

**FRESNO IRRIGATION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
HELD JULY 10, 2012**

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 10, 2012. 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
Human Resources Director September Singh
Controller DeAnn Hailey
Staff Engineer Felix Vaquilar
Staff Engineer Jennifer Thomas
Recording Secretary Lynn B. Rowe

OTHERS PRESENT

None

REVIEW AGENDA

No changes

REVIEW OF FUTURE MEETINGS

No changes

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None given

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 Board of Equalization Meeting Minutes – June 4, 11, and 12, 2012**
- b. **Approval of Special Board Meeting Minutes – June 11, 2012**
- c. **Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes – June 12, 2012**
- d. **June 2012 Check Register**
- e. **June 2012 Payroll Registers**
- f. **June 2012 Unpaid Assessment Report**
- g. **June 2012 Unpaid ISIP Assessment Report**
- h. **June 2012 Investment Account**

Item 5 a. was pulled by Director Balls to be handled separately.

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

Director Balls asked Staff to revise the June 12, 2012, Board of Equalization Meeting Minutes to reflect President Neely closing the discussion portion of the meeting and calling for a motion prior to the closing of the meeting.

M/S/C/(Balls/Porter) That the Board of Directors approved Consent Calendar item 5 a. with the revision as requested by Director Balls by unanimous vote. (Ayes 5; Nays 0; Absent 0; Abstain 0)

CONTROLLER’S REPORT

Controller DeAnn Hailey has been in contact with area builders to obtain cost estimates to demolish the Limbaugh House and rebuild it. At this time, there have been no reasonable estimates. Directors and Staff discussed other options for the property.

- a. **February, March, and April 2012 Fund Statements**
- b. **February, March, and April 2012 Notes to the Fund Statements**
- c. **February, March, and April 2012 Treasurer’s Report**
- d. **February, March, and April 2012 Deposits and Investments**

Ms. Hailey reviewed three months of reports for the Directors. Engineering fees are at 89% of budget revenues. O&M Telemetry is at 68% of budget because of metal and solar panel theft the District has been experiencing. Overall, for the General Fund, expenses are on target. The Accounting Department will be sending out another letter to employees who have PTO accounts to let them know their balances.

M/S/C/(Balls/Porter) That the Board of Directors approved the financial reports as presented by Staff by unanimous vote. (Ayes 5; Nays 0; Absent 0; Abstain 0)

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e. Accounting Software Upgrade

As requested by the Board, Ms. Hailey provided further explanation of the importance and benefits of upgrading the Incode software program from version 8 to version 10. The upgrade will help the Engineering and Water Departments, as well as the Accounting Department to decrease Excel spreadsheets, save staff time, lower costs, and reduce duplicate report preparation. It is Staff's recommendation to upgrade to version 10 to take advantage of all the changes. The Board asked several questions before going to a vote.

M/S/C/(Balls/Rebensdorf) That the Board of Directors approved the purchase of the Incode Software program upgrade in the amount of \$56,447 by the following vote. (Ayes Rebensdorf, Balls, Neely, Porter; Nays Jacobsen; Absent 0; Abstain 0)

WATER REPORT

a. Current Water Conditions

General Manager Gary Serrato reported for the Watermaster on the current and projected water supply information. As of July 9, Pine Flat release was 6,453 cfs with storage at 507,972 acre-feet. KRWA Watermaster Steve Haugen stated at the KRWA Executive Committee meeting that he would allow the districts to go into their TCP that have requested to do so. Reclamation Wells at the Regional Waste Water Treatment Plant are currently off-line due to the City participating in a PG&E flex alert program. Lemoore Irrigation District is planning on running through September which will meet the obligations of the Exhibit C flows below the Fresno Weir.

b. Conclusion of Water Season

After reviewing the routings with the Board, Staff recommends that the District cease deliveries to the Herndon system on July 31, and continue deliveries in the remainder of the District (Fancher Creek, Dry Creek, Houghton, and Gould systems) until August 15. The District will continue with reclaim water in the Dry Creek and Houghton systems and on the eastside after August 15.

M/S/C/(Jacobsen/Porter) That the Board of Directors approved Staff's recommendation to cease deliveries to the Herndon system on July 31 and the remaining systems on August 15 with the exception of the eastside reclaim water by unanimous vote. (Ayes 5; Nays 0; Absent 0; Abstain 0)

CHIEF ENGINEER'S REPORT

Staff Engineers Felix Vaquilar and Jennifer Thomas reported on the following items:

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a. Developer and Agency Project Schedule Update for 2012-2013

Developer Projects – there are four or five Developer projects being processed at this time.

Agency Projects – there are four or five Agency projects being processed at this time.

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

Staff Engineer Jennifer Thomas reported that the City has run into an issue with PG&E. Minor electrical and SCADA work remains on the Gunn which will be completed prior to the City’s initial testing in early August.

b. FID Project Update for 2012-13

Basins

Herndon West Basin – Staff has finalized the construction plans and is waiting for comments from Fresno County. After addressing any County comments, Staff will prepare a bid packet. Construction is still scheduled for this fall if funds are available.

Oleander Basin – Staff has resolved the issues with the groundwater pump associated with the sale of the excess property and escrow has now closed.

Nordstrom Basin – Land purchased from Mr. Giacolini to enlarge the basin is now in escrow and is expected to close next week. The construction plans have been completed and the CEQA process still has about two weeks remaining. Construction of the project is expected to begin in early October.

Miscellaneous

Briggs Pipeline – The upgrades to the system have worked out well and have created additional capacity downstream. An invoice was prepared and mailed to Consolidated Irrigation District for their portion of the repairs on the Briggs Pipeline near Cornell Pond.

ASSISTANT MANAGER’S REPORT

Assistant General Manager Laurence Kimura reported on the following:

a. Nielsen Site Rubble Pile Update

There is nothing new to report on this item.

b. District Office Plan

This item will be discussed during Closed Session.

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c. General Maintenance and Equipment Update

Heavy equipment operators have finished repairing the seepage issues on the Briggs Canal near Highway 180 and are currently working on the Flume Ditch. The backhoe operator worked on seepage and gopher hole repairs. Spray truck operators took care of the Gordon, Center Rolinda, Vogel, and Garfield in the southwest area last week and this week the Enterprise, Mills, and Dry Creek systems. Spray tractor operators are helping with trash removal and construction on windy days; otherwise, spraying continues on the H-ditch, E-Main, Silvia, Bullard, and Epstein canals. Crews continue to work on fence repairs, pipeline repairs, and gate repairs. Crews are making an effort to clean the solar panels so hopefully the SCADA batteries will work more efficiently. Trash removal continues throughout the District along with the usual hot spots, Herndon, Houghton, and trash screens.

MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager Gary Serrato reported on the following:

KINGS RIVER WATER ASSOCIATION

State Water Resources Control Board

Due to budget cuts, the Governor has implemented language in the newly adopted budget that would eliminate State retirees from working on special assignments. It was KRWA's intent to utilize a retired State employee from the State Water Resources Control Board who was familiar with pre-1914 water to perform the study. KRWA is exploring other alternatives.

OTHER

SBx 7-7

Staff attended a meeting in Los Banos where Dr. Burt (a professor at Cal Poly) spoke to the group and presented information and issues with the implementation of SBx 7-7. There were a number of other Districts within the Central Valley expressing all the same concerns associated with cost and timeline.

President Neely, Vice President Jacobsen, and Mr. Serrato along with Phil Desatoff and Larry Cruff from Consolidated Irrigation District met with Assembly Member Henry T. Perea to discuss delaying the implementation of SBx 7-7 for two years. Assembly Member Perea seemed interested but asked that a coalition be developed that would voice its support. To start this process, Mr. Serrato will be bringing this matter to the KRWA Legislative Committee next week.

Water Bond SB 1420

Mr. Serrato informed the Board that the State "Safe and Clean" Water Bond has been delayed for two years.

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ACWA Health Benefits

The District received notice that the Health Benefits Authority merged with ACWA's JPIA. FID receives its vision and dental insurance from ACWA.

ACWA Region 6 Opening

Region 6 is looking for a Board member to assume the vacant seat for the next two years. Any Director interested in running should see Staff for details.

Property Development

Mr. Serrato and Mr. Kimura met with Mr. Leonardo from the City of Clovis to discuss the possible development of a "park/rest" station at the corner of Sunnyside and Shepherd (Dry Creek property) currently owned by FID. Mr. Serrato explained to Mr. Leonardo that the District is not interested in selling the property but may be open to leasing it. This development would be possible because of grant money that the City may receive. Mr. Leonardo will research if it is possible to receive the grant money if the property is being leased.

County Service Area 51

The election for the passage of a water development project by the County of Fresno for CSA 51 is underway. The deadline for submitting ballots is July 17. If the election is successful, Fresno County would begin bonding for the project to provide water to this area. Fresno Irrigation District would provide the water to the County.

Consolidated Irrigation District

CID's 218 election concludes on July, 17, 2012.

Miscellaneous

Mr. Serrato attended a salt and nitrate symposium. There were some good speakers and information that was presented. There was also a great deal of scientific data given.

President Neely will be in Washington D.C. next week representing the KRWA. There have been a number of meetings planned with local congressional representatives and the offices of both Senators Feinstein and Boxer.

Mr. Serrato provided the information to the Directors that are up for re-election in November 2012. Applications will be accepted at the County Elections office from July 16 to August 10, 2012.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

a. Purchase of Cable/Conduit Locator

Mr. Kimura proposed the purchase of a cable/conduit locator. Staff had brought before the Equipment Committee in June of 2011, the purchase of a ground penetrating radar

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detector to locate pipelines. Since that time, Staff has decided against the radar detector and instead evaluated the purchase of a cable/conduit locator. Staff researched several types and brands and selected the Ridgid Tools sold by California Service Tool. They found this company to have the best product and cost. Total cost of the equipment would be \$4,385.22.

M/S/C/(Balls/Porter) That the Board of Directors approved the purchase of the Ridgid receiver and transmitter from California Service Tool in the amount of \$4,385.22 by unanimous vote. (Ayes 5; Nays 0; Absent 0; Abstain 0)

b. Update of Inspections: BIT and JPIA

Human Resources Director September Singh reviewed the results of the recent BIT inspection performed by the CHP and the JPIA inspection performed by Keith Forbes, a JPIA inspector. The District rated satisfactory in both inspections with only minor adjustments needing to be made.

DIRECTORS' REPORT

Director Balls – participated in the Proposition 218 Election webinar provided by CSDA. He thought the webinar contained a lot of good information but should have been longer to cover all of the information.

Director Jacobsen – also participated in the Proposition 218 Election webinar and thought it tried to cover the information too quickly.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board went into Closed Session at 7:06 p.m.

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.

CLOSED SESSION ADJOURNMENT

President Neely adjourned Closed Session at 7:20 p.m.

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REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

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

ADJOURNMENT

Open Session adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Submitted By,

Gary R. Serrato
Secretary of the Board