

**FRESNO IRRIGATION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
HELD AUGUST 9, 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 August 9, 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
Steven Balls
George Porter

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Jerry Rebensdorf

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

City of Clovis Representative Mike Leonardo

REVIEW AGENDA

Mr. Serrato stated that he would like to move item 11 b. to the beginning of the meeting to accommodate Mr. Leonardo's schedule.

REVIEW OF FUTURE MEETINGS

None

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None scheduled

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

b. Resolution 2011-09 Boswell (Jameson) Banking Facility

Mr. Serrato reviewed the highlights of the agreement with the Directors. Mr. Leonardo, Public Utilities Director for the City of Clovis, thanked the Board for their cooperation and support of this agreement and offered to answer any questions from the Board.

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M/S/C/(Jacobsen/Balls) That the Board of Directors approved Resolution 2011-09 by the following roll call vote. (Ayes, Balls, Neely, Porter, Jacobsen; Nays 0; Absent Rebensdorf; Abstain 0)

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 – July 26, 2011**
- b. **July 2011 Check Register**
- c. **July 2011 Payroll Registers**
- d. **July 2011 Unpaid Assessment Report**
- e. **July 2011 Unpaid ISIP Assessment Report**
- f. **July 2011 Investment Account**

Director Jacobsen pointed out a correction needing to be made to the July 26 minutes on page 90 under “Consent Calendar”. Director Porter was listed twice and Director Jacobsen was excluded from the motion.

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

CONTROLLER’S REPORT

DeAnn Hailey reported the District has received another payment from Fresno County for the 2011 assessment year. The County owes less than 3% of the total assessments.

Starting on Monday, August 15, the District will undergo an audit by the State Department of Finance covering Propositions 13 and 50 funds.

380: WATER REPORT

- a. **Current Water Conditions**

Watermaster Jim Irwin reported on the current and projected water supply information. As of August 8, Pine Flat release was 6,117 cfs with storage at 862,293 acre-feet. Pine Flat Reservoir is currently at 86% of capacity. Water demands have started to decrease due to the reduction in demand from the raisin and almond growers. All predictions still point toward a January flood release from Pine Flat. Staff continues to work on reducing the amount of carry-over water.

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b. Sale of Recapture/Recirculation Water

Mr. Serrato recommends approving the sale of 5,300 acre-feet of water to the JG Boswell Company for \$35 per acre-foot.

M/S/C/(Balls/Porter) That the Board of Directors approved selling water to the JG Boswell Company for \$35 per acre-foot by the following vote. (Ayes, Balls, Neely, Porter, Jacobsen; Nays 0; Absent Rebensdorf; Abstain 0)

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

Staff met with the City of Fresno to discuss the remaining issues that need to be resolved. The project is proceeding pretty much on schedule and is still expected to be operational by July 2012.

b. FID Projects Update for 2011-12

Flowmeters

Washington-Oleander – FID's Integrator (CIC) will start the SCADA work this week.

Fresno Colony and American Colony – Staff is still waiting on PG&E. Staff hopes to have it energized by late September.

AB 303 Basin Meters – there are five sites still needing meters which may not be installed until maintenance season.

Basins

Herndon West Basin – the consultant is finalizing the CEQA documents. Staff anticipates awarding the construction contract on October 11, start construction in November, and complete the project in time for the 2012 Irrigation Season.

Boswell Groundwater Banking Facility – the three recovery wells and the three monitoring wells have been completed. Staff anticipates awarding the Well Equipping Contract on September 13, start construction in October, and complete the project in December.

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Oleander Basin – Staff expects to award the construction contract on September 13, start construction in October, and complete the project prior to the 2012 Irrigation Season.

FID Miscellaneous Projects

Briggs Improvements – FID expects to submit the CEQA Initial Study to the State Clearinghouse and the USBR will publish it under the Federal register in late August. Staff expects to award the construction contract on November 22, start construction in early December, and complete the construction project prior to 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. Staff continues to investigate different uses for the remaining material.

b. District Office Plan

Primary work at the site has been dedicated to addressing the joint contractor/FID punch-list. It is expected to take three to four weeks to address all items on the list.

c. General Maintenance and Equipment Update

- Heavy equipment operators have been moving dirt, handling work order repairs, and performing embankment work on the Edminston Ditch this week before moving over to the G1 near Goldenrod and Belmont;
- Backhoe operator has been doing embankment work on the Hansen System;
- Spray trucks operators are spraying the North Central Basin, the Briggs, and the Enterprise Canals;
- Spray tractor operators are spraying the Center Branch of the Washington Colony Canal and the Oleander Canal;
- Trees are being cleared from the Gould Canal;
- A pipeline repair is scheduled on the Fairview where it appears that root intrusion is causing flow restrictions, and;
- Trash crews continue to be busy at the usual hotspots and trashrakes.

MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager Gary Serrato reported on the following:

KINGS RIVER WATER ASSOCIATION

Nothing additional to report.

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FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY

Nothing to report.

OTHER

Miscellaneous

Staff will be scheduling a Finance Committee and Personnel Committee meetings within the next week or two.

Registration for the Fall ACWA Convention has started. Anyone interested in attending should see the executive assistant.

The Madera Irrigation District will be holding a groundbreaking ceremony for their groundwater banking facility on August 26 at 10 am. Anyone interested in attending should let Staff know.

Redistricting of Electoral Divisions

Staff has been working with Ms. Marguerite Leoni from the legal firm of Nielsen Merksamer Parrinello Gross & Leoni LLP. Ms. Leoni plans on attending the October 11 Board Meeting to discuss the procedures and legal and policy criteria governing redistricting.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

a. Resolution 2011-08 Honoring Lou Garibay's Retirement

Mr. Garibay is now retiring with over 25 years of service, many of those years as a nighttime water systems operator.

M/S/C/(Porter/Balls) That the Board of Directors approved Resolution 2011-08 by the following roll call vote. (Ayes, Balls, Neely, Porter, Jacobsen; Nays 0; Absent Rebensdorf; Abstain 0)

c. Damage Claim – Richard Carstens

Mr. Carstens helped with the removal of dirt from adjacent properties due to a ditch break on the South Perrin. Staff recommends payment of the claim from Mr. Carstens.

M/S/C/(Jacobsen/Porter) That the Board of Directors approved the payment of Richard Carstens' claim in the amount of \$100 by the following vote. (Ayes, Balls, Neely, Porter, Jacobsen; Nays 0; Absent Rebensdorf; Abstain 0)

DIRECTORS' REPORT

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Director Neely – mentioned that he discussed with Director Jacobsen and Mr. Serrato about reducing the board meetings to one meeting per month. Further discussion will take place before a final decision is made.

CLOSED SESSION

Open Session concluded at 6:15 pm. Closed Session started at 6:25 pm.

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

Closed Session concluded at 6:54 pm with President Neely stating there was a discussion of Applegate Johnson’s, Inc. progress and Staff was given instruction by the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

President Neely adjourned the meeting at 6:55 pm.

Submitted By,

Gary R. Serrato
Secretary of the Board