

**FRESNO IRRIGATION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
HELD JUNE 20, 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 June 20, 2017. Board President Ryan Jacobsen called the meeting to order at 4:10 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
Construction/Maintenance Superintendent Mike Prestridge
Human Resources Director September Singh
Legal Counsel Jeff Boswell
Staff Engineer Felix Vaquilar
Staff Engineer Sen Saetern
Supervisor Rick Karkula
Recording Secretary Lynn B. Rowe

OTHERS PRESENT

Reporter Don Wright
Maricopa Orchards Representative

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recited during the Board of Equalization meeting

REVIEW AGENDA

No Changes

REVIEW OF FUTURE MEETINGS

No Changes

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Rick Karkula, representing FID's Supervisors Negotiating group (FIDSEA), addressed the Board and explained the information gathering and analysis the Supervisors performed during the negotiation process. Mr. Karkula provided the Board with current salary comparisons of similar water agencies in the Central Valley area.

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President Jacobsen thanked Mr. Karkula for his comments and noted that the Board will take them under advisement during Closed Session.

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]

Director Prieto stated that during Closed Session the Board could possibly discuss a law firm that currently represents him; however, he did not believe this would pose a conflict.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- a. **Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes – May 16, 2017**
- b. **May 2017 Check Reports**
- c. **May 2017 Payroll Registers**
- d. **May 2017 Unpaid Assessment Report**
- e. **May 2017 Investment Account**

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

The Controller will report on the financial statements during the July Board of Director's meeting.

WATERMASTER'S REPORT

- a. **Current Water Conditions Report**

Mr. Irwin reported on the current and projected water supply and routing information. As of June 19, Pine Flat release was 12,976 cfs with storage at 946,983 acre-feet. FID's storage as of June 11 was 120,011 acre-feet. Pre-Project for the Kings River is 20,572 cfs – FID's entitlement is 2,250 cfs. Mr. Irwin stated this is the third or fourth wettest year on record since 1895. Net banking credits for groundwater storage are 4,868 acre-feet.

Mr. Serrato reported on the Flood Operations of Pine Flat Dam. Kings River floodwaters have resulted in breaches at some locations. The first breach occurred along the Kings River in the Kingsburg area and the second occurred on the South Fork of the Kings River in the Laton area. KRWA discussed the potential of surcharging storage in Pine Flat by closing the upper level gates on the Dam. Surcharging the reservoir would impact the campgrounds and a local market.

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Mr. Serrato also discussed carry-over water at Pine Flat, water sales for next year and the management of the City of Fresno's water (in accordance with the newly renegotiated Conveyance Agreement). Staff will meet with the City of Fresno staff to discuss the City's water supply needs for next year.

CHIEF ENGINEER'S REPORT

Chief Engineer Laurence Kimura reported on the following:

a. Developer Projects Update 2017-18

- Staff is reviewing maintenance projects for the 2017-18 Maintenance Season
- One project in progress
- Seven projects under review
- Commented on 34 developer review notices and 13 utility search requests

b. Agency Projects Update 2017-18

- Staff working on projects under construction and reviewing projects for 2017-18 Maintenance Season
- No projects in progress
- Six projects under review

i. High Speed Rail (HSR)

- Staff working on reviewing plans for crossings
- Staff reviewing agreements

c. Landowner Initiated Projects Update for 2017-18

- No projects in progress
- Two projects under review for 2017-18 Maintenance Season

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 15 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
- Over the last month, 13 construction, structure or water permits were issued and monitored

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Mr. Kimura reviewed the following project:

- Bullard Canal (NW Herndon and Blackstone) – installation of water main

A member of the audience asked Mr. Serrato how credits from private recharge as it relates to SGMA would be handled. Mr. Serrato responded that it is still being discussed.

- e. **Pipeline Substitution Project – Substitute Approximately 1,580 Feet of Open Canal on the Anthony No. 399 Located Southeast of Barstow and Rolinda Avenues with 1,580 Feet of 21-inch PVC Pipeline with Landowner Anthony Cubre. Engineering Action Request 2017-09**

Mr. Saetern gave an overview of the 1,580 feet substitution project. This project originally was brought to the Board in 2015; however, after the Board approved the project, Mr. Cubre decided to hold off due to economic reasons. Mr. Cubre is now prepared to move forward with the substitution project, contribute \$15,000 towards materials and provide the labor to backfill the existing Anthony Canal within his property. Total cost of the project is estimated at \$77,500 (FID's contribution will be approximately \$62,500). There are benefits to both Mr. Cubre and FID by completing this project. This project is in accordance with FID's policy.

M/S/C (Beberian/Woolf) That the Board of Directors approved Action Request 2017-09 by the following vote. (Ayes – Beberian, Woolf, Jacobsen, Porter, Prieto, Jr.; Nays – 0; Absent – 0; Abstain – 0)

- f. **Pipeline Substitution Project – Substitute Approximately 1,450 Feet of Open Canal on the Kennedy #2 No. 366 Located Southeast of Olive and Jameson Avenues with 1,450 Feet of 24-inch PVC Pipeline with Landowners Gary Coleman, Steve Cuoto and Dan Habib. Engineering Action Request 2017-10**

Mr. Vaquilar summarized the pipeline substitution project at Olive and Jameson avenues. Staff met with one landowner in April 2017 to discuss piping the remaining section on the Kennedy #2 Canal. The estimated cost of the project is \$117,436 with landowners (Coleman, Cuoto and Habib) contributing \$25,000 (toward materials). FID's contribution will be the labor, equipment and remaining materials cost. FID will obtain a grant of easement; FID will also receive half of the contribution from the landowners before materials are ordered. The landowners will pay the remaining portion prior to the start of the project. It is Staff's recommendation that FID will engineer and construct the project. FID and landowners would both benefit by piping this ditch. This project is in accordance with FID's policy.

M/S/C (Porter/Prieto) That the Board of Directors approved Action Request 2017-10 by the following vote. (Ayes – Beberian, Woolf, Jacobsen, Porter, Prieto, Jr.; Nays – 0; Absent – 0; Abstain – 0)

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ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Assistant General Manager Bill Stretch reported on the following:

a. Maintenance and Construction Update

Mr. Adam Claes presented the Maintenance/Construction Report. An expanded list of maintenance activities and projects was provided in the Assistant Manager's Report that covered 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:

- Briggs Canal (S/E Jensen and Temperance) – reclaiming right-of-way
- South Branch of East Branch Canal (N/O Belmont) – reclaiming right-of-way
- Herndon Canal (Millbrook to Michigan) – chaining to remove aquatic weeds
- American Colony Canal (Malaga and Cedar) – Applying Teton aquatic algicide and herbicide
- Enterprise Canal (Shields and Riverbend) – removing spoil piles along bank
- Roberts-Couto Canal (S/W McKinley and Howard) – gate repair
- Houghton Canal (Nielsen Avenue Line and Chateau Fresno) – gate repair
- Minor-Thornton Canal (S/E Ashlan and Westlawn) – pipeline repair
- Victoria East Branch Canal (S/E Belmont and Valentine) – pipeline repair (dry well in right-of-way)
- Herndon Canal (McKinley and Millbrook) – trash and homeless camps clean-up

Mr. Stretch described the issues the District has been dealing with concerning the homeless / trash situations. FID has worked with the Fresno Police Department and City of Fresno Public Utilities to deal with the clean-up of debris and removal of the homeless. On Friday, June 16, the District did a one-day massive clean-up along the canal banks. Staff is looking into fencing/gating this area. Director Prieto suggested fencing along all the canal banks.

b. Serrato Intertie Project Update

Mr. Claes reported on the installation of water screens, pump discharge pipes and electronics. Delivery of the motors are scheduled for late June / early July. Staff expects the facility to test and be operational in July 2017.

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c. Southwest Groundwater Banking Project Update

Mr. Claes reported that Staff delayed sending out bids due to several other major projects in the area currently out for bid. Staff felt they would have better results if they waited. The delay should not affect the completion date of the project.

d. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Update

i. North Kings GSA Update

The NKGSA Board last met on April 27. May's Board meeting was cancelled due to lack of action items. The next NKGSA Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 22, 2017. During that meeting, Staff will present to the Board the new 2017-18 Budget, logo and website for approvals.

The Technical Committee continues to make progress. The Administrative/Fiscal Committee is researching grants and the Outreach Committee is finalizing the website and logo.

ii. Kings Subbasin GSA Update

Mr. Stretch announced that there is now a possible seventh GSA – known as the South Kings GSA, which was part of the Central Kings GSA. The new GSA consists of five cities (Parlier, Sanger, Selma, Kingsburg and Fowler with the possibility of adding Del Rey and Caruthers). The six GSAs will meet with a representative from the new GSA for the first time. The addition of the new GSA at this late date could put the North Kings basin at risk. Part of the issue is the cities are claiming sphere of influence and not their city limits.

LAFCo has reached out to all the SGMA agencies offering to assist with the development of policies when the time is appropriate.

iii. Miscellaneous – County/DWR/SWB

No new update at this time.

e. Friant North Authority (FNA) Update

i. Discussion/Possible Action to Approve Sending a Resolution to ACWA Regarding “ACWA’s” Science Based Analysis of the Bay Delta Flow Requirements”. Staff Recommendation: Consider Approval of Sending the Resolution

FWA and FNA have asked that each district receive support from their home boards regarding the Bay-Delta Flow Requirements. The Board directed Staff to move forward with finalizing the resolution; and authorized FID's Friant North representatives (Directors Porter and Prieto, Jr.) to approve the resolution at the FNA Board meeting.

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MANAGER'S REPORT

KINGS RIVER WATER ASSOCIATION

a. Kings River Water Association Update

No further update.

b. Friant Operations Update

Friant Water Authority (FWA) has scheduled a workshop regarding the California WaterFix (Twin Tunnels) on June 23. FWA was requested to participate in the development of the twin tunnels, which would require financial participation. Staff is not prepared to make any recommendation to the Board for FID's participation until after attending the workshop.

FWA is dealing with a large subsidence issue on the Friant-Kern Canal. The opinion is that up to 50% of capacity was lost around the Tulare / Kern County lines. FWA is currently evaluating the feasibility of rebuilding the Friant Kern Canal to its original capacity. Staff's major concern is how and who will pay to remedy the situation.

c. Proposition 218 Election Results

Mr. Serrato reported approximately 12,000 ballots were mailed out to landowners on April 21; of those, 4,459 were returned and counted. The election passed by a 20% margin.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

a. Resolution 2017-10: USBR 215 Contract

The United States Bureau of Reclamation requires that a Board resolution approving the District's signing of the 2017-18 215 Water Contract be provided to them prior to receiving 215 water.

M/S/C (Porter/Prieto) That the Board of Directors approved Resolution 2017-10 approving the 215 Water contract with the Bureau of Reclamation by the following roll call vote. (Ayes – Beberian, Woolf, Jacobsen, Porter, Prieto, Jr.; Nays – 0; Absent – 0; Abstain – 0)

b. Vehicle Damage Claim Form Submittal - Pearson

Ms. Singh explained that an FID employee was pulling a concrete mixer trailer and hit a bump, which caused a small rock to fly up and crack Mr. Pearson's windshield. Staff is looking for options to help prevent this from reoccurring.

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M/S/C (Prieto/Porter) That the Board of Directors approved the \$199 that it will take to replace Mr. Pearson's windshield as presented by Staff by the following vote. (Ayes – Beberian, Woolf, Jacobsen, Porter, Prieto Jr.; Nays – 0; Absent – 0; Abstain – 0)

c. Possible Adoption of Assistant General Manager's Contract (action from Closed Session)

Discussion of this item occurred during Closed Session.

Mr. Serrato stated that FID crews did an excellent job cleaning up the one-mile stretch along the Herndon Canal. Approximately 51,000 pounds of trash and brush were taken to the landfill during the clean-up. Mr. Serrato also stated that Staff is organizing a meeting with area agencies to help address the trash dumping and homeless population that have taken up residency on FID canal banks. The meeting is in the process of being scheduled.

DIRECTORS' REPORT

Director Beberian – none.

Director Woolf – none.

Director Jacobsen – commended Staff, especially Gary Serrato, on their Proposition 218 efforts.

Director Porter – growers in the area are very appreciative of all the water they are receiving.

Director Prieto – attended a SGMA workshop geared towards developers/lenders. Director Prieto stated that Mr. Serrato did an excellent job being on the panel.

Open Session concluded at 5:58 p.m. with the 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.

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 incident to the marketing of Real Property (Clovis) APN 559-061-07S.

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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).

1. Resolution 2017-09 – Armstrong Avenue Property

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.
Report close of escrow pertaining to Resolution 2017-07

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.
Report close of escrow pertaining to Resolution 2017-08

Government Code Section 54956.8 Real Property Transactions.

Negotiators: Adam Claes – FID, William Stretch – FID, Gary Serrato – FID and Moh Leng Kok
Properties: APN 328-021-10
Terms and Conditions: Negotiations of Purchase of Real Property.

Government Code Section 54956.7. Conference with Labor Negotiators Regarding Terms and Conditions of Employment with Represented Bargaining Groups.

Government Code Section 54957. Personnel Matters.

CLOSED SESSION ADJOURNMENT

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

REPORT IN OPEN SESSION OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

President Jacobsen reported on the following:

CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Claes reported that the following property closed escrow on May 19, 2017, for a purchase price of approximately \$350,000:

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.
Report close of escrow and motion of Resolution 2017-07

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M/S/C (Prieto/Beberian) That the Board of Directors approved Resolution 2017-07 as presented by Staff by the following roll call vote. (Ayes – Beberian, Woolf, Jacobsen, Porter, Prieto, Jr.; Nays – 0; Absent – 0; Abstain – 0)

Mr. Claes then reported that the following property closed escrow on June 9, 2017, at a price of \$653,903. This is a joint project with the Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District. FID's portion of the funds came from Proposition 1 Storm Water Program Grant:

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.

Report close of escrow and motion of Resolution 2017-08

M/S/C (Prieto/Beberian) That the Board of Directors approved Resolution 2017-08 as presented by Staff by the following roll call vote. (Ayes – Beberian, Woolf, Jacobsen, Porter, Prieto, Jr.; Nays – 0; Absent – 0; Abstain – 0)

President Jacobsen announced the adoption of Resolution 2017-09 by the following vote:

M/S/C (Porter/Woolf) That the Board of Directors approved Resolution 2017-09 as presented by Staff for the sale of property that the District no longer utilizes and was sold to a willing buyer by the following roll call vote. (Ayes – Woolf, Jacobsen, Porter; Nays – Beberian, Prieto, Jr.; Absent – 0; Abstain – 0)

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

c. Possible Adoption of Assistant General Manager's Contract (action from Closed Session)

The Board approved the employment contract between FID and Assistant General Manager Bill Stretch from April 1, 2017 through December 31, 2018, for a salary of \$170,000.

M/S/C (Prieto/Porter) That the Board of Directors approved employment contract with Bill Stretch from April 1, 2017 to December 31, 2018, by the following vote. (Ayes – Beberian, Woolf, Jacobsen, Porter, Prieto, Jr.; Nays – 0; Absent – 0; Abstain – 0)

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ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, President Jacobsen adjourned the meeting at 6:39 p.m.

Submitted By,



Gary R. Serrato
Secretary of the Board