

**FRESNO IRRIGATION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
HELD June 8, 2015**

Fresno Irrigation District's Board of Directors met in special session in the District office located at 2907 South Maple Avenue – Fresno, California, on June 8, 2015. The meeting was called to order at 4:30 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
Supervisor Mike Prestridge
Supervisor Rick Karkula
Recording Secretary Lynn B. Rowe

OTHERS PRESENT

Various FID Landowners
Kings River Water Association Watermaster Steve Haugen

President Jacobsen inquired if there were any comments from the public other than the water issues presented on the agenda. There were no public comments from the audience.

WATERMASTER'S REPORT

a. Current Water Conditions Report

Mr. Irwin reported on the current and projected water supply and the routing information. As of June 7, Pine Flat release was 508 cfs with storage at 274,974 acre-feet. Pre-Project for the Kings River is 1,024 cfs and FID's entitlement is 632 cfs. FID's storage is currently 102,019 acre-feet. FID will pick up 65% of the river's runoff. The Lower River's coordinated runs will start on July 3.

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b. 2015 Water Delivery Update (action item)

- i. Herndon System**
- ii. Dry Creek System**
- iii. Fancher Creek System**
- iv. Hardship Water (East Side)**

Mr. Serrato presented the following information:

KRWA

- Peak storage 230,000 acre-feet
- Peak inflow of 1,477 cfs (May 2, 2015)
- April to July Runoff – 107,000 acre-feet
- Additional late-season storms received during April and May

FID Operations

- Temperature Control Pool (TCP) 100,000 acre-feet
- KRWA's recommendation is to allow the Temperature Control Pool to drop to 75,000 – 80,000 acre-feet
- Pacific Gas & Electric drawdown will begin on September 1
- Fishery Management Program will continue
 - Exhibit "C" Flows
 - Gould Weir Diversions

Operational Considerations

- Equitable water distribution within the District
- Reclaim wells operations
- Eastside Hardship Water
- Deliveries to Cities of Fresno and Clovis

Staff's Recommendations

- Deliver water for recharge and 15 day run to the Fancher and Dry Creek Systems
 - Start reclamation wells on the Houghton and Dry Creek Systems
 - Irrigation deliveries to officially begin on June 16
- Deliver half-time run on the Herndon System beginning on July 1. Continue small amount of recharge for remainder of June.
- Deliver Hardship Water in June on the eastside (101 and 102 WSOs areas)
- Deliver 15 day run during July on the entire eastside (101, 102, and 106 WSOs areas)

Additional Considerations

- Use of FID systems by growers (due to wells that have gone dry)
- Revised FID Policy 400-205 (enforcement of FID Rules and Regulations)

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Director Beberian questioned how water is measured for the City of Fresno. During the discussion Director Beberian stated water should be measured at the point of diversion and not at the dam. Mr. Serrato and Mr. Irwin were able to answer and clarify Director Beberian's questions. Mr. Serrato also explained that this issue and others are being discussed during the FID / City of Fresno Conveyance Agreement negotiations.

The Board and Staff also discussed and agreed that should additional storms materialize over the next week or so, that Staff has the discretion to adjust water deliveries to growers as appropriate.

President Jacobsen opened the meeting up for public comments.

A landowner inquired about when growers need to run water through FID canals to another property and if the grower needs to obtain a FID permit. Staff stated they should first contact their WSO. Mr. Irwin also stated that FID water does have priority and that the District would not blend FID water with a grower's water.

Director Beberian stated he appreciated Mr. Serrato's and Mr. Irwin's attention to getting water to his division.

M/S/C/(Porter/Prieto) That the Board of Directors approved Staff's recommendations to run 15 days on the Fancher and Dry Creek Systems; start reclamation wells on the Houghton and Dry Creek Systems (irrigation deliveries to officially begin on June 16); half-time run on the Herndon System starting on July 1 and to continue with recharge for the remainder of June; finish Hardship Water during the month of June; and deliver 15 days in July on the entire eastside by the following vote. (Ayes – Beberian, Balls, Jacobsen, Porter, Prieto, Jr.; Nays – 0; Absent – 0; Abstain – 0)

c. Potential Water Sales (action item)

Mr. Serrato stated that he was given direction by the Board during May's Board meeting to determine the interest in the purchase of water by districts and landowners within Fresno County. Mr. Serrato reported that several water agencies have shown an interest in purchasing FID water (Orange Cove Irrigation District, 1,500 acre-feet; City of Orange Cove, 400 acre-feet; International Irrigation District, 400 acre-feet; and FID's annex area, 400 acre-feet). Mr. Serrato stated he has received a total commitment for 2,700 acre-feet at \$1,200 per acre-foot.

Staff is working to re-install the pumps located along the Gould Canal which will be used to deliver water to the eastern portion of Fresno County. If Staff is given authorization, deliveries could be made within the next three – four weeks. Mr. Serrato also reported the anticipated water from Shasta Dam to be delivered to the Exchange Contractors has been placed on hold. The State Water Resources Control Board has suspended the

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water delivery in order to conserve the colder water needed to sustain the salmon fisheries.

With no further questions from the Board, President Jacobsen opened up questions / comments to the public. Mr. Shawn Stevenson, representing International Irrigation District and Harlan Ranch, went into details about his operation's efforts to maximize its water saving practices, metering, and the fallowing of acreage in order to save their farming operations. Mr. Stevenson presented a request to the Board to purchase 400 acre-feet of water.

With no other comments from the public, President Jacobsen returned to the Board for any further questions. With no other questions for Staff, the Board made the following motion:

M/S/C/(Prieto/Balls) That the Board of Directors approved the selling of up to 2,700 acre-feet of water by the following vote. (Ayes –Balls, Jacobsen, Porter, Prieto, Jr.; Nays – Beberian; Absent – 0; Abstain – 0)

d. City of Clovis Banked Water Supply

Mr. Serrato stated he wanted it on record that the City of Clovis will be withdrawing up to 3,000 acre-feet of water from the banking facility. This will be the first time that the City has requested to receive water from the banking facility.

Director Beberian stated that before water from the banking facilities be removed, he requested Staff do a study on the amount of actual water within the bank.

M/S/C/(Porter/Prieto) That the Board of Directors approved supplying the City of Clovis with up to 3,000 acre-feet of banked water by the following vote. (Ayes – Beberian, Balls, Jacobsen, Porter, Prieto, Jr.; Nays – 0; Absent – 0; Abstain – 0)

Mr. Serrato reminded the Board that on Tuesday, June 16, CSDA will be offering a Governance Foundation workshop to be held at the Fresno Irrigation District office. Any Director interested in attending should contact Staff. Directors Prieto and Balls volunteered to attend and represent FID.

ADJOURNMENT

President Jacobsen adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Submitted By,

Gary R. Serrato
Secretary of the Board