

**FRESNO IRRIGATION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD OCTOBER 1, 2015**

Fresno Irrigation District's Equipment Committee met at the District office located at 2907 South Maple Avenue – Fresno, California, on October 1, 2015. The meeting started at 8:30 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
Interim Construction and Maintenance Superintendent Mike Prestridge
Chief Engineer Laurence Kimura
Director of Human Resources September Singh
Shop Foreman Tim Pritchard

ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER'S EQUIPMENT REPORT

a. 2015 Equipment Replacement Plan

Mr. Stretch provided a memorandum (dated October 1, 2015) to the Committee Members regarding the recommended purchase of vehicles, equipment, and computers for 2015 and the list of possible purchase of vehicles and equipment for 2016. An updated memorandum will be provided to the other Directors during the October Board Meeting.

2015 Vehicle and Equipment Recommendation

FID continues to work towards replacing and upgrading its fleet of older vehicles and equipment. Staff reviewed with the Committee members the proposed equipment to be purchased in 2015 / 2016. Staff continues to be aware of the imposed regulations on both "on" and "off" road vehicles.

2015 Off-Road Equipment	\$145,000
2015 On-Road Equipment	\$105,000
2015 C/M Equipment	\$ 16,000
2015 Engineering Equipment	\$ 48,000

2015 Computer Purchase / Software / Gas Pumps / Wi-Fi Recommendation

Staff outlined the proposed computers purchase. There is an increase in the number of computers being proposed for purchase this year because Staff is recommending that the current roll down policy be modified. Staff discussed having a two-tier system for computer purchases with the Engineering Department having the highest tier (and most expensive based on need) and the other departments having a lower tier and; therefore, less expensive computer set-up.

2015 Computers (desk top and lap top models)	\$45,000
2015 Wi-Fi for Office and Shop	\$18,000
2015 Gas Pumps and Software	\$45,000

Director Beberian also noted that when researching Wi-Fi setup: 1) ensure the Board Room has access, 2) ensure we use a very powerful router, and 3) adequate firewalls are in place. He also asked that Staff goes out-to-bid on most, if not all, the items (as appropriate).

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2016 Vehicle and Equipment Discussion

Director Porter commented that he supported purchasing a flail mower in 2016 to help with FID's weed program. He believes the work performed with the flail mower currently being rented by FID from Madera Irrigation District was very beneficial. It was also discussed that instead of another spray truck being purchased, FID research the possible purchase of a tractor flail mower. Staff stated that a report on recommendations to improve the weed program will be presented to the entire Board within the next one – two months.

Equipment Committee Recommendation

The Committee's recommendation was to follow Staff proposed purchases in 2015 (as outlined by the provided spreadsheet) estimated at \$422,000 and the possible additional items as discussed. Director Beberian recommended that FID replaces all of its computers with Windows XP operating systems. This could result in an additional \$23,000 to the budget. In addition, Staff would meet with McMillan Consulting (FID's computer/network consultant) soon to obtain revised cost estimates for the computers.

Staff and the Committee will discuss its recommendations with the rest of the Board during the October 20, 2015 Board of Directors meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Submitted By,

William Stretch
Assistant General Manager