

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETINGS  
HELD JUNE 9, 2014; JUNE 16, 2014; AND JUNE 17, 2014**

The Board of Directors of Fresno Irrigation District, sitting as a Board of Equalization, met in special sessions on the following dates in the District office at 2907 South Maple Avenue, Fresno, California to equalize 2015 classifications of lands within the District.

**JUNE 9, 2014**

Meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m. by Board President Ryan Jacobsen.

**DIRECTORS PRESENT**

President Ryan Jacobsen  
George Porter  
Greg Beberian  
Jerry Prieto, Jr.

**DIRECTORS ABSENT**

Vice President Steven Balls

**STAFF PRESENT**

General Manager Gary R. Serrato  
Assistant General Manager Bill Stretch  
Chief Engineer – Special Projects Laurence Kimura  
Watermaster James Irwin  
Controller DeAnn Hailey

**OTHERS PRESENT**

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.

**Review of Relative Values**

Mr. Irwin explained the process that is used to determine whether a request for change of relative value will be accepted or denied.

- 1) If a landowner requests his service be moved from “water service” to “groundwater service” (previously referred to as non-water service) and the parcel is able to take water, Staff’s recommendation will be to deny the application.
- 2) Should lands come under either the City of Fresno or Clovis Contracts and the owner gives up their rights to water to the Cities, the turnout will be removed.

- 3) Staff received a request this year to split the water rate assessment on one parcel of just over two acres. It is Mr. Irwin's suggestion that the Board consider having a minimum amount of acreage before allowing a parcel to have a split rate. Staff would like to discourage landowners from requesting splitting their parcels.

The Board reviewed and determined a provisional position on each application for change in assessed valuation.

Staff explained to the Directors the difference between the costs of "pump from ditch" and "water service" and "lift pump" when questioned by the Board. The Board and Staff discussed reviewing and making changes to the current policy to address the assessment split of a single parcel in time for next year's Board of Equalization meetings.

The Board directed Staff to inform two applicants, by mail, that their applications were denied and of their right to appeal the Board's decision during the June 16, 2014, Board of Equalization meeting.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Board President Ryan Jacobsen adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m. with a reminder that the next Board of Equalization meeting will be on June 16, 2014, at 5:00 p.m.

#### **JUNE 16, 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  
Greg Beberian  
Jerry Prieto, Jr.

#### **DIRECTORS ABSENT**

None

#### **STAFF PRESENT**

Assistant General Manager Bill Stretch  
Chief Engineer – Special Projects Laurence Kimura  
Watermaster Jim Irwin  
Controller DeAnn Hailey

#### **OTHERS PRESENT**

None

**POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

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None stated.

**Appeal**

President Jacobsen opened the meeting and indicated that the Board would give ten minutes for the denied parties a chance to attend. Neither of the parties who were sent denial letters appeared before the Board.

**Next BOE Meeting**

The Board will bring to a motion on the applications establishing relative value by way of a resolution at the June 17, 2014, Board of Equalization meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Board President Ryan Jacobsen adjourned the meeting at 5:10 p.m.

**JUNE 17, 2014**

Meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m. by Board President Ryan Jacobsen.

**DIRECTORS PRESENT**

President Ryan Jacobsen  
Vice President Steven Balls  
George Porter  
Greg Beberian  
Jerry Prieto, Jr.

**DIRECTORS ABSENT**

None

**STAFF PRESENT**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT**

None

## **POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

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None stated.

## **2014 BOARD OF EQUALIZATION**

Mr. Serrato reviewed the District's different water rates and areas for the Directors. President Jacobsen closed the public comment period at 5:07 pm.

Staff noted that all applications were approved with the exception of Ampan Jariangprasert Trustee and James V and Harell S Gabel. Mr. Serrato recommends passing and adopting Resolution 2014-06 as presented by Staff. President Jacobsen closed the discussion portion of the Board of Equalization meeting and asked for a motion.

Director Beberian asked if the District was able to recoup all cost related to the "Lift Pump" rate stating that his "Time-of-Use" rate has increased over the last year. Staff explained that since we have not raised rates over the last four years, that most likely total recovery costs of providing the service has not been and cannot be collected until the District proceeds with a Proposition 218 Election. Mr. Beberian asked that Staff furnish the Board with the actual costs of delivering the different water services. Staff explained that those figures are contained in the engineer's report for the Proposition 218 Election but the Controller will point out during the regular meeting the maintenance cost from the line item contained in the budget.

**M/S/C (Balls/Porter)** That the applications for change in assessed valuation as presented and recommended by Staff with the exception of Jariangprasert and Gabel and was approved by Resolution 2014-06 by the following roll call vote. (Ayes Beberian, Balls, Jacobsen, Porter, Prieto; Nays 0; Absent 0; Abstain 0)

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The Board of Equalization meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m. on June 17, 2014. Board of Equalization will be held again in 2015 at a time fixed by the Board of Directors.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gary R. Serrato  
Board Secretary