

**FRESNO IRRIGATION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
HELD MARCH 22, 2012**

Fresno Irrigation District's Board of Directors met in special session in the District office located at 2907 South Maple Avenue – Fresno, California, on March 22, 2012. Meeting was called to order at 12:00 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
Watermaster Jim Irwin
Controller DeAnn Hailey
Recording Secretary Lynn B. Rowe

OTHERS PRESENT

None

REVIEW AGENDA

No changes

REVIEW OF FUTURE MEETINGS

No changes

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None

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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WATER REPORT

a. Current Water Conditions

Watermaster Jim Irwin reported on the current and projected water supply information. As of March 21, Pine Flat release was 250 cfs with storage at 621,331 acre-feet. As of this report, Pine Flat precipitation is 10.24 inches, this is 66.4% of the April 1 average. It was announced at the Kings River meeting earlier this week that the Department of Water Resources allocation for the Kings River has increased to 45%. With the latest storms we received, demand for water has decreased.

b. Start of 2012 Water Season

Staff reviewed the latest Kings River watershed snow pack information and the Bureau of Reclamation allocation of Class I water. Staff presented an updated routing that indicated the ability to deliver water for four months and not exceed Pine Flat storage. The Directors also discussed a number of options that included delaying deliveries to some areas of the district until April 15 and going through August 15. Staff recommended starting water deliveries for the 2012 season on April 1 to the entire district and continues deliveries through July 31.

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

Miscellaneous Items:

Ms. Hailey informed the Directors that the surplus items from the old office building will be auctioned off on March 31 starting at 10 am.

Staff will be going out to bid on the repairs to the Limbaugh House (Olive/McCall) that was partially destroyed from a kitchen fire.

Staff held a growers meeting yesterday for Division 4 and 5 growers at Mickey Kennison's packing facility. Growers showed a particular interest in the start of water season and costs associated with volume metric metering. Director Porter and Staff thought the meeting went well and had a very good turnout.

The Board went into Closed Session at 12:41 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

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.

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CLOSED SESSION ADJOURNMENT

President Neely adjourned Closed Session at 12:55 pm.

REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

President Neely stated there was nothing to report from Closed Session.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Open Session adjourned at 12:56 pm.

Submitted By,

Gary R. Serrato
Secretary of the Board