

**FRESNO IRRIGATION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
HELD OCTOBER 9, 2012**

Fresno Irrigation District's Board of Directors met in regular session at the District office located at 2907 South Maple Avenue – Fresno, California, on October 9, 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 (arrived 5:05 p.m.)
Steven Balls
George Porter (arrived 5:05 p.m.)
Jerry Rebensdorf

DIRECTORS ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

General Manager Gary Serrato
Assistant General Manager Laurence Kimura
Chief Engineer Bill Stretch
Watermaster Jim Irwin
Human Resources Director September Singh
Controller DeAnn Hailey

OTHERS PRESENT

None

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None scheduled

REVIEW AGENDA

There are no changes to the agenda.

REVIEW OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Staff proposed canceling the Board Meeting scheduled for October 23, 2012, unless there becomes a need to hold the meeting. The Directors are agreeable to cancelling the October 23 meeting.

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 – September 11, 2012**
- b. **Approval of Special Board Meeting Minutes – September 27, 2012**
- c. **September 2012 Check Register**
- d. **September 2012 Payroll Registers**
- e. **September 2012 Unpaid Assessment Report**
- f. **September 2012 Unpaid ISIP Assessment Report**
- g. **September 2012 Investment Account**
- h. **Developer Project – West Star Construction is Proposing to Pipeline the Briggs Canal No. 7 Located N/W Lincoln Avenue and Golden State Boulevard in Accordance with Board Policy. Action Request 2012-18**

M/S/C/(Balls/Rebensdorf) That the Board of Directors approved the Consent Calendar by the following vote. (Ayes Rebensdorf, Balls, Neely; Nays 0; Absent Porter, Jacobsen; Abstain 0)

CONTROLLER'S REPORT

- a. **August 2012 Fund Statements**
- b. **August 2012 Notes to the Fund Statements**
- c. **August 2012 Treasurer's Report**
- d. **August 2012 Deposits and Investments**

Ms. Hailey reviewed the financial reports for the Directors. She reported that we are still within this year's budget which is 67% for this time of year. Ms. Hailey also reported that we are at 100% of revenue. Mr. Serrato reported that an adjustment to the 2013 Budget will need to be made to include the fees for the consultant handling the pre-1914 report for KRWA. The District's portion is estimated at \$30,000.

M/S/C/(Balls/Porter) That the Board of Directors approved the August 2012 financial reports as presented by Staff by unanimous vote. (Ayes 5; Nays 0; Absent 0; Abstain 0)

- e. **2012 Revised Budget**

Ms. Hailey reviewed the revised 2012 Budget. The preliminary budget issued at the beginning of the year is based on a six-month irrigation season. The revised budget is adjusted to reflect the actual irrigation season which for 2012 was a total of five months. The general fund revenues were adjusted from \$9.5 million to \$9.7 million with changes coming from project contributions - others, money market investment, title fees, and Limbaugh House fire compensation. Aquatic weed chemicals, janitorial services, and KRWA fisheries costs were also decreased.

M/S/C/(Balls/Porter) That the Board of Directors approved the revised 2012 Budget as presented by Staff by the following vote. (Ayes 5; Nays 0; Absent 0; Abstain 0)

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f. Request for Correction of Charges

Ms. Hailey reviewed the background of the September 2012 Unpaid ISIP report. The Accounting Department has sent two letters per year since 2003 to try and collect the debt. The owners of the property in 2003 should have paid the bill at the time of the sale of the property but for an unknown reason the title company did not catch this item. It is Staff's recommendation to have the Directors approve the Correction of Charges for the year 2003.

M/S/C/(Balls/Rebensdorf) That the Board of Directors approved Staff's recommendation the Correction of Charges for 2003 in the amount of \$325.40 by the following vote. (Ayes 5; Nays 0; Absent 0; Abstain 0)

g. State of California, Department of Finance: Results of Proposition 13 and 50 Grant Audits

The Controller announced that The Department of Finance, Office of State Audits and Evaluations reported there were no audit findings or issues requiring a response – this reflects a very positive outcome. The audit was done on the Waldron Banking Facility and a few smaller projects. The auditor spent a week in the office gathering information and touring the Waldron facilities and other sites.

WATER REPORT

a. Current Water Conditions

Jim Irwin reported on the current and projected water supply information. As of October 8, Pine Flat release was 227 cfs with storage at 196,649 acre-feet. The District received an additional 2% of Class I water from the Bureau which was an additional 1,200 acre-feet. FID will continue to deliver water for the next three weeks to the two surface water treatment sites, Clovis's Marion recharge site, Leaky Acres, and Fresno State.

It is anticipated that temperatures will be above normal through the middle to the end of the month. Showers are expected within the 10-day forecast. October 1 started the official rain season for 2012/2013.

Staff will cease deliveries on the Houghton and Dry Creek systems associated with the City of Fresno reclamation wells at the end of October unless there is a large demand. The Board agreed to continue deliveries in the two systems beyond October as long as there is a demand for it.

CHIEF ENGINEER'S REPORT

Chief Engineer Bill Stretch reported on the following items:

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

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Developer Projects – the Les Schwab Tire Center project to replace 260 feet of 18-inch PVC with 24 inch RGRCP on the Jefferson Pipeline (NW of Shaw and Clovis avenues) has been completed. The remaining four to five Developer Projects will start within the next few weeks.

Agency Projects – the City of Fresno has started the extension of the Fowler Avenue Bridge across the Fancher Creek Canal; and the Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District is constructing an intertie to Basin BO off the Fancher Creek. There are also several utility crossings that will cross under FID canals during the maintenance season.

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

This project is in the final stages. The City will continue with additional testing for the next one to two weeks.

b. High Speed Rail Update (HSR)

Engineering Staff met last week with the staff from the HSR Authority to discuss FID’s comments on the Master Agreement / Reimbursement Agreement. The California HSR Authority is meeting with their legal counsel within the next day or two and FID should hear something back after that.

c. Landowner Initiated Projects Update for 2012-13

Little Sandridge Pipeline – Mr. Streicher plans on starting this project by the end of the month providing his contractor is available.

West Br. Of the East Br. Canal Turnout for Belmont Country Club – This is a small turnout located southwest of Belmont and DeWolf avenues that FID crews will be handling.

Fanning Canal Turnout for Zhu – This is a 12-inch turnout located northeast of Church and Hughes avenues.

Lower Dry Creek Canal Turnout for Schaad – A 24-inch turnout located southeast of North and Howard avenues that FID crews will start in one-two months.

d. FID Projects Update for 2012-13

Basins

Nordstrom Basin – FID crews are currently installing the pipeline. Staff will be contracting out the basin excavation and fencing portion of the project.

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Miscellaneous

Lambrecht Banking Facility – crews constructed a small French Drain and lift pump at Shaw and Goldenrod avenues which has mostly been completed.

Dry Creek Trashrack at Headgates – FID’s crews are putting in a new trash cleaning structure.

- e. Approval of Overnight Stay for Chief Engineer to Attend the USCID Conference in Reno, NV in November 2012**

Mr. Stretch requested that the Board approve his overnight stays to attend the USCID Conference in Reno, NV in November.

M/S/C/(Balls/Porter) That the Board of Directors approved Mr. Stretch’s overnight stay to attend the USCID Conference in Reno, NV in November by unanimous vote. (Ayes 5; Nays 0; Absent 0; Abstain 0)

Mr. Stretch gave a slide-show presentation on the following projects: Fancher Creek, Jefferson Pipeline (Les Schwab), Nordstrom Basin, Lambrecht Basin, and Dry Creek Canal’s new trash rake.

ASSISTANT MANAGER’S REPORT

Assistant General Manager Laurence Kimura reported on the following:

- a. Nielsen Site Rubble Pile Update**

There are no changes on the status of this project.

- b. District Office Plan**

Staff is working with SIM Architects, BMY Construction, and the County of Fresno to finalize the stucco-concrete work. Additional discussion of the District’s office building will take place during Closed Session.

- c. General Maintenance and Equipment Update**

Winter maintenance and construction work continue to take place. Heavy equipment operators have been busy with assisting the construction crews at the Nordstrom Basin, finishing work on the tile drain line at the Lambrecht Basin, and removing sand from the Herndon Canal near Hayes and Thompson avenues. FID crews are also taking care of dredging the Thompson Canal, work order items on the St. George, Big Dry Creek, and Houghton West, and sloping on the Silvia, Johns, Anthony, and Barstow systems. Spray crews are taking care of the tules in basins and finished up with hand spraying where needed. Brush was removed on the Herndon last week then crews moved on to the Gould this week. The District has been dealing with homeless camps so crews are

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removing as much oleander branches and brush as possible to help eliminate future camps. Pipeline repairs, gate inspections and repairs, liner repairs, installation of pipeline and standpipes are taking place throughout the District. The trash crew is removing debris from the Herndon before proceeding downstream.

MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager Gary Serrato reported on the following:

KINGS RIVER WATER ASSOCIATION

Beginning on October 1, Consolidated Irrigation District began diverting Exhibit "C" Flows for the remainder of the year at the Fresno Weir.

State Water Resources Control Board

KRWA Watermaster Steve Haugen reported that the Governor's office has approved the request to hire Chuck Rich (a retired State Board annuitant) to work on the Kings River pre-1914 Water Rights Study. Mr. Rich was scheduled to have met with Ms. Barbara Evoy, from the Water Rights Division to work out the details of the assignment.

Apex Groundwater Banking

KRWA is now overseeing the new protocols in monitoring and assembling the data from the Kings County Water District (KCWD) groundwater banking facility. It is anticipated that there will be some cost associated with this project.

Terranova Ranch

The Kings River Conservation District is sponsoring the Terranova Ranch recharge project. This recharge facility will utilize only flood water and have an initial capacity of 150 cfs. KRWA members will always maintain the right to develop recharge / banking facilities and divert future flood releases from Pine Flat Reservoir.

Fishery Management Program

KRWA will be planting 150,000 trout eggs into the river incubators. Fish counting is scheduled for November 13-16 and November 19-20. KRWA has asked for its member districts to participate in the fish counting exercise. FID will be providing manpower to assist with the counting.

FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY

Friant is on schedule to shut down the Friant Kern Canal for several months starting in November for the treatment of Western Water Milfoil. A solution to the obstacle of the water requirement for the City of Orange Cove Surface Water Treatment Plant has been found which will allow the shutdown to take place as scheduled.

San Joaquin River Restoration

NMPHS missed the September 1 deadline for submitting documents to the State Water Resources Control Board for the introduction of salmon into the San Joaquin River. The missed deadline will significantly delay the reintroduction of the experimental fish into the river. NRDC has requested mediation on this matter.

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Recirculation / Recapture Friant Water

A technical committee of Friant general managers continues to meet with the Bureau of Reclamation to discuss and negotiate the recapture and recirculation of Friant interim flows released down the San Joaquin River.

OTHER

City of Clovis Request for the Development of a Park Site

FID has been informed that Mike Leonardo has retired from the City of Clovis and taken on a new position with the High Speed Rail project. Before Mr. Leonardo left Clovis, Mr. Serrato met with Mr. Leonardo to begin the discussions of the Trail Terminus Facility site on FID owned property at Sunnyside and Shepherd avenues. FID staff will be working on the agreement with Mr. Leonardo's replacement.

Failed Running Horse Parcel

The Austin property is located on the southeast corner of Church and Valentine and is part of the failed Running Horse Development. This property was purchased by Running Horse in an effort to try to exchange it with FID's currently owned property located between Kearney and California east of Marks. Staff is requesting direction to explore the ability in acquiring the property. The Board gave Staff direction to continue to explore different options.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

a. Purchase of Replacement Computer Equipment

Mr. Kimura reviewed Staff's recommendation for the purchase of new computer equipment to replace older equipment (scheduled rotation).

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

b. 2012 Fall ACWA Conference – San Diego, CA, December 4-7, 2012: Overnight Stay

Staff recommends approving the overnight stay for any Director, General Manager, or Assistant General Manager that would like to attend the 2013 ACWA Conference.

M/S/C/(Balls/Rebensdorf) That the Board of Directors approved Staff's recommendation to attend the conference by unanimous vote. (Ayes 5; Nays 0; Absent 0; Abstain 0)

DIRECTORS' REPORT

Director Rebensdorf – stated price negotiations for raisins is continuing – the crop appears to be light this year.

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Directors and Staff took a short break starting at 6:35 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board went into Closed Session at 6:55 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.

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 7:08 p.m.

REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

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

ADJOURNMENT

Open Session adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Submitted By,

Gary R. Serrato
Secretary of the Board