

**FRESNO IRRIGATION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
HELD July 12, 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 12, 2011. Meeting was called to order at 5:13 p.m. by Board President Jeff Neely.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

President Jeff Neely
Vice President Ryan Jacobsen
Steven Balls
George Porter

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Division 5 - Vacant

STAFF PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

None

REVIEW AGENDA

No changes

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 – June 28, 2011**
- b. **June 2011 Check Register**
- c. **June 2011 Payroll Registers**
- d. **June 2011 Unpaid Assessment Report**
- e. **June 2011 Unpaid ISIP Assessment Report**
- f. **June 2011 Investment Account**

M/S/C/(Balls/Porter) That the Board of Directors approved the Consent Calendar by unanimous vote. (Ayes 4; Nays 0; Absent 0; Abstain 0; Vacancy 1)

CONTROLLER'S REPORT

Mr. Serrato reported that the District has received the second portion of the installments from the County of Fresno, in the amount of two million dollars.

380: WATER REPORT

a. Current Water Conditions

Watermaster Jim Irwin reported on the current and projected water supply information. As of July 11, Pine Flat release was 8,555 cfs with storage at 988,357 acre-feet. Flood releases concluded at 12 noon on July 11. Staff continues to project water deliveries through the end of October with a significant carryover 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

There is no new update on this project.

b. FID Projects Update for 2011-12

Flowmeters

Staff continues to wait for PG&E on a couple of sites. A few punchlist items still remain.

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Basins

Herndon West Basin – Staff has provided comments on the consultant's 30% construction plans. The project is expected to commence in November 2011 and be completed by the start of the 2012 irrigation season.

Boswell Groundwater Facility – the three recovery and three monitoring wells have been completed. Staff anticipates the wells will be operational by December 2011.

Oleander Basin – Staff has provided comments to the consultant for the 90% construction plans. Staff expects the plans to be completed the next couple of weeks. 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 CEQA/NEPA documents were completed at the end of June. 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.

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 floor electrical covers, bolting of three canopies, painting of HVAC grills, and Applegate Johnson's punchlist items. Exterior work includes painting the fascia and gutters, installation of canopies, installation of landscaping, and placement of concrete flatwork. Most of the wrought iron fence has been constructed but the front gate is still missing.

c. General Maintenance and Equipment Update

- Heavy equipment operators have finished the rip-rap work on the Washington Colony near Maple Avenue and will be moving over to the Hansen Canal to work on the embankment;
- Backhoe operator has been working on trash removal on the St. George, Fancher Canal, and Washington-Central divide;
- Spray trucks operators were out last week on the Herndon, Little Sandridge, G-system, and Empire. This week they are at the Central Waste, Houghton, and Lambrecht and Waldron basins;
- A pipeline obstruction of mostly tree roots was removed on the Teague School near Ashlan and Polk;

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- Crews worked on a liner repair, gate repairs, and structure repairs on several systems;
- 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

Increased inflow into Pine Flat forced water over the top of the spill gates. KRWA has contacted each district to encourage them to increase demands to help prevent water from overflowing the reservoir.

FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY

Friant Dam also had water spill over the top of the gates, with the inflows decreasing over the past four-five days the reservoir is now under control and flood releases are being decreased.

Friant announced the hiring of Mrs. Jennifer Buckman as its new in-house attorney. Mrs. Buckman will begin her new duties in September and will have her office located in Sacramento.

OTHER

SBX 7-7

The Department of Water Resources has adopted emergency regulations for the implementation of SBX 7-7. Agricultural water suppliers must comply with the following:

- Measure the volume of water delivered to customers with sufficient accuracy;
- Adopt a pricing structure for water customers based at least in part on quantity delivered;
- Submit an annual report to the department that summarizes aggregated farm-gate delivery data on a monthly or bi-monthly basis, using best professional practices;
- Development of a water management plan submitted to DWR in years 2012, 2015, and every five years thereafter.

SB 931 (Vargas)

This bill would take away a public agencies' ability to utilize outside counsel when dealing with labor negotiations. General Manager Gary Serrato met with Assembly Member Perea to discuss the District's concern over this bill. Assembly Member Perea said he understands the concern and will not be voting in favor of this bill.

Recaptured and Recirculated Water

The Bureau of Reclamation has informed Friant Contractors that there would be approximately 30,000 acre-feet of Recapture / Recirculated water available this year. At

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this time there is no interest by the Friant Contractors to bring this water back. The Bureau has an interest in continuing the recapture and recirculation process. Mr. Serrato has made contact with the Boswell Company to inquire if there was an interest in arranging an exchange program for this year.

Exhibit C and D Flows

Mr. Serrato has met with Consolidated Irrigation District to discuss the coordination of Exhibit C and D Flows.

City of Clovis / FID Boswell Groundwater Banking Project

On July 18 the City of Clovis Council will meet to adopt the City of Clovis/Fresno Irrigation District groundwater banking facility agreement. Mr. Serrato will be attending the Council Meeting that night.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

a. Property Damage Claim – Richard Radavero

Mr. Radavero is seeking reimbursement in the amount of \$450 for backhoe work done to dig out a leaking pipe on his pipeline. It is suspected that the leak may have been caused by parking heavy equipment on top of the pipeline by the contractor constructing the Pacheco Basin. The contractor repaired the leaks but refused to reimburse Mr. Radavero for the backhoe work. The Directors directed Staff to pay the claim and to obtain a waiver from Mr. Radavero against holding the District liable for any further leaks or repairs.

M/S/C/(Porter/Balls) That the Board of Directors approved the reimbursement of \$450 to Mr. Radavero if he agrees to sign a waiver letter holding the District harmless from any further repairs or leaks by unanimous vote. (Ayes 4; Nays 0; Absent 0; Abstain 0; Vacancy 1)

b. GPS Fleet Management and Engine Diagnostic System

Mr. Kimura reviewed the benefits of implementing a GPS fleet management system on FID vehicles which includes the safety of employees, engine diagnostics, efficiency, roadside assistance, and reduction of fuel costs. Staff reviewed three different systems and recommended NetworkFleet. Installation would be done by District personnel.

M/S/C/(Balls/Porter) That the Board of Directors approved purchasing 57 units from NetworkFleet at an estimated cost of \$22,300 from the Power Revenue Fund for a three-year evaluation by unanimous vote. (Ayes 4; Nays 0; Absent 0; Abstain 0; Vacancy 1)

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DIRECTORS' REPORT

Director Jacobsen – asked if there will be another newsletter coming out in the near future. Staff stated that they have already had a preliminary meeting with the District's public relations person about developing another newsletter for later this year.

Continued Discussion of Vacant Director Position

The Directors continued their discussion on filling the open Director's position.

Open Session concluded at 6:43 pm.

There was no Closed Session portion of the meeting.

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.

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

No Closed Session held.

ADJOURNMENT

President Neely adjourned the meeting at 6:43 pm.

Submitted By,

Gary R. Serrato
Secretary of the Board