

**FRESNO IRRIGATION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
HELD APRIL 21, 2015**

Fresno Irrigation District's Board of Directors met in regular session in the District office located at 2907 South Maple Avenue – Fresno, California, on April 21, 2015. The meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m. by Board President Ryan Jacobsen.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

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

DIRECTORS ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

General Manager Gary R. Serrato
Assistant General Manager Bill Stretch
Chief Engineer Laurence Kimura
Watermaster Jim Irwin
Controller DeAnn Hailey
Director of Human Resources September Singh
Maintenance Supervisor Mike Prestridge
Recording Secretary Lynn B. Rowe

OTHERS PRESENT

Clovis Mayor Nathan Magsig
Cal Fire Search and Rescue Team Representatives
Brown Armstrong Accountancy Corporation Representative Ozvaldo Gutierrez
Sun World Representative Clifton Lollar
Maricopa Orchards Representative Jeremy Mehling
Maricopa Orchards Representative Jon Reiter
Easton Community Service District and Self Help Enterprises Representative Sue Ruiz
Legal Counsel Gary Sawyers
Bakman Water District Representatives Tim Bakman, Shay Bakman, Steve Pickens, and Greg Lewis

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board President Jacobsen started the meeting at 4:02 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

REVIEW AGENDA

President Jacobsen announced that item 7 f. will be moved and follow Public Presentation(s).

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REVIEW OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Currently, there are no changes to Future Meetings; however, there may be a later discussion during the meeting regarding the addition of a Special Board meeting to the schedule.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Magsig stated his appreciation to the District for its participation and partnership in the Dry Creek Trailhead project. A proposed art piece is being discussed as a new feature to the Trailhead park landscaping. In fall of 2014, Mayor Magsig spoke to a local artist about creating a metal sculpture of a horse which would be placed on an existing pedestal within the park's location. The sculpture would be slightly larger than life-size. Mayor Magsig provided pictures of the proposed sculpture and asked the Board Members if they had any questions or suggestions regarding the presented artwork. President Jacobsen indicated that the artwork would fit in well with its surroundings and that he appreciated Mayor Magsig coming before the Board.

CONTROLLER'S REPORT

f. Combined Fire Agencies Training

Ms. Hailey gave background information on Cal Fire's recent joint rescue training utilizing the rubble pile on the backside of the District's yard. Mr. Shawn Hernandez thanked the Board and praised FID Staff in helping with the coordination. Mr. Hernandez presented a PowerPoint on the urban search and rescue that Cal Fire performs. In March, Cal Fire's Task Force used a portion of FID's yard as a training area using the riprap and discarded concrete pipes for mock disaster training. This training / team is separate from the fire-fighting units and is strictly devoted to search and rescue. Mr. Hernandez explained that the task force is comprised of: 1) 28 FEMA task force teams throughout the United States; 2) 8 teams located in California; 3) 5 regional task force teams; and 4) able to mobilize within one hour. Fire department representative from several counties, cities, and other agencies were able to participate in the training. President Jacobsen thanked Cal Fire for coming and sharing their training experience with the Board and that the FID facilities are open to them for future training exercises. Mr. Hernandez expressed Cal Fire's appreciation by presenting the Board and Staff with framed photographs taken during the training exercise.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS continued

Ms. Sue Ruiz, representing both the Easton Community Service District and Self Help Enterprises spoke on encouraging FID to run water this year to assist in the recharge of groundwater, especially in the Easton area where groundwater pumps are going dry. Ms. Ruiz also informed the Board that Easton was the largest unincorporated community that did not have a community water system. The population is approximately 2,000 residents.

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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]

Director Beberian recused himself from item 12 a. (i. and ii.)

CONSENT CALENDAR

- a. **Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes – March 17, 2015**
- b. **March 2015 Check Report**
- c. **March 2015 Payroll Registers**
- d. **March 2015 Unpaid Assessment Report**
- e. **March 2015 Investment Account**
- f. **Amendment to Extend Property Exchange Agreement with the City of Clovis Property Exchange. Action Request 2015-03**

Director Beberian requested that the March 2015 Check Report (item 6 b.) be pulled for a separate discussion and vote. This item will be moved to the Controller's Report.

M/S/C/(Prieto/Porter) That the Board of Directors approved Consent Calendar items 6 a., c., d., e., and f. by the following vote. (Ayes – Beberian, Balls, Jacobsen, Porter, Prieto, Jr.; Nays – 0; Absent – 0; Abstain – 0)

CONTROLLER'S REPORT

Ms. Hailey stated the auditors were at the FID office during the first week in March to perform their audit. The auditors completed their testing and on-site review. Most of the information they needed was accessible through the District's Laserfiche software. The auditors were pleased with the findings.

- a. **December 2014 Audited Financial Statements**

Mr. Ozvaldo Gutierrez of Brown Armstrong Accountancy Corporation reported on the District's 2014 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 more efficiently. It was reported that the District had no issues or findings and that the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Fresno Irrigation District as of December 31, 2014.

M/S/C/(Porter/Prieto) That the Board of Directors approved the Audited Financial Statements ending on December 31, 2014, as presented by the auditor by the following vote. (Ayes – Beberian, Balls, Jacobsen, Porter, Prieto, Jr.; Nays – 0; Absent – 0; Abstain – 0)

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b. December 2014 Audited Pension Plan Financial Statements

There were no changes or questions regarding the 2014 Audited Pension Plan Financial Statements.

M/S/C/(Prieto/Balls) That the Board of Directors approved the Audited Pension Plan Financial Statements ending on December 31, 2014, as presented by the auditor by the following vote. (Ayes – Beberian, Balls, Jacobsen, Porter, Prieto, Jr.; Nays – 0; Absent – 0; Abstain – 0)

c. December 2014 Fund Statements and Supporting Documents

Ms. Hailey announced that the Fund Statements have been rolled into the Audited Financial Statement to make it more streamlined. A review of all the financial statements was presented.

M/S/C/(Balls/Porter) That the Board of Directors approved the December 2014 Fund Statements and supporting documents as presented by Staff by the following vote. (Ayes – Beberian, Balls, Jacobsen, Porter, Prieto, Jr.; Nays – 0; Absent – 0; Abstain – 0)

d. GASB 45 Actuarial Valuation as of January 1, 2015 (OPEB)

Ms. Hailey informed the Board that the actuarial report for January 1, 2015, was done due to two new MOUs that were agreed to in 2014 and the substantial contribution made to the fund in 2014. This was a favorable report and shows that the unfunded liability has been greatly reduced over the last several years. President Jacobsen stated that it was a great achievement to be able to fund OPEB, and that future boards will appreciate the effort.

M/S/C/(Prieto/Balls) That the Board of Directors approved the GASB 45 Actuarial Valuation as of January 1, 2015, as presented by Staff by the following vote. (Ayes – Beberian, Balls, Jacobsen, Porter, Prieto, Jr.; Nays – 0; Absent – 0; Abstain – 0)

e. Sale of Nielsen and Marks Properties Update

Ms. Hailey reviewed the costs of connecting two of the Nielsen Avenue parcels to the City of Fresno water service. The cost to connect the old shop parcel is estimated at \$12,000 and the cost for the connection to the old firehouse parcel is estimated at \$7,000. Staff's recommendation is to connect both parcels to the City's water service as preparation to sell the properties and incorporate those costs into the sale price of the property. At the conclusion of a brief discussion, the Board decided to connect the old firehouse to the City of Fresno water service with a temporary connection to the old shop if needed.

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M/S/C/(Beberian/Porter) That the Board of Directors approved proceeding with the old firehouse parcel being connected to the City of Fresno water service with a temporary connection to the old shop facility, if needed, at an estimated cost of \$7,000 by the following vote. (Ayes – Beberian, Balls, Jacobsen, Porter, Prieto, Jr.; Nays – 0; Absent – 0; Abstain – 0)

After review with legal counsel, it was determined that FID could sell the property directly to the tenants under Water Code Section 22500 without putting it up for public sale. Under section 54220, FID will need to contact the local school district to see if they are interested in submitting a bid; if not, then FID can move forward with the sale.

The Nielsen tenants stated they are only interested in purchasing the shop property and not the adjacent parcel and is interested in opening up negotiations with the Board. After a brief discussion, the Board gave Staff direction to proceed with negotiations on the shop property and to move forward with selling the vacant parcel.

CONSENT CALENDAR continued

Director Beberian had item 6 b. pulled from the Consent Calendar to inquire on five items listed on the report. After Ms. Hailey answered Director Beberian's questions, it was moved to approve the Check Report.

M/S/C/(Prieto/Balls) That the Board of Directors approved item 6 b. the March 2015 Check Report by the following vote. (Ayes – Beberian, Balls, Jacobsen, Porter, Prieto, Jr.; Nays – 0; Absent – 0; Abstain – 0)

WATER REPORT

a. Current Water Conditions Report

Mr. Irwin reported on the current and projected water supply and the routing information. As of April 20, Pine Flat release was 172 cfs with storage at 200,228 acre-feet. Pre-Project for the Kings River is 671 cfs and FID's entitlement is 302 cfs. Pine Flat precipitation is currently 10.40 inches (58.8% of average). Within the last few days, all snow sensors were reading zero. There is a chance of thunderstorms in the foothills over the next few days, followed by increasing temperatures.

Mr. Serrato gave a presentation on the current drought situation. Comparison photographs were displayed of snow levels for 2015 versus 2006 which showed a dramatic decrease. Mr. Serrato stated that 2015 is the driest year on record, shattering the record from 1923-24; currently there is no measurable snow under 9,500 foot elevation. KRWA has stated that no member units will be allowed to go into their Temperature Control Pool this season. The following information was presented:

- KRWA
 - Peak Storage 230,000 acre-feet
 - Peak Inflow as of April 1, (1,026 acre-feet)
 - Peak Runoff Occurred on March 30, 2015

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- 100,000 acre-feet April – July Runoff
- Operational Considerations
 - State Health and Safety
 - Equitable Water Distribution within District
 - Reclaim Wells Operations
 - Eastside Water
- Staff Recommendations for Consideration
 - Health and Safety
 - City of Fresno 25.94% - 24,000 acre-feet
 - City of Clovis 5.89% - 5,500 acre-feet
 - 3,000 acre-feet from Groundwater Banks
 - Community of Easton
 - Groundwater Recharge throughout the District.

Staff recommends holding a Special Board meeting during the first or second week of May to discuss and decide if water will be delivered during the 2015 Irrigation Season.

President Jacobsen stated since the Bakman representatives were present, Administrative Matters (item 12 a.) would be heard next.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- a. **Bakman Water Company (Action Request No. 2015-04) –**
 - i. **Approve a Notice of Exemption for the County of Fresno as Part of CEQA**
 - ii. **Approve FID – Bakman Agreement “For Water Utilization and Conveyance”**

FID has been working with the Bakman Water District to develop an agreement for the delivery of surface water to basins operated by the Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District within the Bakman Water Company (Bakman) boundary. Bakman Water District is now working towards a water balance where Bakman would take over management and payment for existing lands within its District to pay for water to be recharged within the Bakman area.

Mr. Tim Bakman stated it has been a long process in coordinating and negotiating with the different agencies and coming up with an agreement. Mr. Bakman also explained how the water will be moved between the different basins and improvements made to the infrastructure. Bakman is also looking to purchase an eleven acre parcel to develop their own recharge basin.

M/S/C/(Prieto/Balls) That the Board of Directors approved Action Request 2015-04 presented by Staff by the following vote. (Ayes – Balls, Jacobsen, Porter, Prieto, Jr.; Nays – 0; Absent – 0; Abstain – Beberian)

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c. Adoption of Policy 110-800 – Board Member Code of Conduct and Outline of Duties

Ms. Singh asked if there were any questions on the new policy that was furnished to the Directors (via board packet). President Jacobsen pointed out a couple of grammatical corrections. Once the corrections were agreed to, a motion was made. Director Beberian asked for and received clarification (from legal counsel and other members of the Board) on the sections of the policy dealing with electronic mail and interaction between a director and a general manager.

M/S/C/(Prieto/Balls) That the Board of Directors approved Policy 110-800 as presented by Staff with the grammatical corrections by the following vote. (Ayes – Beberian, Balls, Jacobsen, Porter, Prieto, Jr.; Nays – 0; Absent – 0; Abstain – 0)

b. Damage Claim – Mr. Fred Magana

A District employee was involved in a small “fender-bender” (no injuries were reported). As part of the normal notification process, FID submitted the claim to JPIA where they processed it and settled with Mr. Magana (the claimant). Staff recommends denying this claim since JPIA has already resolved this issue.

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

Break

Directors and Staff took a short break from 6:30 – 6:43 p.m.; during which time no District business was discussed.

CHIEF ENGINEER’S REPORT

a. Developer Projects Update 2014-15

The Engineering Department continues to review plans of several projects that will be constructed during the 2014-15 Maintenance Season. There are six projects in progress at this time and four more are currently planned. During the last month, Staff responded to 24 Developer Review Notices and four Utility Search Requests.

b. Agency Projects Update 2014-15

The Engineering Department continues to review plans of several projects that will be constructed in the near future. There are two projects in progress at this time.

Agency / Utility Crossings

There are numerous utility crossings (cable, fiber optics, storm drains, sewer, etc.) being reviewed for boring or construction under various FID facilities.

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i. High Speed Rail

Staff has reviewed and commented on the construction plans for the State Route 99 relocation between Ashlan and Clinton avenues; pipeline crossings under Dry Creek Canal near H Street; and relocation plans for the Lisenby Pipeline at Golden State Boulevard. Staff has also met with representatives from HSR, design/builder TPZP, and Union Pacific regarding the Herndon Canal crossing. Staff has received numerous telephone calls from landowners inquiring how the HSR would affect the canals and pipelines along their properties. An Open House meeting sponsored by the HSR will be held at the Fire Department Museum on April 30.

c. Landowner Initiated Projects Update for 2014-15

There are four landowner projects in progress. Staff does not anticipate any other projects to start before irrigation season.

d. Other Activities

- Monthly groundwater levels were measured as part of the banking facility monitoring plan;
- Cost estimates are being developed for maintenance projects;
- Engineering Staff is currently assisting or working on ten maintenance projects;
- Several surveys were performed for project designs; and
- Nine construction and structure permits were issues during the last month.

Mr. Kimura provided slides on the following projects:

- H-Ditch (Developer project at S/W Figarden and Gates) – substitution of 300 feet of open channel with 320 feet of 24-inch RGRCP;
- Briggs Canal (Developer project at American and Golden State) – substitution of 1,300 feet of open channel with 48-inch RGRCP and construction of regulation box structure;
- Bullard Canal (Agency project at S/E Herndon and Brawley) – City of Fresno Herndon Avenue widening project [grading over pipeline];
- Herndon West Basin (FID project at N/W Ashlan and Lake) – canal lining installation; and
- Herndon West Basin (FID project at N/W Ashlan and Lake) – construction of basin.

e. Abandon Approximately 660 Feet of 18-inch Diameter NRCP-M-C118 Pipeline – Reyburn No. 380. Action Request No. 2015-02

Mr. Kimura reported that Staff is proposing to abandon the tail end of the Reyburn Canal No. 380. De Young Properties has purchased three parcels along the west side of DeWolf Avenue southwest of Bullard and plans to develop them. The abandonment would consist of 660 feet of 18-inch pipeline at the tail end. Staff is recommending to the

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Board that the Secretary sign a Quitclaim Agreement for that portion of the Reyburn Canal No. 380.

M/S/C/(Prieto/Balls) That the Board of Directors approved Action Request No. 2015-02 Staff's recommendation to abandon approximately 660 feet of 18-inch pipe on the Reyburn Canal No. 380 located S/W Bullard and DeWolf Avenue by the following vote. (Ayes – Beberian, Balls, Jacobsen, Porter, Prieto, Jr.; Nays – 0; Absent – 0; Abstain – 0)

ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

a. Maintenance and Construction Update

Mr. Stretch's agenda items were presented out of order.

Mr. Stretch reported that the Heavy Equipment Operators (HEOs) are currently focusing on general maintenance including District-wide grading. Currently they are in the southwest area: Thompson Ext., Deadwood, and Oleander canals. As time permits, HEOs are also removing spoil piles on the Enterprise Canal and placing sand on the Gould Canal banks. Sloping has been completed for the year with the completion of the south side. The HEOs are providing support for the on-going Capital improvement projects and assisting in the clean-up of several homeless encampments along various canal banks. Crews have started to restore some of the District's aging weir structures (approximately 80 years old) which are showing signs of age.

Within the next few weeks, the pilot metering project will be started. Staff continues to negotiate with specific landowners on signing an agreement to participate in the pilot project. Once the agreements have been signed, standpipes with propeller meters will be installed.

Construction crews will be starting on several capital improvement projects including installation of a canopy over the picnic area at the Fresno Headgates and general clean-up and improvements of the area. Remaining crews are working on pipe repairs, brushing, and clean-up of homeless encampments.

Spray crews have not been able to work due to the windy conditions, so they have been assisting with trash clean-up, rodent stations, and brush removal District-wide.

Mr. Stretch provided slides of the following projects:

- Lampee West Branch Canal (at South and Brawley) – substitution of open channel with 1,900 feet of 30-inch PVC pipe and 450 feet of 18-inch PVC pipe;
- Lampee West Branch Canal (at N/W South and Brawley) – construction of regulation structure;
- Helm Colonial S. Br. (at S/W Sierra and Peach) – pipeline inspection and cleaning (mainly tree roots). Staff is looking into purchasing equipment to clean-out and remove tree roots and sediment in the District's larger diameter pipes;

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- Herndon Canal (at S/W Shields and Fresno) – crews performed homeless camp cleanup. Brushing crews came in and removed oleanders along a fence line in an attempt to keep homeless camps from being re-established;
- Fresno Canal (at S/W McKinley and Academy) – crews removed trash, tires, tree branches, and shrubs;
- Boswell Banking Facility (at North and Bishop) – crews replaced oleander bushes and cleaned-up along the fence line of the facility;
- Axt Pond (at Barstow and Chateau Fresno) – crews established a right-of-way for the new fence to be built. There have been numerous complaints from area landowners about off-road vehicles trespassing and creating noise and air pollution problems;
- FID Vacant Lot (at Nielsen and Marks and Behymer and Chestnut) – crews performed weed control, fire control, and removal of tree trimmings from area landowners;
- Herndon Canal (at Shields and Blackstone) – crews took advantage of the dry conditions and performed canal clean-up by dredging and weed removal;
- Herndon Canal Box Culvert (at Shields and Blackstone) – crews inspected the box culvert and found minor cracks, root intrusion, and small holes. Repairs to this culvert is the responsibility of the owner of the building above the culvert;
- Siskiyou Canal (at Kearney and Modoc Align) – repairs to a PVC pipe was taken care of;
- Fancher Creek (at W/O Fowler Avenue) – homeless camp was clean-up; and
- Herndon Canal (at W/O Fruit Avenue and S/E Shaw and Marty) – homeless camps were cleaned-up.

g. Request by Landowner Jerry Rebensdorf to Maintain FID Canal Adjacent to Organically Farmed Crops. Action Request No. 2015-05

Mr. Rebensdorf, who farms organic vineyards adjacent to the Herndon and Flume canals, approached Staff about the District discontinuing weed spraying on the banks of the canals and would in-turn agree to maintain weed control along those banks. Staff recommends entering into the agreement with Mr. Rebensdorf to maintain the canal banks adjacent to his property because of his organic farming operation.

M/S/C/(Porter/Prieto) That the Board of Directors approved Action Request 2015-05 and enter into an agreement with Mr. Rebensdorf for him to maintain the banks on the canals by the following vote. (Ayes – Beberian, Balls, Jacobsen, Porter, Prieto, Jr.; Nays – 0; Absent – 0; Abstain – 0)

f. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) – Presentation and Update

Mr. Stretch provided the following overview and potential implementation in FID:

- 2014 California Governor signed into law a Water Action Plan
- 2014 Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) became law
- SGMA Overview

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- Comprehensive legislation to manage groundwater to sustainable levels:
 - Tools/authorities to manage groundwater
 - High and Medium priority basins
 - Preparation of groundwater sustainability agency (GSA)
 - Preparation of groundwater sustainability plan (GSP)
 - Basin conditions and water budget
 - Measurable objectives and five-year milestones
 - Achieve sustainability in 20 years
- Retains local government authorities
- Promotes coordination between land use plans and groundwater plans
- Counties are presumed GSA if no other identified
- Sustainability: manage groundwater to prevent undesirable results (significant and unreasonable):
 - Chronic lowering of groundwater levels
 - Reduction of groundwater storage
 - Seawater intrusion
 - Degraded water quality/contaminant plume migration
 - Land subsidence
 - Depletions of interconnected surface water
- Local management with state oversight
- State role
 - Technical and financial assistance
 - Regulations
 - Review GSPs and monitor implementation
 - Intervention if locals do not act
- Timeframe
 - June 30, 2017 – formation of GSAs
 - January 31, 2020 – completion of GSPs in critically over-drafted basins (includes Kings Sub-Basin)
 - January 31, 2040 – implementation of local GSPs to achieve sustainability – 20 year implementation period
- Key Governance Features
 - Final GSA notification to DWR by June 30, 2017
 - Public hearing and notice required prior to DWR notification
 - Notice of Intent to DWR includes:
 - Boundaries
 - List of other GSAs
 - Copy of resolution or bylaws
 - List of interested parties and process of engagement
 - 90-day period after notification to identify conflicts
- Forming a GSA
 - Identify your basins
 - Identify and work with local agencies
 - Understand your basin and available resources
 - Identify and involve interested stakeholders
 - Evaluate SGMA authorities and who wants to do what
 - Evaluate and propose governance model

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- Identify Groundwater Basins
 - Identify high and medium priority basins in your region
 - Identify basins that may be exempt
 - Boundary issues that limit sustainable management
 - SMGA basin focus is significant shift
 - DWR CASGEM (CA Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring) – amended Water Code in 2009 as part of SBx7-6
- Identify and Work with Local Agencies
- Understand the Basin
 - Cultivation of IRWM in the Kings Basin
 - 2001 – Upper Kings Basin Advisory Panel was formed
 - 2004 – the Upper Kings Basin Water Forum was formed
 - 2006 – resolutions supporting agreements-in-principle adopted by forum members for drafting IRMWP
 - 2007 – the Kings Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Plan was adopted (updated in 2012)
 - 2009 – the Kings Basin Water Authority was formed
- Potential Issues in Your Basin
- Engage Interested Parties
- Evaluate Tasks and Local Interest
- GSA Responsibilities/Authorities
- Evaluate Governance Models
- Possible Kings Basin Governance Structures
 - Several possible structures
 - Legal entities
- Possible GSA Formations
- Next Steps for FID
 - Continue to meet with local agencies within the Kings sub-basin
 - Enter into MOU with KRCD, CID, Fresno County, City of Fresno and City of Clovis, and County of Tulare
 - Decide on GSA organization

Mr. Serrato stated that on April 30, Fresno County will be hosting a Sustainable Groundwater Management Act workshop downtown with about thirty agencies expecting to attend.

There were no updates to items 10. b., c., d., and e.

MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager Gary Serrato reported on the following:

KINGS RIVER WATER ASSOCIATION

Pre-1914 Water Rights

Discussions with the committee continue on the accounting, management, and reporting of the Kings River Pre-1914 Water. KRWA members are reviewing the areas

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within the Kings River Water Association Water Right Agreement (“Blue Book”) where Pre-1914 Water would be affected.

FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY

Bureau of Reclamation (Bureau)

The Bureau continues to announce zero percent (0%) allocation of water this year. FID Staff did meet with Mr. Michael Jackson area manager from the Bureau to discuss possible programs that would help facilitate exchanges from Friant Dam to meet the demands of the Exchange Contractors.

There was a small amount of water (6,000 acre-feet) that was made available to some smaller east side communities under the Health and Safety requirements.

Along with Fresno Irrigation District submitting its withdrawal letter, several other members have recently submitted theirs including: Madera Irrigation District, Delano-Earlimart Irrigation District, Lower Tule Irrigation District, Shafter-Wasco Irrigation District, and Pixley Irrigation District.

Representatives from the Fresno Irrigation District, Madera Irrigation District, Chowchilla Irrigation District, and Gravelly Ford Water District met to discuss the possibility of forming its own organization. A letter was written to the Bureau of Reclamation noticing them that Mr. Doug Welch of Chowchilla Water District will be acting as the point person for the organization and asking that all communications and announcements be routed to him. A draft Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) stating that the four Districts will work together to develop water supplies and help each other to facilitate transfers and exchanges has been developed and when completed will be brought before the FID Board for adoption.

OTHER

Area Growers Meetings

Two FID growers meetings were held (Kerman and Easton areas). Both meetings were well attended. Landowners appreciated Staff coming out and updating them on the current drought situation, as well as other activities going on in the District.

Briggs Canal Operational Agreement (between Consolidated Irrigation District and Fresno Irrigation District)

It was reported that Consolidated paid the remainder of the outstanding invoice for repairs to the Briggs Canal from 2012. Both districts are still far apart on the revisions for renegotiations on the agreement.

California Water Commission

The California State Water Commission held a public hearing on April 15 at the City of Fresno Council Chambers to receive public testimony regarding Proposition I (specific to Chapter 8). There are many who believe that the funding was strictly committed to the construction of Temperance Flat and Sites Reservoir; others believe that the funding

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was intended to construct other projects such as groundwater recharge and banking facilities.

Staff believes the funding was intended to do both above ground storage, as well as other projects that included groundwater recharge and groundwater banking facilities. The Water Commission Staff Report to the Commission supports Staff's reading of the legislation. It is now up to the Commissioners to decide how to interpret the legislative language and select the projects that would be eligible for funding. Staff has submitted projects to the Department of Water Resources for consideration.

City of Fresno Conveyance Agreement Negotiation

Directors Jacobsen and Prieto, and Staff met with Fresno Mayor Ashley Swearengin, City Manager Bruce Rudd, Public Utilities Director Tommy Esqueda, and Chief of Staff Georgiana White to review the Conveyance Agreement and discuss key issues such as water supply and storage. The City of Fresno will be constructing a southeast Surface Water Treatment Plant which will require year-round deliveries. The City is looking to form a partnership on water storage facilities. The meeting was an opportunity to educate the Mayor and her staff on the issues that are associated with both storage and conveyance. Staff and the Committee found the meeting to be very productive.

DIRECTORS' REPORT

Director Beberian – none.

Director Balls – none.

Director Jacobsen – expressed his appreciation for Staff hosting the growers meetings.

Director Porter – thought the Kerman meeting went well.

Director Prieto – none.

Closed Session was not called due to lack of new information.

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

Property: APN 560-031-11 and 557-031-05, 39

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

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Government Code Section 54956.8 Real Property Transactions.

Negotiators: Gary R. Serrato-FID, Bill Stretch-FID, and GF Land Company L.P.
Properties

Property: APN 035-060-14S

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

ADJOURNMENT

President Jacobsen adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Submitted By,

Gary R. Serrato
Secretary of the Board