

**FRESNO IRRIGATION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
HELD MAY 16, 2017**

Fresno Irrigation District's Board of Directors met in regular session at the District office located at 2907 South Maple Avenue – Fresno, California, on May 16, 2017. Board President Ryan Jacobsen called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

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

DIRECTORS ABSENT

None.

STAFF PRESENT

General Manager Gary R. Serrato
Assistant General Manager Bill Stretch
Chief Engineer Laurence Kimura
Watermaster Jim Irwin
Operations Manager Adam Claes
Controller DeAnn Hailey
Human Resources Director September Singh
Construction/Maintenance Superintendent Mike Prestridge
Legal Counsel Jeff Boswell
Staff Engineer Felix Vaquilar
Staff Engineer Sen Saetern
Recording Secretary Lynn B. Rowe

OTHERS PRESENT

Reporter Don Wright

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

REVIEW AGENDA

Ms. Hailey stated item 7 c. will be discussed in Closed Session.

REVIEW OF FUTURE MEETINGS

President Jacobsen reminded everyone that the Board of Equalization meetings would be next month (June 12, 19, and 20, 2017).

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 Regular Board Meeting Minutes – April 18, 2017**
- b. **April 2017 Check Reports**
- c. **April 2017 Payroll Registers**
- d. **April 2017 Unpaid Assessment Report**
- e. **April 2017 Investment Account**
- f. **Developer Pipeline Project – Garreks, Inc. DBA Bubble Clean will Substitute the Existing Bullard No. 124 Located Southwest of Herndon and Brawley Avenues with 400 Feet of 60-Inch RGRCP in Accordance with Board Policy. Engineering Action Request 2017-06**
- g. **Developer Pipeline Project – Spencer Enterprises, Inc. will Replace Approximately 380 Feet of the Clovis No. 115 with 30-Inch RGRCP Located Northwest of Herndon and Old Temperance Avenues in Accordance with Board Policy. Engineering Action Request 2017-07**

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

CONTROLLER’S REPORT

- a. **March 31, 2017 Fund Statements and Supporting Documents (walk-in)**

Ms. Hailey reviewed the Fund Statements and Supporting Documents from January – March 2017. Differences in line items on the Fund Statement were discussed. In addition, Ms. Hailey also presented the Treasurer’s Reports, Deposits and Investments, and Revenue Pie Chart.

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

- b. **Request for Correction of Charges APN 442-060-05**

Ms. Hailey stated that this is a simple correction of charges. Fresno County sold the property in question. The amount collected was not sufficient to cover the entire cost of the past due assessments, penalties and costs owed to the District for 2003. The amount was short by \$10.00. Staff requested approval by the Board for the Correction of Charges.

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M/S/C/(Prieto/Porter) That the Board of Directors approved the correction of charges for APN 442-060-05 by the following vote. (Ayes – Beberian, Woolf, Jacobsen, Porter, Prieto, Jr.; Nays – 0; Absent – 0; Abstain – 0)

c. Resolution 2017-09 – Sale of Armstrong Avenue Property

This item will be discussed in Closed Session.

d. Financial Position Report

Ms. Hailey reported that Staff has been reviewing its options for services from other financial institutions. Ms. Hailey stated that the overall CRA rating of Wells Fargo has dropped to “Needs Improvement”; however, the CRA rating for the California Wells Fargo Banks was determined to be “Excellent” which exceeds the special district requirement for banking. Wells Fargo has been going through some significant restructuring, including the issuing of new credit cards with new numbers. Staff is now working with representatives located in San Francisco that specialize in government agencies. The San Francisco group is working to lower the District’s monthly fees and possibly add new services. Staff requested direction from the Board if the District should seek out another financial institutions or stay with Wells Fargo. Staff recommended that the District continue banking with Wells Fargo Bank and rely on the “excellent” rating given to the Wells Fargo Banks in California. The Board directed Staff to continue banking with Wells Fargo Bank.

WATERMASTER’S REPORT

a. Current Water Conditions Report

Mr. Irwin reported on the current and projected water supply and routing information. As of May 15, Pine Flat release was 8,000 cfs with storage at 618,150 acre-feet. FID’s storage is 84,795 acre-feet. Pre-Project for the Kings River is 10,486 cfs – FID’s entitlement is 1,663 cfs. Pine Flat precipitation is currently at 161.4% (29.97 inches for the season – average is 18.57 inches). Five of the eight snow sensors are currently operational. Net banking credits for groundwater storage are 4,411 acre-feet.

CHIEF ENGINEER’S REPORT

Chief Engineer Laurence Kimura reported on the following:

a. Developer Projects Update 2017-18

Engineering staff is working on reviewing projects scheduled for construction during the 2017-18 Maintenance Season. Currently, there is one project in progress and Staff is working on several reviews for the 2017-18 Maintenance Season (eight are currently under review). Staff also provided comments on 32 developer review notices during the last month.

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b. Agency Projects Update 2017-18

Engineering staff is working on several projects that are under construction and working on reviewing projects scheduled for construction during the 2017-18 Maintenance Season. Currently, there are no projects in progress – Staff is working on reviews for next maintenance season (six are currently under review).

i. High Speed Rail (HSR)

- The HSR project will impact approximately 20 FID facilities (25 separate crossings);
- TPZP (contractor for north section) is working on Segment 1 (north of American Avenue);
- Caltrans is working on the relocation of State Route 99 (SR99) between Ashlan and Clinton avenues (Tracy, Victoria and Victoria Colony);
- DFJV is working on Segment 2-3 (south of American Avenue); and
- Staff working on design and agreements for all segments.

TPZP

- Work near Dry Creek Canal is on-going;
- Work near Herndon Canal may start this summer;
- Work on the Herndon and Dry Creek canals was postponed until late fall;
- Construction work at Tulare Street and Mono Street crossings to start this summer;
- Work on the Viaduct across Cedar/North avenues continues; and
- Tuolumne Street Bridge to open soon.

Caltrans

- State Route 99 relocation is on-going from Clinton to Ashlan avenues;
- Work expected to be completed by mid-2018;
- FID facilities completed – Victoria, Victoria Colony and Tracy pipelines; and
- Replacement of Clinton Avenue Bridge over State Route 99.

DFJV

- Gejeian and Oleander South Branches are DFJV's first priority to complete – final design is still in progress;
- Designs for additional FID facility relocations s/o American Avenue are currently under review – anticipated to start summer 2018;
- Construction of several roadway grade separations south of American Avenue (within FID) is anticipated to start summer 2018; and
- Grade separation work to start soon for road crossings.

c. Landowner Initiated Projects Update for 2017-18

There are no projects in progress. Two projects are under review for the 2017-18 Maintenance Season.

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d. Other Activities

- Groundwater levels were measured as part of the banking facility monitoring plan;
- Plans are being made for future maintenance projects;
- Staff is assisting or working on six FID maintenance/construction projects;
- Several surveys were performed for project design and construction;
- Staff has been very busy locating pipelines and rights-of-ways for crop conversions; and
- Five construction, structure or water permits were issued and monitored over the last month.

Mr. Kimura reviewed the following project:

Braly Canal (California and Van Ness) – replacement of surge chamber.

e. Capital Improvement Projects – 2017-18. Engineering Action Request 2017-08

Mr. Kimura stated the Maintenance, Water and Engineering departments developed a two-year Capital Improvements Plan list. Over the next two years, there are 45 projects slated for completion by a combination of District personnel and outside contractors. The estimated cost for the proposed projects (approximately 25) for the 2017-18 portion is \$1.8 million. Total cost for all projects over the next two years is estimated at almost \$3.8 million. These projects were based on the greatest needs. Projects include lining installation, pipeline repair/replacement, dredging, long-crested weirs, measurement improvements and lining repair/replacement. Only the 2017-18 projects were requested to be approved at this time.

M/S/C/(Prieto/Woolf) That the Board of Directors approved the Capital Improvement projects list for 2017-18 Maintenance Season with the \$1.8 million to come from the Capital Improvements Fund by the following vote. (Ayes – Beberian, Woolf, 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

Starting with June’s meeting, Mr. Adam Claes, who was recently promoted to Operations Manager, will give the Maintenance/Construction report during Board meetings.

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Mr. Stretch gave a brief report on the projects and maintenance work for the following:

- Heavy Equipment Operators
- Brushing Crew
- Construction Crews
- Trash Crew
- Spray Crew

Following are some of the projects that FID crews and sub-contractors have been working on:

- Enterprise Canal (E/O Zediker) – removed a stand of eucalyptus trees;
- Big Dry Creek (N/E Alluvial and Clovis) – tree removal and cleanup;
- Little Houghton Canal (Rolinda – S/O McKinley) – pipeline repair;
- Valentine Br. Of Teilman Canal (S/W California and Valentine) – liner repair; and
- Fuller Canal (N/W Jensen and Brawley) – gate repair.

b. Serrato Intertie Project Update

Mr. Claes reported that within the next day or so the contractor will deliver the cranes to set the water screens and pre-cast electrical concrete building. Staff still anticipates the installation of the pumps in early June with testing scheduled for late June or early July.

c. Southwest Groundwater Banking Project Update

Mr. Claes reported that bids have gone out on the project and Staff expects proposals ready for Board approval at the June Board meeting.

d. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Update

i. North Kings GSA Update

The NKGSA Board last met on April 27. May's NKGSA Board meeting will be cancelled due to lack of action items. The Advisory Committee continues to meet monthly, as does the technical subcommittee.

ii. Kings Subbasin GSA Update

The six GSAs continue to meet monthly – mainly with the executive personnel. The deadline for agencies to submit their plans to become an official GSA is June 30, 2017. Four of the six agencies were approved with the final two in a 90-day waiting period.

Director Porter inquired on how “white areas” throughout the state will be handled (areas not covered by individual groundwater sustainability agencies). Mr. Serrato stated that these areas would fall under county jurisdictions.

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Mr. Serrato stated the Joint Powers Insurance Authority (JPIA) has agreed to insure the GSAs for at least the first two years. In order to be covered, GSAs will be required to be members of the Association of California Water Agency. After two years, JPIA will reevaluate their position.

iii. Miscellaneous – County/DWR/SWB

No new update at this time.

e. Friant North Authority (FNA) Update

i. Discussion/Possible Action to Approve a Modification to Special Activity Agreement for Work Plan No. 3. Staff Recommendation: Consider Approval of the Modification to Special Activity Agreement and Work Plan No. 3

Mr. Stretch reviewed the revised Work Plan No. 3. The major change to the agreement was the removal of the section concerning special counsel. Staff's recommendation is the approval of Work Plan #3

M/S/C/(Porter/Prieto) That the Board of Directors approved the Work Plan #3 as presented by Staff by the following vote. (Ayes – Beberian, Woolf, Jacobsen, Porter, Prieto, Jr.; Nays – 0; Absent – 0; Abstain – 0)

f. Proposed Revisions to Policy 500-201 “Use and Water Rates of Canal Water for Low Rate Continuous Flow Irrigation Systems”

Mr. Stretch reviewed the 40-year old policy regarding the use of canal water for low flow rates. Growers who want to be on low flow will be responsible for the installation cost and maintenance of pre-treatment and measuring facilities as may be required. The update is due to the amount of calls and requests received by the Water Department. The Board made two recommendations: 1) that the policy name be revised and 2) users requesting to go to low-flow irrigation would remain on the water service rate or be converted over to a water service rate (if they were on a different rate such as Pump from Ditch, etc.).

M/S/C/(Prieto/Porter) That the Board of Directors approved Policy 500-201 with the recommendations as presented by Staff by the following vote. (Ayes – Beberian, Woolf, Jacobsen, Porter, Prieto, Jr.; Nays – 0; Absent – 0; Abstain – 0)

MANAGER’S REPORT

KINGS RIVER WATER ASSOCIATION

a. Kings River Water Association Update

KRWA Watermaster will schedule a Fishery Management Program meeting to discuss bringing on a biologist to help manage the program. Much of the discussion centered on both the volume and timing of fish planting on the Kings River. Future use of budgeted

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funds and moving the management of the program from KRWA to KRCD will be discussed at the next meeting.

b. Friant Operations Update

Flood releases are expected to continue through the end of June or first week of July.

c. Temperance Flat Project Letter of Support (walk in)

Staff reported it had prepared a draft Letter of Support for the Temperance Flat Project. After some minor discussion and suggestions, the Board approved the letter to the California Water Commission.

M/S/C/(Beberian/Prieto) That the Board of Directors approved the draft Letter of Support for the Temperance Flat project with the Board's recommended edits by the following vote. (Ayes – Beberian, Woolf, Jacobsen, Porter, Prieto, Jr.; Nays – 0; Absent – 0; Abstain – 0)

d. Proposition 218 Update – Public Hearing Meeting June 8, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.

Mr. Serrato reported on the Town Hall meetings that the District hosted, ballots received at the District's office, and the process of the Public Hearing meeting scheduled on June 8 beginning at 4:00 p.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

a. ACWA Region 6 Committee Nominations

Mr. Serrato stated that he is on the nomination committee for the ACWA Region 6 Board. He announced that any Director interested in representing ACWA Region 6 should submit their application by Friday, June 30, 2017. This is a two-year term.

b. New Current Water and Land Strategic Plan Proposal

Mr. Serrato outlined the proposed agreement with New Current Water and Land for the preparation of the "Strategic Plan". Mr. Serrato stated that Staff would like to begin by reviewing the District's water resource assets and the development of a preliminary water resource plan to utilize those assets. The plan is expected to cost \$60,000 and will be developed in two phases. Informational half-day workshops with Board Members will be held at the end of each phase.

M/S/C/(Prieto/Woolf) That the Board of Directors approved the New Current Water and Land Strategic Plan Proposal as presented by Staff by the following vote. (Ayes – Beberian, Woolf, Jacobsen, Porter; Nays – 0; Absent – Prieto, Jr.; Abstain – 0)

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DIRECTORS' REPORT

Director Beberian – attended ACWA 2017 Spring Conference last week. Director Beberian stated the “ag initiative” might move into a permanent Ag committee. Bylaws still need to be changed and voting must take place before any transition happens. This stemmed from several members voicing their concerns that ACWA was moving towards municipal and away from agriculture.

Director Woolf – stated his wife attended the Spring ACWA conference.

Director Jacobsen – suggested viewing the PBS series “*Tapped Out*”.

Director Porter – attended the JPIA portion of the Spring Conference. Director Porter reported that JPIA is in a very strong financial position and voted to provide “Errors and Omissions” insurance to newly formed Groundwater Sustainability Agencies.

Director Prieto – none.

Open Session concluded at 6:04 p.m. with Directors and some Staff going into Closed Session at 6:18 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation Government Code 54956.9(d)(2). Meet in closed session to confer with counsel on potential litigation arising out of claims by third parties to water rights on the Kings River. On advice of counsel, the staff has concluded that, based on existing facts and circumstances, there is significant exposure to litigation by or against the KRWA.

Government Code Section 54956.8 Real Property Transactions.

Negotiators: William Stretch – FID, Gary Serrato – FID, DeAnn Hailey – FID, and Anderson Clayton Corporation

Properties: APN 487-042-43S

Terms and Conditions: Negotiations of Purchase of Real Property.

Government Code Section 54956.8 Real Property Transactions.

Negotiators: William Stretch – FID, Gary Serrato – FID, DeAnn Hailey – FID

Properties: APN 559-061-07S

Terms and Conditions: Negotiations of Sale of Real Property (Clovis).

Conference with Legal Counsel – Settlement of Litigation (Government Code section 54956.9(d)(2)).

Meet in Closed Session to confer with counsel on settlement offer to resolve claims against the District by third party for bridge and related damages on Thompson Canal.

1. Adoption of Board Resolution 2017-06 approving acceptance of Easement Deed from Claimant in settlement discussed under Closed Session

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Government Code Section 54956.8 Real Property Transactions.

Negotiators: William Stretch – FID, Gary Serrato – FID, and Ruben E. Benavidez

Properties: APN 334-320-41

Terms and Conditions: Negotiations of Purchase of Real Property.

1. Adoption of Board Resolution 2017-07 approving the purchase of said property and authorization to execute real property transaction documents

Government Code Section 54956.8 Real Property Transactions.

Negotiators: William Stretch – FID, Gary Serrato – FID, and Terry E. Farris

Properties: APN 328-021-01S

Terms and Conditions: Negotiations of Purchase of Real Property.

1. Adoption of Board Resolution 2017-08 approving the purchase of said property and authorization to execute real property transaction documents

CLOSED SESSION ADJOURNMENT

President Jacobsen adjourned Closed Session at 6:37 p.m.

REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

President Jacobsen reported the following on the Haupt settlement claim:

That the Board of Directors agreed to the terms of the Haupt settlement claim and unanimously passed Resolution 2017-06 by a roll call vote.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, President Jacobsen adjourned the meeting at 6:38 p.m.

Submitted By,



Gary R. Serrato
Secretary of the Board