

**FRESNO IRRIGATION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD OCTOBER 2, 2014**

Fresno Irrigation District's Equipment Committee met at the District office located at 2907 South Maple Avenue – Fresno, California, on October 2, 2014. The meeting started at 9:00 A.M.

EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Director George Porter
Director Gregory Beberian

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Assistant General Manager Bill Stretch
Construction and Maintenance Superintendent Ralph Yockey
Controller DeAnn Hailey
Director of Human Resources September Singh
Shop Foreman Tim Pritchard

ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER'S EQUIPMENT REPORT

a. 2014 Equipment Replacement Plan

Mr. Stretch provided a memorandum (dated September 25, 2014) to the Committee Members regarding the recommended purchase of equipment and computers for 2014 and the list of possible purchase of equipment for 2015. This memorandum will be provided to the other Directors during the October 21, 2014 Board Meeting.

Staff presented the recommended equipment for purchase:

2014 Equipment Purchase

1. Loader (\$220,000);
2. Man Lift Truck (\$135,000);
3. Crawler Tractor (for sloper crew) (\$85,000); and
4. Small Excavator (\$140,000).

Staff also briefly discussed its current recommendations for the 2015 equipment purchase. It was agreed by the Committee that the 2015 recommendations will be revisited around this time next year.

2015 Equipment Recommendation

1. Five Half-ton Pickups;
2. Replacement Vehicle (Assistant General Manager);
3. Dump Truck;
4. Construction Truck (C&C with Service Body); and
5. Crawler Tractor.

Director Porter suggested exploring the option of purchasing electric/hybrid vehicles (specifically, trucks used by the Water Systems Operators). Another option discussed was Flex Fuel but it was concluded there are not enough benefits at this time to continue pursuing.

Director Beberian requested that Staff investigate any grants or credits offered by agencies such as the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control Board (SJVAPCB). Staff has in the past and will continue to research all grant opportunities, including one that is currently being offered by the SJVACB which is targeting public agencies. Staff received the notice only a few days prior to the

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committee meeting and did not have time to research. At first glance, it appears that FID would not be able to benefit much from the grant program; however, there may be an opportunity to purchase a hybrid vehicle to replace the existing Chevrolet Impala. Staff will also check into any future grants, credits, or incentives that may be available. Director Beberian asked if Staff discussed or explored the options of renting equipment as opposed to buying it. Staff assured both Committee members that Staff looks at all options (i.e. renting, leasing, hiring a contractor, etc.) prior to presenting any recommendations to the Equipment Committee and Board.

Staff was directed to begin preparing specifications for the four pieces of equipment prior to going out for bid.

2014 Computer Purchase

Staff recommended the purchase of the computer equipment listed below as part of the District's normal rotation. The Committee was presented with the detailed description of the computers and corresponding price quote.

1. Three Standard Workstations (\$4,407.42);
2. Two Engineering Workstation; (\$3,256.88) and
3. One Laptop (\$2,501.44).

Equipment Committee Recommendation

Equipment: The Committee recommended the purchase of the new equipment in 2014 that includes a loader, man-lift truck, crawler tractor, and small excavator estimated at \$580,000.00. Staff will finalize the specifications and send out the bid packets over the next several weeks. The Equipment Committed will reconvene after the bids have been received and then present its recommendations to the full Board.

Computers: The Committee recommended the purchase of the new computers estimated at \$10,165.74 (plus tax and shipping).

Staff and the Committee will discuss its recommendations with the rest of the Board during the October 21, 2014 Board of Directors meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:57 a.m.

Submitted By,

William Stretch
Assistant General Manager