

**FRESNO IRRIGATION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
HELD AUGUST 18, 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 August 18, 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 (departed at 5:36 p.m.)
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 / Construction and Water Supervisor Mike Prestridge
Recording Secretary Lynn B. Rowe

OTHERS PRESENT

Maricopa Orchards Representative Jeremy Mehling
Landowner Jim Woolf
Ms. Sarah Woolf

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

REVIEW AGENDA

President Jacobsen noted that items 6. b., c., and d. are for approval of the minutes from the committee meetings and not the meetings themselves.

REVIEW OF FUTURE MEETINGS

No changes at this time.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

There was no Public Presentation from the audience.

Director Balls informed the Board and Staff that he is moving out of state and therefore, will be submitting his letter of resignation effective as of this meeting. Director Balls stated that he really appreciated being on the Board and believes that FID is the

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premier irrigation district in the valley. Director Balls thanked the Staff for their dedicated work and stated that he enjoyed his time serving on the Board. On behalf of the other members of the Board, President Jacobsen thanked Director Balls for his dedicated service. Mr. Serrato also thanked Director Ball for serving on the Board and his forward thinking and wished him the best in his retirement.

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.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- a. **Approval of Board of Regular Meetings Minutes – July 21, 2015**
- b. **Approval of Water Bank Facilities Committee Meeting – July 24, 2015**
- c. **Approval of Personnel Committee Meeting – July 30, 2015**
- d. **Approval of Finance Committee Meeting – July 30, 2015**
- e. **July 2015 Check Report**
- f. **July 2015 Payroll Registers**
- g. **July 2015 Unpaid Assessment Report**
- h. **July 2015 Investment Account**
- i. **Developer Pipeline Project – Wilson Homes Tract 5998 will Pipeline the Redbanks Canal No. 38 Located Southeast of Ashlan and Leonard Avenues in Accordance with Board Policy. Engineering Action Request 2015-10**
- j. **Developer Pipeline Project – Armstrong Development Properties will Re-pipe the Helm Pipeline No. 101 Located Southeast of Shaw and Minnewawa Avenues in Accordance with Board Policy. Engineering Action Request 2015-11**

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

CONTROLLER'S REPORT

- a. **July 2015 Fund Statements and Supporting Documents**

Ms. Hailey presented the Fund Statements and supporting documents (including Notes to Fund Statements, Treasurer's Report, Deposit and Investments, and Revenues (Pie Chart)) for the month of July. Ms. Hailey reported that the District was within budget for July. A new line item for the Friant North Authority has been added to the budget.

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M/S/C/(Prieto/Porter) That the Board of Directors approved the 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)

b. List of Rental Properties

Ms. Hailey provided a list of the rental property information that was requested by Director Beberian during the last meeting.

c. Sale of Nielsen and Marks Properties Update

Ms. Hailey updated the Board on the current status of the Nielsen property. She stated a letter had been sent to the current tenants informing them that the District is currently seeking to sell the property. Staff requested direction from the Board that they pursue hiring a sales broker to assist in the selling of the property. The Board discussed and decided on hiring a broker.

d. Finance Committee Meeting – Water Revenues Recommendations

Ms. Hailey reviewed the information presented at the Finance Committee meeting. Water Revenues collected for the 2015 Irrigation Season were reviewed, as well as, Water Costs, and Possible Use of Funds. Staff's recommendations for use of the funds were to continue to fund OPEB, set aside funding to finish curb and gutter work along Edgar Avenue (as required by Fresno County), purchase of a new accounting assessment program, and to fund the negotiated 2016 wage increases in the general fund. In addition, Mr. Serrato explained the need for funds for the development, studies, and plan required for the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) (which would allow for the participating agencies to apply for grant funding). Costs to perform required studies and the development of the SGMA Plan could be in the range of \$1 million.

M/S/C/(Prieto/Porter) That the Board of Directors approved Staff's recommendations of the Water Revenues by the following vote. (Ayes – Beberian, Balls, Jacobsen, Porter, Prieto, Jr.; Nays – 0; Absent – 0; Abstain – 0)

e. Finance Committee Meeting – RFP for Auditor (walk in)

Ms. Hailey stated that she mailed out 15 Request For Proposals (RFPs) to potential auditors. Six proposals were received and one firm sent a letter declining the offer. An Auditor Qualification Matrix was developed by Ms. Hailey and used to rate the six responding firms. Staff recommended hiring Hudson Henderson because of the rating, cost, and location of the firm. Director Beberian stated he had a concern about Staff's recommendation because of the lead auditor Brian Henderson with Hudson Henderson having previously audited the District financials (within the last five years) while with another auditing firm. Staff explained that Mr. Henderson would not be performing the

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physical audit but would over-see the on-site team and Mr. Henderson has not been with the current auditors for the past two - three years.

M/S/C/(Porter/Prieto) That the Board of Directors approved the auditing firm of Hudson Henderson for a five-year term by the following vote. (Ayes – Balls, Jacobsen, Porter, Prieto, Jr.; Nays – Beberian; Absent – 0; Abstain – 0)

WATERMASTER’S REPORT

a. Current Water Conditions Report

Mr. Irwin reported on the current and projected water supply and the routing information. As of August 17, Pine Flat release was 633 cfs with storage at 133,398 acre-feet. Pre-Project for the Kings River is 116 cfs and FID’s entitlement is 81 cfs. Mr. Irwin stated that it has been announced that the last two KRWA member units will be completing their runs by the middle of next week. Leakey Acres has been brought back online with additional basins coming online as repair work by the City of Fresno is completed. Reclaim water continues to be delivered on the western side of the District.

Mr. Serrato stated that Pine Flat will be brought down to 105,000 acre-feet instead of the anticipated 80,000 acre-feet. The reason is additional storms in the higher elevations and less water being delivered by the member units. Current prediction is that there is a 90% chance that El Nino will continue through the Northern Hemisphere during the 2015-16 winter and around 85% chance it will last into early spring 2016.

Mr. Serrato read the letter of appreciation from the employees to the Board thanking them for allowing the Employee Appreciation BBQ. All in attendance had an enjoyable time.

Mr. Irwin noted that the Board may consider when there is enough water to make a full run, the Fancher and Dry Creek systems should have priority due to their having received less water in previous years.

CHIEF ENGINEER’S REPORT

Chief Engineer Laurence Kimura reported on the following:

a. Developer Projects Update 2015-16

The Engineering Department continues to review plans of several projects that will be constructed during the 2015-16 Maintenance Season. There are five projects in progress at this time and several more are currently planned. During the last month, Staff responded to 14 Developer Review Notices and two utility search requests.

b. Agency Projects Update 2015-16

The Engineering Department continues to review plans of several projects that will be constructed during the 2015-16 Maintenance Season. There is one project in progress

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at this time and three projects are planned during the fall/winter. Staff does not anticipate any new projects to commence until the 2015-16 Maintenance Season.

ii. High Speed Rail

The Reimbursement Agreement and the Task Order Agreement with CHSR and TPZP have been executed. Staff continues to wait for comments on the construction plans for the relocation of State Route 99, pipeline crossings under Dry Creek Canal, and the relocation plans for the Lisenby Pipeline. Dragados-Flatiron-Shimmick, design-build contractor for the next 65-mile segment, (American Avenue to Tulare-Kern County line) have been issued the notice-to-proceed. The design work aspect of the project will start shortly.

c. Landowner Initiated Projects Update for 2015-16

Currently there are no landowner projects in progress. There are two projects planned for the 2015-16 Maintenance Season. Staff continues to meet with other landowners on possible projects in the future.

d. Other Activities

- Monthly groundwater levels (70 + wells) 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 13 maintenance projects;
- Several surveys were performed for project designs; and
- Eight construction and structure permits were issued during the last month.

Mr. Kimura provided slides and reviewed the following projects:

- Fresno Headgate Picnic Area (Flume and Trimmer Springs) – the construction of picnic table canopies is almost complete with the exception of railings that need to be installed; FID crews finished applying and smoothing out the aggregate road base; and
- Blassingame Canal (N/W McKinley and McCall) – crews repaired a leak on the 18-inch PVC pipeline that was installed in the 1970s;
- Washington Colony and Central Canals (N/E Jensen and Peach) – crews worked on the grading and installation of fence, posts, and retaining wall near a housing development and city pedestrian trail;
- Cardwell Pond (N/E California and Bishop) – Staff is surveying the area for future improvements to the pond; and
- FID Yard (Maple and North Avenues) – FID maintenance crews installed a new Knox Box so the local fire department would have a way to gain entrance onto the property in case of an emergency and the front gate was locked. Crews also installed a new “mailbox” that holds current agendas for Board Meetings and other postings.

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e. Project List: 2015-16 Maintenance Season

There was nothing new to report.

f. Landowner Pipeline Project – Anthony Cubre will Pipeline the Anthony Canal No. 399 Located Southeast of Barstow and Rolinda Avenues in Accordance with District Standards. Engineering Action Request 2015-09

Staff was approached by Mr. Anthony Cubre to see if the District would be interested in a cost-share project to realign and pipe approximately 1,560-feet of open channel with 21-inch diameter PIP 100 PSI PVC pipeline. Staff informed Mr. Cubre that the District would not be able to participate financially or with labor or equipment but could provide survey and legal services to prepare and execute the new pipeline substitution/easement agreement. Benefits to the District, if this section of canal was piped, include reduced maintenance (weed control, scraping, and dredging) and perfecting FID's prescriptive easement. FID's cost share would be approximately \$4,000 to cover survey, easement agreement, permit fee waived, and inspection.

M/S/C/(Prieto/Porter) That the Board of Directors approved Action Request 2015-09 as presented by Staff by the following vote. (Ayes – Beberian, Balls, Jacobsen, Porter, Prieto, Jr.; Nays – 0; Absent – 0; Abstain – 0)

ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Assistant General Manager Bill Stretch reported on the following:

a. Maintenance and Construction Update

Mr. Stretch noted that most WSOs have transitioned back to the Maintenance – Construction Department. Several days have been spent to organize vehicles, portions of the yard, shop, maintenance building, and the cleaning up of the yard. Crews improved the District's drivable surface in the yard by filling in potholes and adding additional road base; a dust suppressant was then added on top. The application of the dust suppressant may be applied annually if the product proves to be effective. Crews will begin to dewater the Dry Creek Canal through the City of Fresno as part of a concrete lining project from Blackstone Avenue going downstream. The bottom of the canal will be lined which will help support the lining on the banks. One long crested weir project has been completed on the Washington Colony – South Branch and several more are planned on the Washington Colony Center Branch Canal during the upcoming maintenance–construction season. The remaining crews continue to work on brushing (cutting limbs and trimming oleander bushes), gate repairs, pipeline repairs, lining repairs, trash removal, and dealing with homeless encampment issues. As weather permits, the spray trucks and tractors are applying weed spray District-wide. Aquatic weed treatments will be made on the Enterprise (for the surface water treatment plants) and the Houghton, and Dry Creek systems (for the reclaim water). Mr. Stretch proceeded to review the following projects:

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- Washington S. Branch (Adams and Elm) – crews recently completed a long crested weir project. The new weir was extended in length from the original design. Construction Supervisor Mike Prestridge explained that the concrete portion of the project took approximately one – two weeks from start to finish;
- Enterprise Canal (S/W Shepherd and Fowler – S/E Shepherd and Sunnyside) – crews went in and performed tree / shrub trimming along the roadway;
- Fancher Canal (S/W California and Clovis) – the trash removal crew removed old tires and other debris from in the canal;
- Fresno Headworks (Trimmer Springs Road) – crews removed rotted-out trees;
- Exchange Property (Nees and Armstrong) – installation of a fence along the back section of the property (adjacent to the Enterprise Canal) was being erected on the newly acquired exchange property;
- E-4 Canal (Gates and San Jose) – crews are salvaging gate parts;
- Mill Canal and Herndon Canal (Millbrook and McKinley – Ashlan and Fruit) – clean-up of homeless camps;
- FID Yard (Maple and North Avenues) – heavy equipment operators applied road base on the drivable areas and compacted the new base before applying a dust suppressant;
- FID Yard (Maple and North Avenues) – as a safety feature, crews installed skylight covers on the roof of the shop; and
- Employee Appreciation Lunch – the employees had a great time and very much appreciated the Board’s approval to have the barbeque.

Director Prieto asked if progress has been made with the permit issue from the Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) regarding the Fancher and Big Dry Creek systems. Mr. Stretch responded that an agreement and work plan are being developed.

Director Beberian inquired if Staff has any plans to address the weed issue along the canal banks; especially marestail and fleabane. Mr. Stretch stated that Staff will be working on the weed issue within the next few months, including the possible purchase of additional equipment. President Jacobsen stated that at this time there is not a product on the market that the District is allowed to use in dealing with marestail and fleabane.

b. Southwest Groundwater Banking Project - Update

- Property Purchase –
 - The District entered into escrow for the first 40 acres on April 27, 2015, with a required closing date of May 15, 2015. However, the seller continues to have issues clearing title with its lender and escrow has not closed yet. The seller informed Staff they will make this more of a high-priority issue. Staff hopes to be able to report more progress at the next Board meeting.
 - Staff continues to pursue area landowners to purchase land for the proposed basin. Staff did submit a purchase agreement to a potential seller for an additional 60 acres. However, the landowner is now asking for more than the appraised value, so Staff will continue to negotiate and

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anticipates hearing back from the landowner's legal counsel by early next week.

c. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) – Update

There are three groups that continue to meet: 1) Kings Subbasin Planning Group formed of 6 GSAs (Fresno Area/North Kings, Central Kings /Consolidated ID area, Kings River WD, James ID, East Kings River/Alta ID area, and Lower Kings) as shown on the attached map; 2) Fresno Area /North Kings GSA (FID, FMFCD, County, Clovis, Fresno City, Kerman, Malaga CWD, Bakman, Garfield WD, Pinedale CWD, CSUF, Biola CSD, Easton CSD, and a few others); and 3) County of Fresno Workgroup (24 agencies ranging from the large irrigation districts, large cities, small cities, irrigation districts outside the sub-basin, and several other districts/companies).

The Kings Subbasin (with KRCD leading that discussion) includes one million acres which makes up one subbasin. The Fresno Area / North Kings GSA, formally known as the Fresno Regional Area Groundwater Management Group, is led by FID and meets monthly. Discussions have been going very well with the many different representatives at the table. Most of the participants are in agreement with the path the group is taking. A proposed MOU will be discussed at the next meeting. Also, the development of sub-committees, regulations, boundaries, and the type of grant funding that may be available will be discussed. It has been noted by KRCD and DWR that the Fresno Regional Area Groundwater Management Group is well ahead of most other organizations throughout the state in tackling the sustainable groundwater issues and requirements. DWR has money set aside for facilitation services: 1) general, 2) disadvantage communities, and 3) technical. Staff will be meeting with a representative from the DWR to see what may be available. The group has been reminded that it has 22 months remaining before the establishment of the groundwater service areas deadline.

MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager Gary Serrato reported on the following:

KINGS RIVER WATER ASSOCIATION

a. Kings River Water Association Update

Pre-1914 Water Rights

Discussions within the Pre-1914 Water Rights sub-committee have concluded; a vote whether to adopt the policy by the full Board should take place at the September KRWA Executive Committee meeting.

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SAN JOAQUIN RIVER ISSUES / FRIANT NORTH ALLIANCE

b. San Joaquin River / Friant North Alliance Update

San Joaquin River

Mr. Serrato stated that water continues to flow down the San Joaquin River to meet the demands of the Exchange Contractors and are expected to continue until the end of August.

Friant North Authority members were invited to participate in a meeting that was held in Tulare by the Friant Water Authority to discuss the 2015 operations of the Central Valley Project by the Bureau of Reclamation as it pertains to the Exchange Contractors. Arvin Edison Storage District General Manager presented his review of the Exchange Contractors Contracts and outlined the items of disagreement with how the Bureau of Reclamation administered the contracts.

Staff met with the Bureau of Reclamation and submitted FID's proposals for a program for the recapture / recirculation of Friant restoration flows. The program would require participation of a Lake Bottom district. Arvin Edison Water Storage District is proposing a project that would recapture restoration flows prior to its reaching the Delta. Additional proposals from other agencies are also being submitted to the Bureau.

Friant North Authority

Mr. David Orth has executed his contract and officially became the executive director of the Friant North Authority on August 17. The general managers of the member districts will be meeting with Mr. Orth to begin the process of developing a strategic plan for the direction of the Authority.

OTHER

i. City of Fresno – Conveyance Agreement Update

City of Fresno Conveyance Agreement Negotiation

The City of Fresno Public Utility Director and the FID General Manager have started the rewrite of the negotiated changes in the Conveyance Agreement. Once the changes have been completed, FID's ad-hoc committee will reconvene and be updated before bringing it to the full Board. The goal is to have the revised Agreement completed by the end of the year.

ii. Fresno County – Joint Powers Agreement

Fresno County Joint Powers Agreement

The County of Fresno has taken the lead in creating a joint powers authority (JPA) to develop a project list for grant funding under Proposition 1 which provides \$2.5 billion for projects associated with water development, water reuse, infrastructure, and a number of other related projects. Chapter 8 of the bond provides \$2.7 billion for storage. A requirement for funding is that a local JPA be established as the lead agency. Fresno

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County will be taking the lead role in establishing the JPA with irrigation districts joining at a later time.

FID hosted a meeting with Danny Curtain, President of the California Water Commission. Mr. Curtain stated that any local projects seeking funding would need to be a part of the JPA. Although the construction of Temperance Flats is the ultimate goal of the area, Mr. Curtain emphasized that a more inclusive project list, which could be integrated with Temperance Flats, is what the Commission would be looking to fund. FID's participation in the JPA would be to support the construction of Temperance Flat and insure that other local projects are included in a combined Temperance Flat project list. Staff is currently working with the Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District and the Cities of Clovis and Fresno to identify projects that would be eligible for funding under Chapter 8.

ACWA Region 6 Nominations

Mr. Serrato requested direction from the Board to submit the current ballot of candidates that the Board agreed to at July's Board of Directors meeting. Mr. Serrato read off the list of nominated candidates and was given direction by the Board to submit the ballot by the September 30, 2015 deadline.

Legislation

Mr. Serrato stated that HR 2898 Western Water and American Foods and Security Act (Valadao) and SB 1894 (Feinstein) bills are now out for review. Mr. Serrato has been asked to write a letter of support for SB 1894. Staff has reviewed the bill and believes it has some positive aspects but also contains items that may not benefit the District. Staff asks for direction from the Board to write the letter of support and to include the items that concern the District. A similar letter will also be written for HR 2898. Westland Water District Board Member Sarah Woolf (who was in attendance during the Board meeting) stated that Westlands' Board, along with several other agencies, wrote a tempered letter of support for SB 1894. Staff was given direction to write the letters.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- a. Authorization for Board Members and Staff to Attend the ACWA 2015 Fall Conference in Indian Wells, CA – December 1-4, 2015**

Staff recommends allowing the Board Member or Management Staff to attend the 2015 Fall ACWA Conference. Anyone interested in attending should contact Staff.

M/S/C/(Porter/Prieto) That the Board of Directors approved allowing Board Members and the general manager, assistant general manager, and chief engineer to attend the 2015 Fall ACWA Conference in Indian Wells by the following vote. (Ayes – Beberian, Jacobsen, Porter, Prieto, Jr.; Nays – 0; Absent – Balls; Abstain – 0)

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b. Resolution 2015-07: Recommendation of Dr. David Cehrs' Nomination as ACWA Vice President

Mr. Serrato stated Dr. Cehrs is presenting himself as a candidate for the position of ACWA Vice President. Dr. Cehrs requested that the FID Board pass a resolution of support for his candidacy (copy of Dr. Cehrs' letter was provided to the Board). Mr. Serrato noted that KRCD and Consolidated Irrigation District have each written letters of support and Mr. Serrato requested that FID do the same.

M/S/C/(Porter/Beberian) That the Board of Directors approved Resolution 2015-07 by the following roll call vote. (Ayes – Beberian, Jacobsen, Porter, Prieto, Jr.; Nays – 0; Absent – Balls; Abstain – 0)

c. Staff Member to Attend CALPELRA's Annual Training Conference in Monterey, CA – October 19-23, 2015

Mr. Serrato requested authorization for Assistant General Manager Bill Stretch to attend the training conference.

M/S/C/(Porter/Prieto) That the Board of Directors approved sending the Assistant General Manager to the CALPELRA Conference in October by the following vote. (Ayes – Beberian, Jacobsen, Porter, Prieto, Jr.; Nays – 0; Absent – Balls; Abstain – 0)

d. Damage Claim Update (Stewart Property)

Mr. Serrato stated that the claim has been paid and that the matter is now closed.

e. ACWA / JPIA's Annual Facility Inspection Update

Ms. Singh reported that once a year a representative from JPIA comes out and inspects the District's facilities (part of the premium renewal process). It was reported that there were only two minor corrections that needed attention. The corrections have been made and a letter to JPIA has been sent notifying them of the District's compliance.

f. Resolution 2015-08: Honoring Victor Carrasco on his Retirement

President Jacobsen read the resolution that Victor Carrasco will be retiring at the end of this month after 18 years of service to the District.

M/S/C/(Prieto/Porter) That the Board of Directors approved Resolution 2015-08 by the following roll call vote. (Ayes – Beberian, Jacobsen, Porter, Prieto, Jr.; Nays – 0; Absent – Balls; Abstain – 0)

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DIRECTORS' REPORT

Director Beberian – attended a recent San Joaquin River water recirculation meeting. The Bureau of Reclamation and one of their consultants, along with approximately ten attendees, were present. Discussions included exchanges of water (between the Delta and rivers) and the recapture/recirculation of restoration water.

Director Balls – absent.

Director Jacobsen – directed Staff to prepare a resolution and plaque for Director Ball. He also directed Staff to post the Division 2 vacancy notice. Mr. Serrato stated that Staff will be notifying Fresno County of Director Balls' resignation and that posting will be noticed within the Division 2 area. Mr. Serrato also stated that the Board could hold interviews at a Special Meeting or prior to a regular Board meeting, depending on the number of applicants.

Director Porter – none.

Director Prieto – none.

Open Session adjourned at 6:32 p.m. with the Board and Senior Staff going straight into Closed Session.

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 GF Land Company L.P. Properties

Property: APN 035-060-14S

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

Government Code Section 54957. Personnel Matters.

CLOSED SESSION ADJOURNMENT

President Jacobsen adjourned Closed Session at 7:20 p.m.

REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

President Jacobsen reported that the Board of Directors approved the creation of a new position entitled Special Projects Coordinator which would be backfilled by FID's Engineer IV Adam Claes. Mr. Claes will be under the direction of the Assistant General Manager and the salary range would be a Grade 38, 39, 40. The Engineering Department will backfill the Engineer position within three to four months. Also, the Chief Engineer/Special Projects position title has reverted back to Chief Engineer with a few minor changes in job duties.

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ADJOURNMENT

President Jacobsen adjourned the meeting at 7:21 p.m.

Submitted By,

Gary R. Serrato
Secretary of the Board