

**FRESNO IRRIGATION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
HELD March 22, 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 March 22, 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
George Porter

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Steven Balls

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 B. Rowe

OTHERS PRESENT

None

REVIEW AGENDA

No Changes

REVIEW OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The conflict with the May 10 Board Meeting and the Spring ACWA Conference will be discussed at the first meeting in April

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 – March 22, 2011

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

CONTROLLER'S REPORT

The Controller reported that the auditors were onsite during the week of February 28. The auditors will prepare the audited financial statements and present them to the Board at the first meeting in April.

King Roofing has nearly completed the roof replacement on the old Firehouse building at Nielsen and Marks avenues.

380: WATER REPORT

a. Current Water Conditions

Watermaster Jim Irwin reported on the current and projected water supply information. Pine Flat precipitation is currently at 174% of normal for the year. Additional storms are expected through the weekend. An additional three feet of snow is predicted for elevations above 4,000 feet. KRWA will begin Flood Releases on March 21 at Pine Flat Dam.

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 – all the projects have been completed and pipelines have been pressure tested.

Agency Projects – progress is being made on the two pedestrian bridges being constructed by the City of Fresno.

City of Fresno's Temporary SWTF – Improvements to the Jefferson and Gunn Canals

Staff is hoping PG&E will energize the site by mid-April. Minor electrical and SCADA work still needs to be finished. The project is expected to be completed by mid-April.

b. Three Year MFUP Update for 2010-2011 Projects

Most of the work remaining on the Three-Year projects includes minor electrical and SCADA work. The SCADA work is being performed by Concept in Controls at 33 sites

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over the next three to five months. Mr. Stretch updated the Board on the Big Sandridge Basin projects. Slides showing the progress of Jameson Pond, Big Sandridge Basin, Enterprise at Fancher Creek (new flume and Langemann gates), and Vernon Drain (new repleg flume) were shown.

c. Miscellaneous Projects Update for 2010-2011

Jameson Basin - is holding at 90% capacity while testing is being performed.

Oleander Basin - the contractor is removing the vineyard and Staff is reviewing the construction plans from Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group.

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 and material still remains on site. Neither Staff nor Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group has heard back from the Regional Water Quality Control Board.

b. District Office Plan

Sub-contractors are working on the inside of the building while the work outside has been delayed due to the rain. Some of the rooms now have power/lights. Work continues on the interior including painting and tile work. Cabinets are being distributed and installed throughout the building. Lighting, HVAC ducting, T-Bar ceilings, interior doors, and insulation are being installed. The gas meter has been installed by PG&E. The fascia mock up is being completed.

c. General Maintenance and Equipment Update

- Heavy equipment operators continue to repair canal banks and place riprap where needed;
- Backhoe operator worked on the Hansen, American Colony, and Enterprise canals last week and this week worked on the ditch break along the Big Sandridge Canal;
- Spray trucks were on the Fresno and Big Dry Creek canals;
- Spray tractors were on the Briggs Canal in addition to helping with some trenching work;
- Pipeline and gate leaks continue to be repaired; and
- Trash crews continue to be busy at the usual hotspots.

The Maintenance Report covering February 16, through March 15, 2011, was handed out.

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MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager Gary Serrato reported on the following:

KINGS RIVER WATER ASSOCIATION

Fish and Game Committee Meeting

On Wednesday, April 27, KRWA has scheduled a tour of the lower Kings River for members to develop a better understanding of the diversions and facilities within the river. The tour will start at the Peoples Weir and finish at the Mendota Pool.

The Committee discussed the issues associated with the closing of the San Joaquin River to fishing and the additional pressure from fishermen the Kings River could expect. KRWA and KRCD will be writing a letter to the Fish and Game Department expressing their concerns with the closure of the San Joaquin River as it will affect the Kings River fishery.

Exhibit "D" Flows

KRWA will be releasing the higher level Exhibit "D" Flows (300 cfs) for the 2011-2012 water year. Exhibit "D" flows are to be diverted at the Fresno Weir - either Consolidated Irrigation District or Fresno Irrigation District will divert the flows.

FRIANT WATER USERS AUTHORITY / FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY

Staff continues to explore different options for the recaptured/recirculation water associated with the restoration of the San Joaquin River. With recent rain, snow pack, and flood releases, there has not been much of a demand for water this year.

OTHER

City of Clovis / FID Jameson Groundwater Banking Project

The agreement is now with the City of Clovis and its attorney for their review and comments.

ACWA Region 6 Meeting

Mr. Serrato attended the meeting held in Clovis. Tim Quinn, ACWA Executive Director, was in attendance. Water conservation, SBx7-7, and SBx7-6 were discussed.

Kings River 101

Mr. Serrato participated in a discussion panel covering Kings River issues with congressional staff members from the offices of Costa and Denham, and State elected members Perea, Halderman, and Berryhill. Mr. Serrato discussed the Waldron Groundwater Banking Facility and the District's partnership with the City of Clovis.

State Water Resources Control Board

Representatives from the State Water Resources Control Board visited the Jameson and Waldron Groundwater Banking Facilities on March 17.

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Re-Districting

Ms. Marguerite Leoni, attorney with Nielsen Merksamer Parrinello Gross & Leoni, LLP, will be reviewing each of the District divisions' population bases. Additional work will continue after November and is scheduled for completion and adoption by the Board of Directors in February of 2012.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

a. Adoption of New Conflict of Interest Code – Resolution 2011-02

The County of Fresno is requiring the District to update the Model Code for the Conflict of Interest requirements in order to meet the legal requirements. Legal counsel for the District has reviewed and prepared the proposed update. Staff recommends updating the code.

M/S/C/(Boswell/Jacobsen) That the Board of Directors approved Resolution 2011-02 by roll call vote. (Ayes Boswell, Neely, Porter, Jacobsen; Nays 0; Absent Balls; Abstain 0)

b. Approval of 215 Contract – Resolution 2011-03

The Bureau of Reclamation requires the signing of a 215 Contract before allowing 215 water to be taken. Staff recommends the signing of the contract and the resolution.

M/S/C/(Jacobsen/Porter) That the Board of Directors approved Resolution 2011-03 by roll call vote. (Ayes Boswell, Neely, Porter, Jacobsen; Nays 0; Absent Balls; Abstain 0)

c. CSDA Training – Workers' Compensation Incentive Points

SDRMA provides the ability for directors to participate in seminars and workshop where credits can be earned and used towards discounts for the District's workers' compensation expense. Staff is requesting Directors to attend some of the offered workshops.

d. Required Ethics and Harassment Training – Follow-Up

Ms. Davis reported on the available ethics seminar classes given by Howard Sagaser's office or webinars given by SDRMA. It was suggested that a webinar could be held at the District office on the same day as one of the Board of Equalization meetings.

DIRECTORS' REPORT

Director Porter – attended the San Joaquin River tour for the Fact Class given by the Fresno County Farm Bureau. He found it to be informative and a good tour. It started at Friant Dam and concluded in Los Banos.

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CLOSED SESSION

The Board did not hold 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.

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Government Code Section 54956.7. Conference with Labor Negotiators Regarding Terms and Conditions of Employment with Represented Bargaining Groups.

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)): Applegate Johnston, Inc.

OPEN SESSION

The Board President adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

No Closed Session

ADJOURNMENT

President Neely adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

Submitted By,

Gary R. Serrato
Secretary of the Board