

**FRESNO IRRIGATION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
HELD SEPTEMBER 27, 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 September 27, 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
Jerry Rebensdorf

DIRECTORS ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

General Manager Gary Serrato
Assistant General Manager Laurence Kimura
Chief Engineer Bill Stretch
Staff Engineer Jennifer Williams
Recording Secretary Lynn B. Rowe

OTHERS PRESENT

Landowner Jerry Cook

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.

CONSENT CALENDAR

a. Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes – September 13, 2011

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

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CHIEF ENGINEER'S REPORT

a. Oleander Basin No. 579 & Oleander Canal No. 16 Construction Contract

Staff Engineer Jennifer Williams updated the Board on the result of the bid process for the Earthwork and Structures Contract for the Oleander Basin project. Sealed bids were opened on September 20 with Agee Construction determined to be the lowest responsible bidder. The lowest bid came in approximately \$100,000 over engineer's estimate. Staff met internally to decide how to reduce the cost of the project. Staff decided to remove the Oleander Divide improvements, thus saving approximately \$71,000. The additional funds will come from the sale of the 17.3 acres of adjacent property. Total cost of this contract is estimated at \$692,838 and the awarded USBR Grant in the amount of \$300,000 will also be used towards this project. Staff recommends starting the project while there is still water in the canal for dust control purposes; otherwise, groundwater will need to be used.

Staff updated the Board on the progress of the sale preparations on the 17.3 acres. Staff has approached the farmer currently leasing the property (ruby red vineyard) as to any interest of a purchase. This property is located within the Consolidated Irrigation District.

M/S/C/(Balls/Jacobsen) That the Board of Directors approved awarding the Oleander Construction Contract to Agee Construction in the amount of \$692,838 and to take the proceeds of the sale on the 17.3 acres and supplement the funding of the contract by unanimous vote. (Ayes, 5; Nays 0; Absent 0; Abstain 0)

MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager Gary Serrato reported on the following:

KINGS RIVER WATER ASSOCIATION

Mr. Serrato reported that as of September 26, Pine Flat Storage was 624,246 acre-feet with Pine Flat Release at 2,329 cfs. During the last KRWA meeting, districts were informed that by the end of season they could expect 500,000 acre-feet of carry over water in storage. The forecast is calling for possible showers during the first week of October. Mr. Serrato is working with Consolidated Irrigation District on an agreement to bank some FID water. Mr. Serrato is suggesting that if demands for water still exist in November, that the Board should consider water deliveries in November.

KRWA Watermaster informed the Districts that Water Right Fees will increase from \$0.03 to \$0.05 per acre foot, bringing KRWA's fee from \$154,000 to \$257,000. The District's portion of the fee will increase by almost \$20,000.

Fees associated with Irrigated Lands will be increased from \$0.12 to \$0.55 per acre.

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The KRWA cloud seeding contract will be renewed but seeding on the Kings River Watershed will be suspended for the winter months.

Chief Engineer Bill Stretch has been working closely with the High-Speed Rail Committee and their consultants on District's facilities that will be impacted by the route.

FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY

Friant will be holding a meeting this week to discuss Class I carry-over water and 215 contract water.

OTHER

KRCD Pine Flat Power Plant – Power Generation Forecast

Mr. Serrato reviewed the revenue projections of the generation plant at Pine Flat with the Board. Power generation for the upcoming year is being forecasted to be slightly below the 2011 water year.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

a. Claim – Edward Fanucchi Raisins

Staff reviewed, with the Board, Mr. Fanucchi's claim for his loss of raisins due to an overflow from a standpipe. Mr. Fanucchi was able to salvage 36 from the original 119 trays which will be subtracted from the claim. The Board agreed to pay Mr. Fanucchi's claim for 83 trays at 4 pounds per tray at the RBA price of \$1,625 for this year's crop. An additional \$50 was added for the additional work associated with the salvaging of the 36 trays.

M/S/C/(Rebensdorf/Porter) That the Board of Directors approved paying Mr. Fanucchi's claim at the reduced amount by unanimous vote. (Ayes 5; Nays 0; Absent 0; Abstain 0)

Open Session concluded at 5:55 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session went into session at 5:56 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.

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Government Code Section 54957. Personnel Matters.

REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session concluded at 6:16 pm with President Neely stating there was nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT

President Neely adjourned the meeting at 6:17 pm.

Submitted By,

Gary R. Serrato
Secretary of the Board