)

CLOSED SESSION

The Board went into Closed Session at 5:15 p.m to discuss a personnel issue regarding a termination of an FID Employee. President Neely and Director Porter recused themselves from the discussion and left the Board Room.

Government Code Section 54957. Personnel Matters.

REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

Board Vice-President Jacobsen announced that the Board voted to reinstate Mr. Ernest R. Karkula to his original position effective February 14. Closed Session adjourned at

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5:47 p.m. Open Session continued with Vice-President Jacobsen returning the gavel to President Neely.

380: WATER REPORT

a. Current Water Conditions

Watermaster Jim Irwin reported on the current and projected water supply information. As of February 7, Pine Flat release was 2,366 cfs with storage at 638,563 acre-feet. Precipitation to date is 20.26 inches for the season; 10.38 inches average; and 195.2% of April 1. Nighttime temperatures are expected to drop for the next several days and rain is expected by the middle of next week.

b. Start of 2011 Water Season

Staff recommends beginning water deliveries for the 2011 water season on March 1.

M/S/C/(Jacobsen/Porter) That the Board of Directors approved the start of water season on March 1 by unanimous vote. (Ayes 5; Nays 0; Absent 0; Abstain 0)

c. Sale of Re-circulated Water to San Luis Water District

Staff recommends the sales of the re-circulated water in San Luis Reservoir to San Luis Water District at \$35 per acre feet.

M/S/C/(Boswell/Jacobsen) That the Board of Directors approved the sale of water by unanimous vote. (Ayes 5; 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 two projects taking place at this time. One project is at the Teilman Canal at S/W Whitesbridge/Marks avenues and the second is the Reyburn Pipeline at Bullard/Locan.

Agency Projects – Four agency projects are currently under way. The projects include 1) construction of a pedestrian bridge at N/W Blackstone/Shields by the City of Fresno; 2) replacement of a pedestrian bridge at S/W Dakota/Cedar by the City of Fresno; 3) substitution of 6,100 feet of open canal with 42 inch RGRCP at Temperance/Academy; and 4) addition of Willow Avenue Bridge on the Central Canal north of Jensen.

City of Fresno's Temporary SWTF - Improvements to the Jefferson and Gunn Canals – It is still expected that this project will be completed prior to the start of water season.

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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.

c. Miscellaneous Projects

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.

Oleander Basin: Staff is in the process of accepting bids from contractors to clear the vineyard on the north side of Lincoln Avenue.

Mr. Stretch showed a slide-update of the current projects taking place in the District, including Jameson Pond Conveyance Canal-Cell 1 & 2, Herndon Headgate, Big Sandridge Basin, Washington Oleander Divide, Central Canal, and Central Avenue Bridge Extension.

Approached by a landowner, Director Porter asked about a portion of the Thompson Extension having the canal sides built up. Staff will research this issue.

ASSISTANT MANAGER'S REPORT

Assistant General Manager Laurence Kimura reported on the following:

a. Nielsen Site Rubble Pile Update

There is no change in the status. The material being removed from the site is still allowed to be recycled and used for road construction.

b. District Office Plan

Work continues at the office site. The bathroom floors are being floated and tiled. The walls are being textured and painted and the cabinets have been received. Grading and asphalt work on the outside is also taking place.

c. General Maintenance and Equipment Update

- Winter maintenance and construction work continues. There is only about two more weeks before water system operators move over to water;
- Heavy equipment operators continue to complete the work orders on the wash-ins on several systems;
- The sloper crews are working this week on the Wilder, Benefield, and Goodrich system between Chestnut and Temperance in the southeast part of the District;
- Brush removal crews are working on the Gordon and American Colony;

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- Pipeline leaks continue to be repaired on the Fresno Colony and Epstein;
- Gates have been repaired on the Houghton West;
- Trash crews continue to work throughout the District.

The Maintenance Report covering November 16, 2010 through January 15, 2011 was handed out.

The Shop is preparing the vehicles for the water season. Most pick-ups will have 200,000 miles put on them before they are rotated out.

The Bit Inspection from the California Highway Patrol has been completed and the District passed.

MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager Gary Serrato reported on the following:

A growers' meeting in Director Jacobsen's Division will be held on Friday, February 11, beginning at 8:00 a.m. in Easton.

FRIANT WATER USERS AUTHORITY / FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY

Friant continues to work on:

- Recapture and re-circulation of all interim water flows;
- Channel losses - Reclamation reviewed flow records from 2010 to make a recommendation on the last reasonably accurate measuring location and losses from Friant Dam to the Delta;
- Third party impacts which include adjacent property owners and others in the Delta, and
- River restoration.

OTHER

Mr. Stretch and Mr. Serrato attended an award ceremony in Sacramento where Provost & Pritchard Consulting firm was honored with a merit award for the Enterprise/Big Dry Creek Bridge project. While in Sacramento, Mr. Serrato took the opportunity to meet with members of the State Senate and Assembly or their staff.

Mr. Serrato also visited the Department of Water Resources inquiring about the availability of the completion of Proposition 50 funding and the first round of Proposition 84 grant funding.

City of Clovis / FID Jameson Groundwater Banking Project

Mr. Serrato is confident that the parties are getting closer to finalizing the Jameson agreement.

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Water Right Fees

The California Supreme Court issued its opinion on the annual fee imposed by the State Water Resources Control Board on holders of water rights permits and licenses. The court's opinion did not resolve the case, but instead ordered the case be returned to the trial court. Meanwhile, the SWRCB can still imposed the fee.

Miscellaneous

The National Committee on Levee Safety was established to deal with post-Katrina flood risk issues, with an emphasis on Corps levees. However the Committee has developed a plan that essentially would apply Corps-level engineering specifications and standards to levees and canal embankments throughout the country. Applying Corps standards on the canal levees would have huge financial implications on the District. Staff will continue to monitor this issue

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

None

DIRECTORS' REPORT

Directors Neely and Porter – thought the overall program of the Mid Pacific Water Users Conference was very good.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board went into Closed Session at 7:30 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.

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REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

The Board President announced there was no action to report from Closed Session. Closed Session concluded at 7:58 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

President Neely adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Submitted By,

Gary R. Serrato
Secretary of the Board