

**FRESNO IRRIGATION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
HELD APRIL 15, 2014**

Fresno Irrigation District's Board of Directors met in regular session at the District office located at 2907 South Maple Avenue – Fresno, California, on April 15, 2014. Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Board President Ryan Jacobsen.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

President Ryan Jacobsen
Vice President Steven Balls
George Porter
Gregory Beberian
Jerry Prieto, Jr. (sworn in at 5:20 p.m.)

DIRECTORS ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

General Manager Gary Serrato
Assistant General Manager Bill Stretch
Watermaster Jim Irwin
Controller DeAnn Hailey
Director of Human Resources September Singh
Staff Engineer Felix Vaquilar
Recording Secretary Lynn B. Rowe

OTHERS PRESENT

Past Director Jeff Neely
Director (Division 1) Applicant Jerry Prieto, Jr.
Kings River Water Association Watermaster Steve Haugen

REVIEW AGENDA

Mr. Serrato stated that the District's Board and Staff invited Mr. Jeff Neely to the meeting so he may be presented with a plaque to honor his many years of service on FID's Board. KRWA's Watermaster will also be presenting Mr. Neely with a plaque.

President Jacobsen said the applicant interview process will take place after Item 4.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

President Jacobsen and Secretary Gary Serrato presented past-director Jeff Neely with a plaque to honor and thank him for his 13 years of dedicated service to the District. President Jacobsen read Resolution 2014-04.

M/S/C/(Balls/Porter) That the Board of Directors approved Resolution 2014-04, in recognition of Director Neely's service to the District by the following roll call vote. (Ayes – Beberian, Balls, Jacobsen, Porter; Nays – 0; Absent – Division 1 Director; Abstain – 0)

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Kings River Water Association Watermaster Steve Haugen presented Jeff Neely with a plaque to thank him for his years of service to the KRWA Board.

REVIEW OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Mr. Serrato stated that new information on the projected Kings River runoff was being produced weekly and suggested that the May 20 Board meeting be moved back one week to May 27 in order to have a better understanding of the water conditions which will help the Board decide the start of irrigation season.

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]

President Jacobsen recused himself from the discussion, participation, and election portion of the interview process. Mr. Jerry Prieto, Jr. will be interviewed as a possible replacement to fill the vacancy of Division 1, created by the resignation of Director Neely. President Jacobsen exited the room after turning the meeting over to Vice President Balls.

Interview(s) of Candidate(s) for the Open Division 1 Director's Position

a. Interview(s) (application enclosed)

Prior to the start of the interview, Mr. Serrato outlined the legal requirements to fill an open Director's position and the steps the District took in filling those requirements. Vacancy Notices were placed at four locations; all were within the Division 1 boundaries. Fresno County was also notified of the vacancy and that FID plans to appoint a replacement to the position. The District received three telephone inquiries about the vacant position but only one application was received. At the request of Vice President Balls, Mr. Jerry Prieto, Jr. addressed the Board on his experience, views, and interest in being appointed to the District's Board. Upon completion of Mr. Prieto, Jr.'s opening statement, the Board proceeded with the interview and asked several questions. The Board decided to take immediate action and made a motion and voted on accepting the application of Mr. Prieto, Jr. and appoint him to the Board of Directors.

M/S/C/(Porter/Beberian) That the Board of Directors approved accepting Mr. Jerry Prieto, Jr.'s application and appointed him to the Division 1 Board seat by the following vote. (Ayes – Beberian, Balls, Porter; Nays – 0; Absent – 0; Abstain – Jacobsen; Vacant - 1)

b. Possible Appointment and Swearing In of New Director

Mr. Serrato gave the oath of office to Mr. Prieto, Jr. Upon conclusion of the swearing in, Director Jerry Prieto, Jr. took his seat with the rest of the Board as its newest member. President Jacobsen returned to his seat and Vice President Balls returned the meeting back over to President Jacobsen.

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CONSENT CALENDAR

- a. **Approval of Waldron Groundwater Banking Facility Advisory Committee Minutes – March 13, 2014**
- b. **Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes – March 18, 2014**
- c. **Approval of Personnel Committee Minutes – April 10, 2014**
- d. **Approval of Finance Committee Minutes – April 10, 2014**
- e. **March 2014 Check Register**
- f. **March 2014 Payroll Registers**
- g. **March 2014 Unpaid Assessment Report**
- h. **March 2014 Investment Account**

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

CONTROLLER'S REPORT

Controller DeAnn Hailey reviewed the following financial reports:

a. 2014 Audited Financial Statements

Mr. Brian Henderson, of Brown Armstrong Accountancy Corporation, met with the Finance Committee on April 10 since he was going to be on vacation and would not be able to attend the April 15 Board meeting. The Controller presented to the Board what was discussed at that committee meeting regarding Fresno Irrigation District's 2013 Audited Financial Statements and Audited Employee's Retirement Plan. The auditor noted that because the District has Laserfiche software, the auditing process moved very quickly and easily. It was reported that the District follows Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 34 Basic Financial Statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD & A) for State and Local Governments, including special districts such as FID. It was reported that the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Fresno Irrigation District as of December 31, 2013, and the results of its operations, changes in fund equity, and cash flows for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles as well as accounting principles prescribed by the State Controller's Office and state regulations governing special districts. The auditor reported at the Finance Committee meeting that "Our opinion is not modified with respect to the matter." The key words being "not modified". The auditor also issued a "not modified" opinion on the audited financial statements for the District and the District's retirement plan. The only suggestion from the auditor was for the District to change computer passwords more often and add some additional complexity. The auditor also suggested developing a policy outlining who is responsible for the IT Department and what the duties include.

Director Beberian inquired about keeping the General Fund money all in one bank as opposed to spreading it over many banks so that the funds were FDIC insured. The Controller explained that the District is 110% collateralized on the entire balance which is better coverage than being insured by FDIC up to \$250,000.

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M/S/C/(Balls/Porter) That the Board of Directors approved the 2013 Audited Financial Statements as presented by the Controller by unanimous vote. (Ayes – Beberian, Balls, Jacobsen, Porter, Prieto, Jr.; Nays – 0; Absent – 0; Abstain – 0)

b. 2014 Audited Retirement Plan Financial Statements

The Controller reported that the District's employees manage their own funds and direct their own investments through John Hancock. John Hancock is reported to be in good financial shape according to their independent auditor. There were no changes regarding GASB that affected the retirement plan.

President Jacobsen reported that the Finance Committee met with the auditors and Staff and basically discussed what was reported by the Controller.

M/S/C/(Balls/Porter) That the Board of Directors approved the 2013 Retirement Plan Statements by the following vote. (Ayes – Beberian, Balls, Jacobsen, Porter, Prieto, Jr.; Nays – 0; Absent – 0; Abstain – 0)

- c. December 2013 Fund Statements**
- d. December 2013 Notes to the Fund Statements**
- e. December 2013 Treasurer's Report**
- f. December 2013 Deposits and Investments**

Ms. Hailey reported that the Fund Statements represent exactly what is in the audit report. The Controller has the "Enterprise Fund" broken down into six different internal funds: General; Construction; Power Revenue; Water Purchase; Capital Improvements; and Accrued Benefits Funds, so the Board can review the Activity Summary in a clearer format. Fresno County has been catching up on collecting their past-due accounts which means the District is receiving more assessments than were budgeted. Engineering Fees came in at 201% due to a local hospital's payment of an invoice that was not expected in the approved budget. Ms. Hailey noted that the Property & Liability amount was lower due to a credit in March for a refund in the amount of \$112,039.26 received for "Retrospective Premium Adjustments". Actual Expenses came in at 90% of budget due to construction and other costs being deferred to 2014.

M/S/C/(Balls/Porter) That the Board of Directors approved the financial statements as presented by Staff by the following vote. (Ayes – Beberian, Balls, Jacobsen, Porter, Prieto, Jr.; Nays – 0; Absent – 0; Abstain – 0)

g. 2014 Investment Account Maturities as of March 31, 2014

This is a quarterly report provided by the Controller to the Board. The report showed \$3,622 in interest was earned from CD investments. The Controller anticipates interest income earned should increase now that Staff can invest in longer term investments.

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WATER REPORT

a. Current Water Conditions Report

Mr. Irwin reported on the current and projected water supply information. As of April 14, Pine Flat release was 226 cfs with storage at 247,078 acre-feet. The pre-project for the Kings River is at 2,321 cfs with FID's entitlement of 1,266 cfs. The Gould is diverting 60 cfs into the Enterprise Canal for the SWTF. Precipitation is at 43.3% of normal.

Currently, Staff believes the District will only have enough water to deliver for one month. It was stated by Mr. Steve Haugen, Watermaster of KRWA, that an understanding has been reached with the Executive Committee that would allow for districts to utilize their TCPs (Temperature Control Pool) during irrigation deliveries in accordance to the King River Fishery Management Program – Implementation Agreement.

The Board discussed the startup of the 2014 Irrigation Season. It was suggested by Staff and agreed to by the Directors that the Board hold a special meeting earlier in May to discuss the start and duration of the 2014 Irrigation Season.

Break

A short break was taken from 7:07 – 7:24 p.m. during which time no District business was discussed.

ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER'S - OPERATIONS REPORT / ENGINEERING / MAINTENANCE

Assistant General Manager Bill Stretch reported on the following items:

Mr. Stretch provided a PowerPoint slide presentation that accompanied his report.

a. Developer and Agency Project Schedule Update for 2013-2014

Developer Projects –there are no Developer projects occurring at this time. The Engineering Staff is reviewing several plans (4 – 6) for projects that will take place during the 2014/2015 Maintenance Season. It does not appear there will be any additional Developer Projects completed before the start of water.

Granville Homes (Westlake Project) was in the process of having a contractor remove trees along the Minor-Thornton Canal in preparation of piping the existing canal when a neighbor called the California Department of Fish and Wildlife about endangered red-wing hawks nesting in the trees being removed. The project is at a halt until the nesting period is finished.

Agency Projects – there are no Agency projects taking place at this time. The Engineering Staff is reviewing several plans for projects that will take place during the 2014/2015 Maintenance Season. The Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control is planning on piping the Fanning Canal immediately upstream of the spill into FID's Lower Dry Creek.

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It does not appear there will be any additional Agency Projects completed before the start of water.

Utility Crossings

City of Fresno Improvements – the installation of sewer, storm drains, and water mains crossing FID canals near Marks and Nielsen avenues have been completed. During the City’s installation, a portion of the Fanning Canal culvert pipe was damaged. The City and its contractors will be taking care of repairing the damage.

Sebastian/Kertel – the installation of fiber optic utilities under a number of FID canals has been completed.

California High Speed Rail Update (CHSR)

FID Staff and legal counsel have been working with the Department of Fish and Wildlife and the High Speed Rail representative to remove the Herndon Canal from the Department of Fish and Wildlife’s jurisdiction. Until this issue is cleared up, the Engineering Staff has been directed not to work on the project.

CA State University of Fresno (CSUF) USDA Grant – FID recently provided a letter in support in CSUF’s request for an U.S. Department of Agricultural Grant. The application is for a “Decision Support System” where CSUF staff will develop a water management tool for assisting water users in obtaining water in a timely fashion for optimum crop production. Staff will keep the Directors informed on the outcome of the grant determination.

b. Landowner Initiated Projects Update for 2013-14

There is nothing new to report on the revision of the policy.

- **American Colony and Washington Colony Ctr. Br. Canals** – Contractors have recently completed two landowners’ private pipeline irrigation crossings where they intersect FID canals. FID requires a small concrete lining cap where the canal was disturbed which will alert future crews of utility crossings;
- **Fresno Canal** – N/W Belmont and Academy – A contractor is installing a lift pump for a landowner to help lift water from the 30’ deep canal; and
- **Trinity Pipeline** – A landowner who is removing grapes and planting peaches hired a contractor to relocate the valves on FID’s pipeline. FID has entered into an agreement with the landowner which requires that he be responsible for the maintenance of valves.

c. FID Projects Update for 2013-14

- **Waldron Recovery Well #104: Equipping** – PG&E has provided power to the site and the well was test started. A well test has been completed and Staff is waiting for the results.

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Capital Improvement Projects

- **The Waldron Lambrecht Banking Facility / Cell #4** – A new interior levee to eliminate seepage is being constructed on the south levee; completion is expected by the end of the week;
- **Martin Canal** – Approximately 700 feet of 20-inch mortar joint pipeline has been replaced with 21-inch PVC pipe at N/W Shields and Rolinda – pressure testing of the new pipe has been done;
- **Carter Canal** – 1,430 feet of existing 20-inch concrete pipeline is being replaced with 21-inch PVC Pipe at N/W Barstow and Floyd. Crews installed a precasted box structure. This structure was built offsite and brought to the location for installation. This new box structure method is being compared with currently used methods;
- **Fairview Canal** – 1,650 feet of 20-inch mortar joint pipeline was replaced with 21-inch PVC pipe. Crews completed the project with the landowners and Staff being very pleased with the outcome;
- **Pursell Pond Expansion** – the Washington Colony North Branch canal is being realigned and replaced with 30-inch PVC pipe at S/W Jefferson and Cedar avenues. Earthwork crews are building berms utilizing FID equipment and rentals (paddlewheel scrapers / compactors). Compaction tests are occurring daily; and
- **Oleander North Branch** – Crews are constructing two long-crested weirs located near S/W Clayton and Chestnut.

d. General Maintenance Update for 2013-14

- Trash crews are out at the Herndon and Fancher Creek canals while also trying to respond to complaints from the urban areas;
- Crews are discing FID ponds and basins during the next several weeks, including Pursell and Oleander;
- Pipeline repairs are taking place on the Silvia and Slaven canals and gate repairs on the Deadwood North Branch, as well as other locations throughout the District;
- Homeless camp clean up took place along the Herndon Canal at Ashlan and Fruit;
- Spray tractors are on the Jefferson Canal while the spray truck is on the Fresno Colony Canal as well as several other canal banks;
- Crews performed aquatic weed treatments on the Lower Dry Creek before moving over to the Gould and Enterprise canals; and
- Leveling and clean-up work is taking place at the Little Pine Flat Pond.

e. Update on the City of Clovis' Terminus Park Located Southwest of Shepherd and Sunnyside Avenues (informational only)

The City of Clovis hired a contractor to start the construction of the parking facility portion of the project. The City of Clovis arranged with a real estate agent to identify properties in the area that meet FID's requirements to replace a property that the City purchased from FID at Shepherd/Sunnyside avenues. To date, the agent has identified

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ten possible properties. Staff has met with the agent to narrow down the possibilities. The City has until June 30 to finalize the exchange.

f. Landowner Pipeline Project – Landowner Fagundes Dairy Requests to Pipeline a Portion of the Mortensen Canal No. 80 Located Northwest Whitesbridge and Valentine Avenues. Action Request No. 2014-03

Landowner (Fagundes Dairy) contacted FID to request low flow (i.e. drip or micro-sprinklers) water service from Mortensen and/or Teilman canals to irrigate approximately 120 acres of a developing almond orchard. Staff has met with Fagundes, their farm manager, and their irrigation design company on several occasions to discuss water service to their properties from the nearby Mortensen and/or Teilman canals. Both facilities are a combination of earthen canal and pipeline systems that are small to medium in size (Mortensen flowrate - 6 cfs; Teilman flowrate – 15 cfs). Several options were discussed and evaluated to provide the landowner with a design flowrate of 3 cfs. Both parties settled on providing water service from the Mortensen Canal with the understanding that additional improvements will need to be completed.

While FID encourages its growers to utilize surface water, FID typically has concerns with providing the same or similar service to low flow (micro-sprinkler/drip irrigation) systems versus the historical flood irrigation method. FID typically does not allow or recommend its growers to utilize surface water for low flow systems from its smaller canals unless the grower constructs an on-farm holding reservoir. Instead of the landowner constructing a holding reservoir, both parties have agreed that Fagundes will be required to make improvements to Mortensen canal which consist of piping 125 feet of open canal (Segment 1) upstream of their proposed turnout (along Valentine Avenue) with 30-inch diameter pipe. This segment also includes replacing approximately 12 feet of existing mortar-joint pipe immediately upstream of the canal. Staff is still evaluating the type of pipe material that shall be used but is leaning toward ASTM C-361 Rubber Gasketed Reinforced Concrete Pipe (RGRCP); however, PVC PIP 100 is a viable option. The piping of canal will provide both parties with increased operational flexibility.

Fagundes would pay 100 percent of the \$26,967 cost, which includes (but is not limited to) surveying work, materials, low flow agreement, and easements. This assumes that FID crews install the pipe. As part of this project, Staff would like to include piping a 75 foot portion of open canal located immediately downstream of the project and upstream of an existing 30-inch pipeline. Staff suggests by piping the small piece of canal between the two long reaches of pipeline would eliminate the on-going maintenance issues. This portion of the project would cost \$10,709 at a 100 percent share to FID bringing final cost of the project to \$37,675. Piping the open section of the canal would not be required to move forward with the landowner's portion of the project.

M/S/C/(Porter/Prieto, Jr.) That the Board of Directors approved Staff's recommendation of Segment 1 at a cost of \$26,967 (landowner's portion with FID crews performing the work) and Segment 2 at a cost of \$10,709 (FID' portion) of Action Request 2014-03 by the following vote. (Ayes – Beberian, Balls, Jacobsen, Porter, Neely; Nays – 0; Absent – 0; Abstain – 0)

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ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

The Assistant General Manager's Report was given by General Manager Gary Serrato who reported for Laurence Kimura:

a. District Office Plan

Phase C of the office project is complete. The few punchlist items that needed to be addressed have basically been taken care of.

b. Aquatic Pesticides

Staff has been working to implement the Aquatic Pesticide Application Plan (APAP) for use of aquatic pesticides. Staff has also been working to obtain a State Implementation Policy (SIP) exception to use copper and acrolein to control algae and other aquatic vegetation. The State must still approve the SIP exception which is expected in the next month or two.

c. Gould Canal – Friant/Kern Canal

Pumps at the temporary pumping plant located at the crossing of the Gould Canal and Friant-Kern Canal have been tested and are ready for use. Staff is now waiting for the contract from the Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) before water is delivered to the small disadvantaged communities. Staff is hopeful that the contract will be ready by the end of April. The pumps are being provided and paid for by the USBR.

MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager Gary Serrato reported on the following:

KINGS RIVER WATER ASSOCIATION

Due to the extremely dry conditions, allocation for the Kings River is approximately 24%.

Mr. Serrato reviewed a letter sent to Mr. Tom Howard who is the executive director of the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB). The letter was developed by Gary Sawyers on behalf of the Kings River Water Association that addressed the "Curtailment of Water" from the Kings River to handle health and safety issues for cities and small communities. The letter asked that the SWRCB make a decision on prioritizing water deliveries, stating that the member units of the KRWA are providing for the needs of cities and small communities. A similar letter was also drawn up and signed by both the senators from California and two local United States Congressman.

FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY

Bureau of Reclamation / FID Banking Agreement

The pumping facility is now completed and operational. Staff is waiting for individual Friant Districts' contracts before beginning to pump.

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OTHER

Regional Meetings on Groundwater

On March 20, 2014, the California Farm Water Coalition held a meeting hosted by Fresno Irrigation District. Topics were the “Future of Groundwater Management” and “What to Expect from Coming Groundwater Regulations”. The meeting received positive comments and was well attended.

Mr. Stretch reported that at a recent groundwater meeting, it was discussed that former FID attorney Dan Dooley is now heading up the entire State’s water management office. Mr. Dooley is from this area and is well aware of the challenges that growers in this area face. Mr. Dooley is advocating that major issues be addressed one at a time and that each area in California should be handled locally. Mr. Dooley also believes that there is no reason to create a State appointed watermaster for groundwater.

Mr. Serrato stated that groundwater issues are being targeted as the next major issue in California’s water battle. Local, state, and federal government agencies are all pushing to include their agendas into future legislations. Local agencies are going to need to manage: a) allocation of groundwater; b) ability to control pumping; c) ability to assess fees for replenishment or other groundwater activities; and d) groundwater measurement and reporting will also be required in the future.

Water Sales

Mr. Serrato stated that he has received many inquiries about FID selling water. During the March Board Meeting, Directors gave Mr. Serrato direction to investigate the selling of water at a best market rate.

Mr. Serrato recapped the financial condition of the District in 2001 when he took over as general manager, the Proposition 218 Election that was held in 2005, and also the banking facilities partnerships (and grants). Until the passage of Proposition 218, it had been eleven years since District assessments’ had been raised. Mr. Serrato gave a PowerPoint presentation that explained the reasons behind the groundwater facilities and how they were developed to extract/sell/exchange/store water. A list of seven water agencies (all along the Friant-Kern Canal) that requested to purchase water was presented. Staff requested that the Board allow Staff to sell up to 10,000 acre-feet of water at the best negotiated price per acre-foot. Director Jacobsen recommended fulfilling International Water District request in full and then, if necessary, pro-rating the remaining six districts.

Director Beberian asked how the replacement water policy worked. Mr. Serrato explained to the members of the Board how the fulfillment of the replacement water policy is handled and accounted for. Mr. Serrato stated that he would provide a copy of the policy to the Directors at the next Board meeting.

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M/S/C/(Balls/Prieto, Jr.) That the Board of Directors approved the sale of up to 10,000 acre-feet of water at the best negotiated price available by the following vote. (Ayes – Balls, Jacobsen, Porter, Prieto, Jr.; Nays – Beberian; Absent – 0; Abstain – 0)

Settlement Agreement

Mr. Serrato recapped the settlement that was reached on the San Joaquin River and the re-introduction of warm-water fisheries. This settlement is scheduled to reopen for review in 2020. Director Porter stated that Friant is not interested in opening up the settlement at this time. Director Prieto, Jr. asked to see the letter that the Lower Tule River Irrigation District sent the local Congressional Members and the two State Senators requesting the two houses to produce a bill that would help provide water to Friant and others this year. Mr. Serrato talked with government legislators, while back in Washington D.C. in March, about working together on both Valadao's bill and Senator Feinstein's bill to provide security on water supplies.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

a. Property Claim Form Submitted by Alan Haydon

Mr. Stretch reported that while sloping one of the ditches, an FID tractor snagged an over-head telephone line which was attached between a pole and the house of Mr. Alan Haydon. Mr. Haydon submitted a claim for \$300 for repairs to his porch. Mr. Stretch reported that an inspection of the site was handled by one of the supervisors, safety manager, and the superintendent of construction and discussed how to prevent future events like this from happening again. Staff recommends paying Mr. Haydon for the damage.

M/S/C/(Porter/Prieto, Jr.) That the Board of Directors approved payment of the damage claim in the amount of \$300 submitted by Mr. Haydon by the following vote. (Ayes – Beberian, Balls, Jacobsen, Porter, Prieto, Jr.; Nays – 0; Absent – 0; Abstain – 0)

b. JPIA Settlement for Damaged District Vehicle (informational only)

A District's pick-up was involved in an accident on the Jensen overpass. The cost to repair the vehicle did not warrant the repair and it was decided to total the vehicle and use it for parts. JPIA would pay the District \$8,200 minus the \$1,000 deductible, netting the District \$7,200 with the District being allowed to keep the vehicle. Monies received will be placed in the Power Revenue Fund to be utilized for the replacement of the vehicle in the future.

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- c. **Request for Overnight Stay for Assistant General Manager to Attend the CSDA Leadership Summit from June 22 – 24, 2014; in North Lake Tahoe, CA**

Mr. Serrato recommended that Mr. Stretch attend the CSDA Leadership Summit in June at North Lake Tahoe. Mr. Serrato feels that this would be a good conference for Mr. Stretch to attend as he transitions into his new role.

M/S/C/(Porter/Prieto, Jr.) That the Board of Directors approved sending Mr. Stretch to the CSDA Leadership Summit in June at North Lake Tahoe and for a three-night stay by the following vote. (Ayes – Beberian, Balls, Jacobsen, Porter, Prieto, Jr.; Nays – 0; Absent – 0; Abstain – 0)

- d. **Kings Basin Coordinated Groundwater MOU (fact sheet enclosed)**

Mr. Serrato recommended that Fresno Irrigation District join Alta, Consolidated, and the Kings River Conservation Districts in belonging to the Kings Basin Coordinated Groundwater Monitoring Plan. The primary objective of the Coordinated Plan is to coordinate the groundwater monitoring activities to determine the status of the groundwater resources in the Basin. KRCD will head-up collecting groundwater elevation data and quality data and share it with the group. Mr. Serrato believes this will help support KRCD's position that this area is capable of dealing with groundwater issues and does not need any outside monitoring. Cost would be approximately \$18,000 per year.

M/S/C/(Beberian/Prieto, Jr.) That the Board of Directors approved participation in the Kings Basin Coordinated Groundwater Monitoring Plan by the following vote. (Ayes – Beberian, Balls, Jacobsen, Porter, Prieto, Jr.; Nays – Beberian; Absent – 0; Abstain – 0)

DIRECTORS' REPORT

Director Beberian – suggested FID look into sponsoring a scholarship to California State University, Fresno. The suggested \$3,000-5,000 scholarship would be used to help a student(s) taking water related courses.

Director Balls – no report.

Director Jacobsen – stated there was a growers meeting held in Easton where approximately 45 people attended.

Director Porter – stated there was a growers meeting held in Kerman where approximately 90 people attended.

Director Prieto, Jr. – no report.

Open Session concluded at 9:30 p.m.

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CLOSED SESSION

Natural Resource Defense Council vs. Rodgers (Government Code Section 54956.9). To confer with counsel on pending litigation.

Government Code Section 54956.8 Real Property Transactions.

Negotiators: Gary R. Serrato-FID, Bill Stretch-FID, and the City of Clovis

Properties: APN 560-031-11 & 557-031-05, 39

Terms and Conditions: Negotiations of Purchase and Sale of Real Property.

Conference with Legal Counsel-Anticipated Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9(b)). Conference with Legal Counsel – Potential Litigation (G.C. §54956.9(a)): Jeremy Hobensack vs. Fresno Irrigation District.

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

CLOSED SESSION ADJOURNMENT

President Jacobsen adjourned Closed Session at 9:50 p.m.

REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

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

ADJOURNMENT

President Jacobsen adjourned the meeting at 9:51 p.m.

Submitted By,

Gary R. Serrato
Secretary of the Board