

**FRESNO IRRIGATION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
HELD OCTOBER 20, 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 October 20, 2015. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Board President Ryan Jacobsen.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

President Ryan Jacobsen
Vice President Jerry Prieto, Jr.
Director Gregory Beberian
Director Christopher Woolf

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Director George Porter

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
Special Projects Coordinator Adam Claes
Recording Secretary Lynn B. Rowe

OTHERS PRESENT

Staff Member Nathan Alonzo from State Senator Andy Vidak's Office
Maricopa Orchards CEO Mr. Jon Reiter
Maricopa Orchards Representative Jeremy Mehling

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board President Jacobsen opened the meeting at 4:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

BOARD OATH OF OFFICE FOR DIVISION 2 DIRECTOR

Mr. Serrato swore in appointed Director Woolf, who then took his position as FID's newest Director. President Jacobsen congratulated Director Woolf and welcomed him to the Board.

REVIEW AGENDA

No changes at this time.

REVIEW OF FUTURE MEETINGS

No changes at this time.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None.

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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]

None stated.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- a. **Approval of Board of Regular Meetings Minutes – September 15, 2015**
- b. **Approval of Equipment Committee Meeting Minutes – October 1, 2015**
- c. **September 2015 Check Report – Pulled for Further Discussion**
- d. **September 2015 Payroll Registers**
- e. **September 2015 Unpaid Assessment Report**
- f. **September 2015 Investment Account**
- g. **Landowner Pipeline Project – Fowler Packing will Pipe the Wilder Canal No. 289 Located Southwest of Annadale and Willow Avenues in Accordance with District Standards. Engineering Action Request 2015-13**

Director Prieto requested that item 7 c. be pulled so it may be discussed separately.

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

c. September 2015 Check Report

Director Prieto inquired into the reason for the check to Crop Production Services, Inc. Ms. Hailey explained it was for the purchase of herbicide chemicals.

M/S/C/(Prieto/Beberian) That the Board of Directors approved the Consent Calendar item 7 c. (September 2015 Check Report) by the following vote. (Ayes – Beberian, Woolf, Jacobsen, Prieto, Jr.; Nays – 0; Absent – Porter; Abstain – 0)

CONTROLLER'S REPORT

a. September 2015 Fund Statements and Supporting Documents

Ms. Hailey presented the Fund Activity Summary which includes the approved budget revisions and supporting documents (including Notes to Fund Statements, Treasurer's Report, Deposit and Investments, and Revenues (Pie Chart)) for the month of September. Ms. Hailey reported that the District is within budget and expenses continue to be on target. It was also noted that 1) the Water Purchase Fund (Income) reflected higher amounts due to the sale of additional available water; and 2) under the Capital Improvements Fund: (Income) Project Contributions–Agency is high due to a) reallocation of revenue from the Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District for a basin project; and b) Project Contributions–Landowner is high due to unanticipated revenues

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for a landowner project. September's pie chart demonstrates that the majority of the District's revenues come from assessment and water sales.

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

b. 2015 Investment Account Maturities as of September 30, 2015

Ms. Hailey explained this informational report is brought to the Board on a quarterly basis. The report shows the realized gains as opposed to the unknown gains shown on the monthly fund statements. During the first three quarters of 2015, the District has earned over \$116,000 (1.419%).

c. Authorization for Overnight Stays for the Controller and Payroll Administrator to Attend the 2015 Government Tax Seminar in December 2015 at Lakewood, CA

Ms. Hailey requested authorization for her and the Payroll Administrator to attend a government tax seminar to be held in December.

M/S/C/(Prieto/Beberian) That the Board of Directors approved the Controller's request for her and the Payroll Administration to attend the upcoming tax seminar in Lakewood, CA by the following vote. (Ayes – Beberian, Woolf, Jacobsen, Prieto, Jr.; Nays – 0; Absent – Porter; Abstain – 0)

d. Sale of Nielsen and Marks Properties Update

Ms. Hailey reported that she has received some additional inquiries on the vacant property. Ms. Hailey stated that she has also spoken to the manager of Prestige Gunitite, the company renting the property, who stated they are still interested in possibly purchasing the property. It was suggested to the tenant they submit their bid prior to the October's BOD meeting for consideration; however, Staff has yet to receive a bid.

WATERMASTER'S REPORT

a. Current Water Conditions Report

Mr. Irwin reported on the current and projected water supply and the routing information. As of October 19, Pine Flat release was 204 cfs with storage at 117,173 acre-feet. There has been an increase in storage due to the weekend's storms. Pre-Project for the Kings River is 290 cfs and FID's entitlement is 0 cfs.

Director Beberian inquired about the type of water exchange made between the Peoples Ditch Company and the City of Fresno. Mr. Serrato explained that the City of Fresno had purchased water from the Exchange Contractors earlier in the year and that

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FID facilitated the transfer of water for the City and stored the water in Pine Flat. FID is also helping facilitate an exchange of up to 10,000 acre-feet for the Peoples Ditch Company to districts within Friant by utilizing the "Importation Policy".

During the first part of November, KRWA will be holding its annual fish count. Anyone interested in participating should inform Staff.

Mr. Serrato provided copies of a *Kings River Runoff Summary* which was handed out during the most recent KRWA meeting. The information reflected the last four hydrological years as the driest years on record. The last three hydrological years of combine runoff was less than one normal year on the Kings River.

Also discussed during the recent KRWA meeting was the Rough Fire which, to date, has burned 154,000 acres (or about 15% of the Kings River watershed). There is a concern over the sediment that could be washed into the reservoir and the amount of storage that may be lost. Runoff is expected to happen sooner due to less shaded areas and groundcover due to the fire. The changes could affect FID's yearly entitlement. President Jacobsen relayed that experts are stating that risk of major mudslides are minimal due to the geographical landscape and location of the fire.

Director Beberian suggested the District look into selling water options for next year. Mr. Serrato stated that he will look into it and bring it back to the Committee.

b. Reclaim Water Deliveries

In normal years, reclaim water concludes at the end of October. Due to the extreme dry conditions, Staff recommends extending the reclaim run until November 15, providing that the weather stays dry or until there is no longer a demand.

M/S/C/(Prieto/Beberian) That the Board of Directors approved extending the reclaim run through November 15, providing demands continue, by the following vote. (Ayes – Beberian, Woolf, Jacobsen, Prieto, Jr.; Nays – 0; Absent – Porter; Abstain – 0)

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 four projects in progress at this time and several more are currently planned. During the last month, Staff responded to 21 developer review notices.

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b. Agency Projects Update 2015-16

The Engineering Department continues to review the plans of several projects that will be constructed during the 2015-16 Maintenance Season. There are three projects in progress at this time (one for the Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District and two for the City of Fresno) and five projects are planned during the 2015-16 Maintenance Season.

i. High Speed Rail

Staff continues discussions with TPZP regarding the crossing locations at Dry Creek and Herndon canals. Since it is getting late in the 2015-16 Maintenance/Construction Season, TPZP is looking into bypass options when FID's irrigation season begins. TPZP is now starting to look at the southern area of the District and addressing any issues with those canals (Fresno Colony, North Central, and Central Canal). Staff has met with Dragados-Flatiron Joint Venture (DFJV) and provided an overview of FID's requirements. DFJV recently submitted a Draft Task Order Agreement for FID's time that Staff is reviewing. The design team is evaluating the option of deepening several of FID's basins (Ventura, Pursell and Oleander) for fill material on the project.

c. Landowner Initiated Projects Update for 2015-16

Currently there is one landowner project in progress and a turnout that is 50% completed. Staff is working on an additional two turnouts during the 2015-16 Maintenance Season.

d. Other Activities

- Monthly groundwater levels were measured as part of the banking facility monitoring plan;
- Groundwater levels were measured for the semi-annual well readings throughout the District – Staff is currently processing all the data;
- Staff is currently assisting or working on 13 FID maintenance/construction projects;
- Staff is working with the Maintenance/Construction Department on estimates of upcoming projects;
- Several surveys were performed for project design; and
- Thirteen construction and structure permits were issued during the last month.

Mr. Kimura provided slides and reviewed the following projects:

- Gould Extension Canal (N/E Dakota and Cedar) – Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District's (FMFCD) BDB Basin improvement project showing construction of a measurement station, check structure, and turnout structure;
- Enterprise Canal (S/E Herndon and DeWolf) – FMFCD's PEP Basin improvement project of widening approximately 2,000 feet of a canal bank;

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- Enterprise-Holland Canal (N/E Barstow and Maroa) – retrofit of standpipe cover and relocation of middle school chain-link fence; and
- Bullard Canal (S/E Herndon and Brawley) – City of Fresno Herndon Avenue widening project (fabrication and installation of access ladder).

e. City of Fresno Southeast Surface Water Treatment Facility Pipeline Update

Special Projects Coordinator Adam Claes updated the Board on the City of Fresno's Southeast Surface Water Treatment Facility. The project consists of a new 125 cfs surface water treatment facility in southeast Fresno (Olive and Armstrong avenues). The goal is to maximize the use of water allocated by FID and reduce the amount of groundwater pumping. The City is looking to operate the facility 365 days per year. Construction includes a thirteen mile 72" pipeline along Belmont Avenue and affects eight FID facilities. Mr. Claes also reviewed the timeline of the project with completion expected in 2018.

ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Assistant General Manager Bill Stretch reported on the following:

a. Maintenance and Construction Update

Most of the heavy equipment operators and construction crews continue to work on the Dry Creek Canal lining project through town. Crews are removing the rip-rap, trash, and debris before preparing the subgrade lining. Crews are lining the floor and installing/repairing side panels through the downtown portion of the canal (Blackstone to "H" Street). As current groundwater recharge basins continue to be used, and new basins are constructed downstream along the Dry Creek system, this section of canal will have water in it most of the year routing irrigation and floodwater. Landowners in the area are very pleased about the clean-up and improvements to the Dry Creek Canal. Mr. Stretch stated that crews have also been busy with other maintenance and construction activities including pipeline replacement, brushing, gate repairs, pipeline repairs, flow meter/measuring station repairs and trash removal, which he outlined in his Assistant Manager's Report. The following slides show a small selection of the projects that are currently taking or have taken place:

- Dry Creek Canal (through town) – slide provided a description of the four sections of the concrete lining project; Staff plans on returning next year to complete three unlined sections;
- Dry Creek Canal (N/W Belmont and Van Ness) – crews are brushing along the Canal and removing overhanging weeds, bushes, and trees;
- Dry Creek Canal (Glenn to Delphia – Section 2) – crews installed shotcrete lining;
- Dry Creek Canal (Patterson to San Pablo – Section 3) – heavy equipment operators removed additional sediment and prepared the bottom of the canal prior to the application of the shotcrete lining;

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- Dry Creek Canal (San Pablo to College – Section 4) – The District rented Bobcats so that crews could maneuver under box culverts;
- Dry Creek Canal (“H” Street) – crews relocated the trash rack in preparation of placing shotcrete on the bottom of the canal. The trash rack was cleaned up and reset at a different angle;
- Barcus Canal (S/E Herndon and Dower) – replacement of 1,300 feet of 30-inch pipeline – additional top cover was added;
- Flume Canal (Barstow and Chateau Fresno) – heavy equipment crews cleared right-of-way before starting the 42-inch pipeline replacement project;
- Hansen Canal (S/W Kings Canyon and Bethel) – crews were out sloping some of the smaller canals;
- Hansen Canal (Butler and DeWolf) – crews continue to slope sides of canal; dirt ramps are constructed to allow sloper equipment safe access into the canals;
- Gould Canal (Ashlan Avenue, Willow to Chestnut) – temporary personnel removed dead weeds from along the canal and adjacent fence;
- Boswell Banking Facility (Bishop and North) – crews were discing and shallow-rippled the basins in preparation for the rain season;
- Dry Creek Ponds (S/W Lincoln and Howard) – crews continue to disc basins to increase the percolation;
- Washington Colony Center Branch (S/E Lincoln and Cherry) – crews built and installed a long-crested weir;
- Siskiyou Lateral (S/E Whitesbridge and Siskiyou) – crews repairing a pipeline descended into an urban area pipe; personnel wore proper safety gear and ventilation equipment was used;
- Riverside – Powell (S/E Barstow and Modoc) – crews took care of structure modifications; and
- Big Dry Creek, Herndon Canal, and Victoria Canal – crews cleaned-up homeless encampments.

b. Ag Water Management Plan Update

Staff provided the Board with an in-depth update on the Ag Water Management Plan during the September’s BOD meeting. The update was spurred by Staff meeting with DWR’s staff in August regarding FID’s SBx7-7 Supplemental report and discussion on an alternative for flow measurement. DWR seemed receptive to an alternative and; therefore, Staff updated the SBx7-7 Supplement report component of the WMP. Staff also contacted USBR and discussed the alternative and associated revisions to the SBx7-7 Supplement report, which they seemed receptive to so long as it meets the accuracy criteria. USBR staff will review the revised SBx7-7 Supplement report and include FID’s WMP in the group of other WMPs being noticed at the same time in the Federal Register. USBR staff anticipates that the 30-day public review period will conclude by the end of 2015. Assuming the WMP is not challenged during the public review process, the USBR will provide FID a letter formally accepting the WMP. Staff will then submit the WMP and SBx7-7 Supplement report to DWR which will most likely occur in early 2016.

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Mr. Stretch also stated that he, Mr. Serrato, and Consolidated Irrigation District General Manager Phil Desatoff met with Assembly Member Henry T. Perea's representative, Michael Rivera, to encourage Assembly Member Perea to present legislation that would assist some of the "Conjunctive Use" irrigation districts with relief towards the SBx7-7 requirement.

c. Southwest Groundwater Banking Project - Update

One final signature is still needed to complete the escrow process on the first 40 acre parcel of the proposed banking project.

FID and James Irrigation District (JID) have met and decided that JID will be pursuing some additional leads.

d. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) – Update

i. Update

Staff presented a preview copy of the Waterways Newsletter that will be mailed by early next week. This newsletter was written to inform the reader of sustainable groundwater issues that the Central Valley is facing. It also contains a question and answer section along with the dates of the three upcoming growers meetings planned for the first part of November that the District is hosting.

There are three groups that continue to meet: 1) Kings Sub-Basin Planning Group led by KRCD (meets monthly); 2) Fresno Area / North Kings Sub-Basin led by FID (meets monthly); 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). Mr. Serrato continues to be the representative for FID on the County of Fresno Workgroup, which now meets quarterly.

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) continues to conduct webinars providing agencies with the upcoming requirements for the Groundwater Sustainable Plans (GSPs). KRCD and FID typically attend the meetings. DWR has also been meeting with agencies around the state to help form the proposed GSP requirements and provide information. DWR has developed ten topics in an effort to develop meaningful and focused discussions with advisory groups, stakeholders, partners and the public.

ii. Adopt Fresno Area / North Kings MOU

Mr. Stretch stated that this MOU is similar to the Kings Sub-Basin agreement. FID, the cities, county, and other agencies in our area continue to work together and make an effort to develop a JPA or coordinated agreement. The participating agencies' home or governing boards are in the process of adopting this document during the months of October and November. Staff recommends adopting the draft MOU which is complete with the exception of some very minor edits.

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M/S/C/(Prieto/Beberian) That the Board of Directors approved the draft Memorandum of Understanding for the Fresno Area / North Kings Sub-Basin SGMA by Staff by the following vote. (Ayes – Beberian, Woolf, Jacobsen, Prieto, Jr.; Nays – 0; Absent – Porter; Abstain – 0)

e. Equipment Committee Recommendation for Fall 2015

Mr. Stretch reviewed the use of the Power Revenue Fund. This Fund was developed so revenue derived from power at Pine Flat would be set aside and used to purchase needed equipment and vehicles. With dwindling revenue coming into the Fund (due to four years of drought), the Board approved the transfer of \$1 million dollars from water sales into the Fund so the District would be able to continue to meet its equipment needs over the next several years.

Mr. Stretch reviewed the Committee's discussion on what equipment and vehicles need to be replaced. Mr. Stretch also explained Staff's recommendation for the purchase of computers, WiFi installation, engineering, construction and maintenance equipment, and the upgrade or replacement of the fuel management system and gas/diesel pumps. Mr. Stretch also discussed the District moving away from its current computer roll-down policy/procedure and suggested implementing a straight four-year rotation period. The Committee also briefly discussed equipment and computer software to be purchased in 2016.

Should the Board decide to accept Staff's recommendations, the computers will be ordered immediately. Staff will then follow up by preparing specifications and sending out requests for bids on the maintenance/construction equipment. The Equipment Committee will meet in two – four months when the submitted bids will be reviewed.

M/S/C/(Beberian/Prieto) That the Board of Directors approved the recommendation by Staff to purchase the proposed equipment by the following vote. (Ayes – Beberian, Woolf, Jacobsen, Prieto, Jr.; Nays – 0; Absent – Porter; Abstain – 0)

MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager Gary Serrato reported on the following:

KINGS RIVER WATER ASSOCIATION

a. Kings River Water Association Update

This item has already been covered during the earlier part of the meeting.

b. Pre-1914 Policy

There is no update at this time, although there is a meeting scheduled by the Kings River Water Association on November 9 to review the policy.

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SAN JOAQUIN RIVER ISSUES / FRIANT NORTH AUTHORITY

c. San Joaquin River / Friant North Authority Update

A meeting was held with the Bureau of Reclamation representatives and Friant's member agencies (FWA) to discuss the "Dispute Resolution" process involving the 2014 litigation over the operations by the Bureau of Friant's water supply. Some Friant members who reviewed the agreement and believe that up to 200,000 acre-feet should have been allocated to the Friant Contractors. The Bureau of Reclamation reported that they found no discrepancies in the Bureau's decisions and closed the dispute resolution process.

San Joaquin River

i. One Year Trial Membership to Friant Water Authority

Mr. Serrato stated that the Friant Water Authority (FWA) extended to FID a one-year invitation to join the Authority. This invitation was also extended to the Madera Irrigation District, Chowchilla Water District, and Gravelly Ford Water District. Chowchilla has accepted the invitation with the other agencies respectfully declining. Staff's recommendation is to write a letter to the FWA and respectfully decline the invitation. Fresno Irrigation District's focus is to make Friant North Authority successful.

M/S/C/(Prieto/Woolf) That the Board of Directors declined the Friant Water Authority's invitation to join and directed Staff to send a letter thanking the Friant Water Authority for the invitation but respectfully declining by the following vote. (Ayes – Beberian, Woolf, Jacobsen, Prieto, Jr.; Nays – 0; Absent – Porter; Abstain – 0)

Friant North Authority

The Friant North Authority (FNA) is looking for legal counsel to represent the Authority. Request for proposals were mailed to a number of legal firms who have expressed an interest. Mr. Orth has reported that he has received a couple of responses thanking the FNA for its consideration but declined due to possible conflict of interest. Staff is hoping to be able to interview interested firms within the next two months.

ii. Revised Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement Approval – Friant North Authority (walk in)

The Joint Friant North Power Agreement has been modified to state that the Board will be composed of two representatives of each of the Parties. By changing the Board's composition from one to two representative of each of the Parties, it will conform to the Brown Act.

M/S/C/(Prieto/Beberian) That the Board of Directors approved the modification to the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement and have the Friant North Authority

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composed of two representatives from each Party as presented by Staff by the following vote. (Ayes – Beberian, Woolf, Jacobsen, Prieto, Jr.; Nays – 0; Absent – Porter; Abstain – 0)

iii. Request of Overnight Stay for Board Members and/or General Manager to Attend Meetings in Washington DC Representing Friant North Authority

During the last FNA meeting, it was decided that a few representatives from Friant North should participate in a trip to Washington DC to visit the valley's elected officials regarding federal drought legislation bills by Feinstein (S. 1894) and Valadao (HR 2898). Staff requested that the Board approve a two-night stay and allow a FNA director to travel to Washington DC.

M/S/C/(Prieto/Woolf) That the Board of Directors approved a two-night stay for a Director to go to Washington DC on behalf of Friant North Authority as presented by Staff by the following vote. (Ayes – Beberian, Woolf, Jacobsen, Prieto, Jr.; Nays – 0; Absent – Porter; Abstain – 0)

Miscellaneous - San Joaquin / Friant Issues

Coordinated Operations Agreement (COA)

Dave Orth, FNA Executive Officer, is working with the Bureau and other CVP Contractors to develop a framework for the formal negotiation of the COA. The agreement is between the Bureau and the State for pumping at the Delta. Issues involve why the State is receiving 20% allocation while the Bureau did not receive an allocation.

Westlands Drainage Settlement

The United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) will be holding a meeting next week to review the proposed settlement with Westlands. They will review how the contract will be administered.

Unreleased Restoration Flows (URF)

The USBR is negotiating with the Friant Contractors for the purchase of unreleased restoration flows. The FNA is taking the position that paragraph 13 (i) of the San Joaquin River Settlement Agreement already addresses the issue. Friant Water Authority has taken the position that the Bureau should reallocate the water back to the contractors or enter into an agreement with Friant contractors to bank water. The USBR is currently reviewing their position on this matter.

OTHER

i. Fresno County – Joint Powers Agreement

The County of Fresno continues to take the lead in creating a joint powers authority (JPA) to develop a project list for grant funding under Proposition 1, Chapter 8, which

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provides \$2.7 billion for projects associated with water development, water reuse, infrastructure, and a number of other related projects.

The JPA will include Fresno, Kings, Tulare, Merced, and Madera Counties. Additional language will be inserted that will state that two seats for cities, two seats for irrigation districts, and one at-large seat will be included in the discussions/decisions process. Mr. Serrato states that he is not ready to make a recommendation to support the JPA and is waiting to see the final agreement.

Apart from funding under Chapter 8 of Proposition 1, Staff continues to identify projects that would be eligible for funding under other chapters of Proposition 1.

ii. Legislative Update

AB 1135 (Perea)

The “East Kings River GSA” has progressed to a two-year bill and Assembly Member Perea is looking to advance the bill. President Jacobsen and Mr. Serrato participated in a meeting with others that are concerned with the legislation and will be offering new language to address the issues with the legislation. There is a follow-up meeting scheduled for the first week in December to review the final language.

Staff is also working on developing new legislation with staff of Assembly Member Perea’s office that would contain some relief from SBx7-7. There will be considerable work if we are to be successful.

iii. Upcoming Growers Meetings – SGMA Update

Three dates have been scheduled for growers meetings throughout the district. Discussion at these meetings will be centered on the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.

November 4 – Clovis City Hall

November 6 – Easton C.P.D.E.S. Hall

November 10 – Kerman Community Center

iv. FID / City of Fresno Conveyance Agreement Update

Nothing new to report at this time. The next meeting between FID and the City will be in early November.

Miscellaneous - Other

ACWA Region 6 & 7 Regional Workshop – Mr. Serrato, Mr. Stretch, Mr. Kimura, and Director Beberian attended an ACWA Region 6 & 7 SGMA workshop in Visalia. Also in attendance were Assembly Members Gray and Mathis. SGMA issues were discussed as was groundwater recharge as a beneficial use. Governor’s drought task force participant Dee Dee D’Adamo, Board Member of the State Water Resources Control

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Board, stated that she would like to receive more information on how SGMA will impact growers.

LA Times reporter Bettina Boxall interviewed Mr. Serrato for a story regarding groundwater recharge/banking. The story will focus on groundwater recharge projects and larger facilities such as Temperance Flat. Mr. Serrato explained that smaller projects could be built in the short term prior to the construction of Temperance Flat. It is not known when the article will be published.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- a. Request of Overnight Stays for Board Members and Senior Staff to Attend the 2016 Mid-Pacific Region Water Users' Conference in Reno, NV from January 20-22, 2016**

Staff provided the Board with the annual Mid-Pacific Region Water Users Conference dates and location. Any Director or senior Staff member interested in attending the January 2016 Conference should contact Staff to make reservations.

M/S/C/(Prieto/Beberian) That the Board of Directors approved the multi-night stays for any Director or Staff member to attend the 2016 Mid-Pacific Region Conference in Reno, NV by the following vote. (Ayes – Beberian, Woolf, Jacobsen, Prieto, Jr.; Nays – 0; Absent – Porter; Abstain – 0)

- b. Damage Claim Form – Mr. Devin Reed**

Mr. Stretch stated that while crews were performing weed maintenance, a rock was thrown by the flail-mower which damaged Mr. Reed vehicle's rear window. Cost to fix the window was \$500. It is Staff's recommendation for the Board to approve paying the damage claim.

M/S/C/(Prieto/Beberian) That the Board of Directors approved paying Mr. Reed's damage claim in the amount of \$500 by the following vote. (Ayes – Beberian, Jacobsen, Porter, Prieto, Jr.; Nays – 0; Absent – 0; Abstain – 0)

DIRECTORS' REPORT

Director Beberian – stated that he attended the workshop in Visalia, and while there, provided information to Ms. Dee Dee D'Adamo who is a State Water Resources Control Board Member.

Director Woolf – stated he was recently in Washington DC where he observed his wife testifying at a Senate Ag Committee. While there he spoke with many area elected officials.

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Director Jacobsen – welcomed again Director Woolf to the Board. The new committee assignments will be available at the next meeting. President Jacobsen recapped an article written by Eric Johnson regarding precipitation averages.

Director Porter – absent.

Director Prieto – none.

Open Session adjourned at 6:15 p.m. with the Board and some 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 54956.8 Real Property Transactions.

Negotiators: Gary R. Serrato-FID, DeAnn Hailey-FID, and All American Logistics, Inc.

Property: APN 326-160-10 & 326-160-41

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

CLOSED SESSION ADJOURNMENT

President Jacobsen adjourned Closed Session at 6:50 p.m.

REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

President Jacobsen stated there was nothing to report from Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Submitted By,

Gary R. Serrato
Secretary of the Board