

**FRESNO IRRIGATION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
HELD NOVEMBER 13, 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 November 13, 2012. Meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m. by Board President Jeff Neely.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

President Jeff Neely
Vice President Ryan Jacobsen (arrived 5:33 p.m.)
Steven Balls
George Porter
Jerry Rebensdorf

DIRECTORS ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

General Manager Gary Serrato
Assistant General Manager Laurence Kimura
Watermaster Jim Irwin
Human Resources Director September Singh
Controller DeAnn Hailey
Recording Secretary Lynn B. Rowe

OTHERS PRESENT

Landowner and Director Elect (Division 5) Greg Beberian

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None scheduled.

REVIEW AGENDA

There are no changes to the agenda.

REVIEW OF FUTURE MEETINGS

There are no changes to the future meetings. The November 27, and December 25, 2012, meetings have been cancelled. The newly elected director and re-elected (appointed) director will be sworn in at the beginning of the December 11, 2012 meeting. The reorganization of the Board will take place during the first meeting of January 2013.

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 – October 9, 2012**
- b. **October 2012 Check Register**
- c. **October 2012 Payroll Registers**
- d. **October 2012 Unpaid Assessment Report**
- e. **October 2012 Investment Account**

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

CONTROLLER'S REPORT

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

Ms. Hailey reviewed the financial reports for the Directors. She reported that we are still within this year's budget.

M/S/C/(Balls/Porter) That the Board of Directors approved the September 2012 financial reports as presented by Staff by the following vote. (Ayes - Rebensdorf, Balls, Neely, Porter; Nays - 0; Absent - Jacobsen; Abstain - 0)

- e. **2013 Budget Adoption**

Ms. Hailey reviewed the 2013 Budget. The anticipated budget for 2013 is \$9.5 million. Starting as of November 2012, Pacific Gas & Electric has informed the District that it will be changing FID's rate from an A1 to a time-of-use rate. Staff believes that this will mean higher energy expenses for the District.

M/S/C/(Balls/Rebensdorf) That the Board of Directors approved the 2013 Budget as presented by Staff by the following vote. (Ayes - Rebensdorf, Balls, Neely, Porter; Nays - 0; Absent - Jacobsen; Abstain - 0)

- f. **Request for Overnight Stay to Attend 2012 Government**

Ms. Hailey requested authorization for an overnight stay for the Controller and File Clerk III to attend the 2012 Government Tax Seminar at the end of November. The seminar will review new laws and issues affecting government agencies.

M/S/C/(Balls/Porter) That the Board of Directors approved the Controller and File Clerk III to attend the 2012 Government Tax Seminar by unanimous vote. (Ayes - 5; Nays - 0; Absent - 0; Abstain - 0)

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WATER REPORT

a. Current Water Conditions

Jim Irwin reported on the current and projected water supply information. As of November 12, Pine Flat release was 113 cfs with storage at 204,610 acre-feet. A small storm is expected during part of the weekend with more storms anticipated for the end of the month. Pine Flat's low point was higher than expected at roughly 145,000 acre-feet. Mr. Irwin reviewed the volume of water that is banked and available for recovery at each groundwater banking facility. Mr. Irwin also mentioned that a fourth well would be developed at the Waldron location. The development of the new well was reviewed and discussed with the Waldron advisory committee.

CHIEF ENGINEER'S REPORT

Chief Engineer Bill Stretch's report was given by Assistant General Manager Laurence Kimura covering the following items:

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

Developer Projects – there are six Developer pipeline projects for the 2012-2013 Maintenance Season – none currently in progress. 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. During a pressure test a leak was discovered. The contractor is making a second attempt to repair it. The other projects will be underway in the next few months.

Agency Projects – there are six Agency projects for the 2012-2013 Maintenance Season – four projects are in progress and two have been completed. City of Fresno has completed the extension of the Fowler Avenue Bridge across the Fancher Creek Canal with only the channel work left to complete.

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

This project is in the final stages with only the electrical and SCADA work to be completed. The City of Fresno and FID still need to enter into an Operations and Maintenance Agreement.

b. High Speed Rail Update (HSR)

Staff recently submitted edits to the Reimbursement Agreement and has heard back that the HSR has accepted the changes. The HSR is now waiting to hear from the California Department of General Services for approval.

c. Landowner Initiated Projects Update for 2012-13

Little Sandridge Pipeline – Mr. Streicher plans on constructing this project but has yet to schedule a start date.

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West Br. of the East Br. Canal Turnout for Belmont Country Club – This is a small turnout that FID crews have constructed – it is located southwest of Belmont and DeWolf avenues.

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

Lower Dry Creek Canal Turnout for Schaad – This project is a 24-inch turnout located southeast of North and Howard avenues. FID crews will begin the project in one-two months.

d. FID Projects Update for 2012-13

Staff and FID's consultants have completed most of the planning and engineering for the majority of the following projects:

Basins

Nordstrom Basin – The project includes expanding the basin from 5.0 to 7.6 acres and installing an intertie pipeline. FID crews have completed the installation of 2,900 feet of 27-inch PVC pipeline and have recently started construction on the overpour weir structure on the American Colony Canal. Staff anticipates contracting out the excavation and fencing portion of the project.

Miscellaneous

Lambrecht Banking Facility – FID crews have completed construction of a small French Drain and lift pump at Shaw and Goldenrod avenues.

Dry Creek Trashrack at Headgates – FID crews are installing a new trash cleaning structure.

Gould Canal at Fancher Creek – FID crews are working on a large concrete structure where the Gould Canal siphons under Fancher Creek. The project will consist of demolishing the current structure, site preparation, large cut off walls, and installing cement slurry in the large voids. An outside contractor will install the shotcrete.

Limbaugh House – The house has been abated and demolished and Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) is completing the electrical disconnect.

Mr. Serrato mentioned that Engineering Staff is researching the option of joining USA (Underground Service Alert). The research of joining USA is the result of Sebastian Engineering damaging one of the District's pipelines while excavating. The purpose of USA is to provide a centralized contact point for contractors to check for any underground cables or pipelines in the construction area. There is a cost to join USA but the real concern is the man-hours it requires to respond to all of the calls that come in. Staff will come back to the Board when more information becomes available.

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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

The stucco-concrete work has been completed on the outside of the building and we are now waiting for the permanent occupancy permit from the County of Fresno. 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 Pond and also hauling sand and riprap to the Gould Extension for constructing velocity checks. The backhoe operator is working on a demolition project on the Gould Canal at Fancher Creek for liner/culvert repair. The motorgrader operators were on the Herndon Canal, Kennedy-Owens, and Thompson last week; they are currently on the Empire, G1, and Herndon West. The sloper crew was working on the American Colony, South Central, and North Central last week; currently the crew is on the Washington Colony systems. Repair crews are taking care of pipeline repairs, gate repairs, gate inspections, and liner/culvert repairs throughout the District. Construction crews are at the Nordstrom Pond. Trash crews are at the Dry Creek Canal through town.

Staff plans on taking two older vehicles to auction (#766 – 1997 Ford F-350 4x4 Pickup and #707 – 1997 Ford Crown Victoria Sedan).

A Waldron/Boswell Banking Facility advisory meeting was held on October 26 at the FID office. Staff updated committee members on the 2011 Operation Report and the project facilities and the future well to be constructed at the Waldron site.

MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager Gary Serrato reported on the following:

KINGS RIVER WATER ASSOCIATION

State Water Resources Control Board

It was reported that Mr. Chuck Rich will not be available to work on the Kings River pre-1914 Water Rights Study. Other options are being explored.

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Fishery Management Program

FID will be participating in the Kings River fish count by sending three employees to help which will be conducted later in the week. Each district within KRWA will also be sending at least one person to assist.

FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY

Friant is on schedule with the shutdown of the Friant Kern Canal for several months starting this month (November) for the treatment of the aquatic weed Western Water Milfoil.

San Joaquin River Restoration

The flows from Friant Dam have been increased to meet the demands at Gravelly Ford. Releases have gone as high as 700+/- cfs.

Up to 34 adult salmon have been sighted/caught on the Merced River as far up as Salt Slough. The caught salmon have been tagged and will be relocated and released upstream near Camp Pashayan (east of Highway 99). The salmon will be tracked to possible spawning sites.

Mr. Serrato informed the Board that Friant's Washington, D.C. lobbyist reported the restoration project funds could be cut due to the possible "Fiscal Cliff".

Miscellaneous

Mr. Serrato suggested to the Directors that if they have not taken a San Joaquin River tour that an upcoming two-day restoration tour would be a good one to take.

OTHER

Water Safety Council

Mr. Serrato provided a newsletter developed by the Water Safety Council that informs the public about tips to keep children safe around water (pools and waterways). The District is a large contributor and supporter of the safety program.

2012 Fall ACWA Conference

Mr. Serrato and Mr. Kimura will not be attending the fall conference in San Diego, CA. Directors and Staff stated the upcoming Mid Pacific Region Water Users Conference in Reno, NV in late January 2013 may be a conference of interest.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- a. **Update to 2007 Upper Kings Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) (Resolution 2012-08 and Resolution 2012-09 walked in)**

Mr. Serrato reviewed the updated IRWMP which required the inclusion of two new categories, Disadvantage Communities and Global Warming.

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M/S/C/(Balls/Jacobsen) That the Board of Directors approved Resolution 2012-08 as presented by Staff by the following roll call vote. (Ayes - Rebensdorf, Balls, Neely, Porter, Jacobsen; Nays - 0; Absent - 0; Abstain - 0)

M/S/C/(Rebensdorf/Balls) That the Board of Directors approved Resolution 2012-09 as presented by Staff by the following roll call vote. (Ayes - Rebensdorf, Balls, Neely, Porter, Jacobsen; Nays - 0; Absent - 0; Abstain - 0)

b. Safe Harbor Plan Resolution No. 2012-07

Ms. Singh explained that the Safe Harbor plan is brought to the Board annually. This plan allows upper management to contribute at the same percentage rate as hourly employees.

M/S/C/(Balls/Jacobsen) That the Board of Directors approved Resolution 2012-07 by the following roll call vote. (Ayes - Rebensdorf, Balls, Neely, Porter, Jacobsen; Nays - 0; Absent - 0; Abstain - 0)

c. Dental and Vision Benefit Provider Update (walk in)

Ms. Singh researched other providers of vision/dental benefit plans. Providing the same benefits, the Ameritas Group quote came in at a significant savings to the District. The Directors discussed the two different options and decided on Option 1 for dental and Option 2 for vision.

M/S/C/(Porter/Balls) That the Board of Directors approved Staff's recommendation to change from ACWA/JPIA to Option 1 dental and Option 2 vision of the Ameritas Group for the District's vision/dental benefit plan by unanimous vote. (Ayes - 5; Nays - 0; Absent - 0; Abstain - 0)

DIRECTORS' REPORT

Director Rebensdorf – thanked the Board for his appointment and congratulated Greg Beberian on his being elected to serve Division 5.

Director Neely – thanked Director Rebensdorf for his service.

Directors and Staff took a short break starting at 6:40 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board went into Closed Session at 6:54 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.

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Government Code Section 54957. Personnel Matters.

CLOSED SESSION ADJOURNMENT

President Neely adjourned Closed Session at 8:20 p.m.

REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

President Neely stated the Board of Directors approved a new five-year contract for the General Manager.

ADJOURNMENT

Open Session adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Submitted By,

Gary R. Serrato
Secretary of the Board