

**FRESNO IRRIGATION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
HELD OCTOBER 17, 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 October 17, 2017. Board President Ryan Jacobsen called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

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

DIRECTORS ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Reporter Don Wright
Maricopa Orchards Representative
Granville Homes Representative

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

REVIEW AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda at this time. President Jacobsen noted that General Manager/Secretary Gary Serrato is absent.

REVIEW OF FUTURE MEETINGS

President Jacobsen noted the Board Members will meet on November 14 at a Special Meeting due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. The November 21 Regular Meeting has been cancelled.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

No presentations from the public.

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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 – September 19, 2017**
- b. **September 2017 Check Reports**
- c. **September 2017 Payroll Registers**
- d. **September 2017 Unpaid Assessment Report**
- e. **September 2017 Investment Account**
- f. **Developer Pipeline Project – Century Communities will Replace the Existing Silvia No. 47, Located Southeast of Shaw and Bryan Avenues, with 1,000 Feet of 48” RGRC in Accordance with Board Policy. Engineering Action Request 2017-14**

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. **September 30, 2017 Fund Statements and Supporting Documents**

Ms. Hailey reviewed the September Funds Statement and noted the budget is on target. Ms. Hailey stated expenditures are at 72% and will need to be adjusted due to a longer water year than normal. The Treasurer’s Report, Deposits and Investments and Revenues Pie Chart Report were also reviewed.

M/S/C (Porter/Prieto) That the Board of Directors approved the September 2017 Funds Statement 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. **2017 Investment Maturities – Third Quarter**

Total actual interest earned on investments that matured during the third quarter of 2017 is \$81,429.30.

- c. **Discussion / Possible Vote on Request for Authorization of Overnight Stays for Two Staff Members to Attend 2017 Government Tax Seminar**

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Ms. Hailey explained the benefits of attending the 2017 Government Tax Seminar. Ms. Hailey requested approval for overnight stays for two Staff members to attend the one-day seminar.

M/S/C (Prieto/Porter) That the Board of Directors approved two Staff Members' Overnight Stay to attend the 2017 Government Tax Seminar by the following vote. (Ayes – Beberian, Woolf, Jacobsen, Porter, Prieto, Jr.; Nays – 0; Absent – 0; Abstain – 0)

WATERMASTER'S REPORT

a. Current Water Conditions Report

Mr. Irwin reported on the current and projected water supply and routing information. As of October 16, Pine Flat release was 2,721 cfs with storage at 527,383 acre-feet. FID's storage was 97,387 acre-feet. Pre-Project for the Kings River was 393 cfs – there is no entitlement for FID. The District continues to convey CVP water for the City of Fresno. The Bureau has made a declaration of 3% Class II water. There is a possibility of precipitation at the end of the week with temperatures going above normal next week. Long-term forecasts call for a dry November.

Mr. Irwin reviewed Kings River Fishery Operations – Exhibit "C" Flows and Exhibit "D" Flows; a Kings River Fishery Operations information sheet was provided to the Board.

b. Discussion / Possible Vote on Continuation of Irrigation Water Deliveries

Staff proposed running water through November 12 should demand continue. The Board Members discussed running water through November 20 if there were a large enough demand. The last time the District ran water this late in the season was for ten days in November 2011. After much discussion, the Board concluded that the irrigation season would end on November 12. Staff will put out a news release announcing the extension of water deliveries and encourage the growers to talk with their WSO to plan their last irrigation before the November 12 shut down.

M/S/C (Beberian/Porter) That the Board of Directors approved delivering water to growers through November 12 by the following vote. (Ayes – Beberian, Woolf, Jacobsen, Porter, Prieto, Jr.; Nays – 0; Absent – 0; Abstain – 0)

CHIEF ENGINEER'S REPORT

Chief Engineer Laurence Kimura reported on the following:

a. Developer Projects Update 2017-18

- Staff reviewed projects for the 2017-18 Maintenance Season
- No projects in progress
- Nine projects under review

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- Commented on 41 developer review notices and one utility search requests
- b. Agency Projects Update 2017-18**
 - Staff worked on projects under construction and reviewed projects for the 2017-18 Maintenance Season
 - One project in progress
 - Six projects under review
 - i. High Speed Rail (HSR)**
 - FID Staff is working on facility agreement negotiations / discussions with CHSRA, BNSF and UPRR
 - FID's Staff and legal time will be reimbursed by the CHSRA
 - The rail entities have been challenging
 - FID is protecting its existing crossing and conveyance rights
 - Construction schedules are potentially impacted until agreements can be secured with CHSRA and the railroads
- c. Landowner Initiated Projects Update for 2017-18**
 - No projects in progress
 - Two projects under review for the 2017-18 Maintenance Season
- d. Other Activities**
 - Groundwater levels were measured as part of the banking facility monitoring plan
 - Semi-annual well monitoring/measurements took place throughout the District – FID website will be updated with the new measurements
 - Plans are being made for future maintenance projects
 - Staff is assisting or working on 14 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 four construction, structure or water permits were issued and monitored

ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Operations Manager Adam Claes reviewed items a. - d. for the Board:

- a. Maintenance and Construction Update**
 - Siskiyou Canal (S/W California and Siskiyou) – emergency pipeline repair; replaced with 36" RGRCP

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- North Branch Oleander (Clayton and Maple) – box repair
- South Central Canal (American and Walnut) – tailpipe repair
- Gould Extension (S/W Dakota and Ninth) – FID crews trimmed trees and removed brush from alongside the canal
- Enterprise Canal (N/E Floradora and MacDonough) – installation of approximately 600 linear feet of 8” PVC drainage pipe
- Mill Canal (McKinley and Highway 168) – Staff is designating one day a month for clean-up of homeless camps. Clean-up locations are based on caller’s reported complaints. The City of Fresno has occasionally provided a trash truck to assist in hauling away the debris; Fresno Police Department also provides support when homeless are still on site

b. Serrato Intertie Project Update

Mr. Claes stated the 2,100 acre-foot transfer was completed last month. Each of the four pumps were retested within the last two weeks for vibrations. Mr. Claes reported the pumps worked well and are ready for next year.

c. Southwest Groundwater Banking Project Update

Mr. Claes stated that Dawson-Mauldin Construction has started construction on the basin levees for the joint 100-acre project between Fresno ID and James ID. Over half of the basin levees have been constructed, and the contractor has started construction on the inter-basin water control structures.

d. Equipment Committee Recommendations for 2017 Equipment/Vehicle Purchases (walk in)

Mr. Claes stated that Staff met with the Equipment Committee just prior to the regular Board meeting on October 17 to review and discuss the submitted bids for the proposed large vehicle and equipment purchases for 2017, which consist of the backhoe replacement, eight half-ton pickup trucks, and two dump truck replacements. Staff previously discussed the purchase of these items at the September 7, 2017, Equipment Committee meeting and received direction at the September 19, 2017, Board meeting to obtain quotes/bids for these items. Mr. Claes explained that Staff reviewed each of the quotes/bids received, exceptions to the specifications, and summarized the Committee’s recommended awardee for each. Purchase for these items will total approximately \$704,610. These purchases, combined with the previously approved 2017 equipment, vehicles, and software purchases will be approximately \$731,060.

2017 Large Vehicle & Equipment Purchase Recommendations			
Backhoe Replacement (1)	Quinn Caterpillar	Model 450F	\$ 182,280.09
Half-ton Pickups (8)	Swanson Fahrney Ford	F-150	\$ 26,009.13 ea
Dump Trucks Replacement (2)	Golden State Peterbilt	Model 567	\$ 157,129.00 ea

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The next Equipment Committee meeting will most likely take place during the fall of 2018 to discuss the next vehicle / equipment purchases.

M/S/C (Porter/Beberian) That the Board of Directors approved the Committee and Staff's recommendation for the purchase of the described equipment and vehicles by the following vote. (Ayes – Beberian, Woolf, Jacobsen, Porter, Prieto, Jr.; Nays – 0; Absent – 0; Abstain – 0)

Assistant General Manager Bill Stretch updated the Board on the following:

e. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Update

i. North Kings GSA Update

Mr. Stretch reported the North Kings Board last met on September 28. During the meeting, updates were given on the three committees (Technical, Administrative/Fiscal and Membership). The next scheduled Board meeting is tentatively set for November 16 as a special meeting. Consultant Provost & Pritchard has presented the preliminary over-draft numbers to each of the seven subbasin groups.

ii. Kings Subbasin GSA Update

The group of seven GSAs recently met to discuss the development of a dispute resolution agreement. Currently, there is no binding agreement between the different GSAs. Engineering costs and division of grant funds (now divided by seven instead of the original six) were negotiated and it was agreed to split the engineering costs and any grant funds received among the seven parties.

iii. Miscellaneous – County/DWR/SWB

The County has not held a meeting since October 2016 and none is currently scheduled.

f. Friant Issues

i. Friant North Authority Update

Friant North Authority (FNA) last met on October 2, 2017. Fiscal Agent DeAnn Hailey presented the audited financial statements. Ms. Hailey stated it was the opinion of the auditing firm that the financial statements were presented fairly. Ms. Hailey also stated that the auditors would be issuing a clean or unmodified opinion and that the financial statements were presented free of material misstatement. The FNA Board approved the audit report as presented. The FNA Board also elected to hold the FNA Board meetings on a quarterly basis as opposed to the current monthly schedule. The next FNA Board meeting is scheduled to be held in January 2018. The group continues to discuss the options of the members re-joining FWA on a permanent basis and the continuation of FNA.

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ii. Friant Water Authority Update

1. Discuss MOU for the Coordination on Preconstruction Activities Related to the Temperance Flat Reservoir Project

Director Porter and Staff continue to attend the monthly FWA meetings. FWA now has a board seat at the San Joaquin Valley Water Infrastructure Authority group table (proposed Temperance Flat Dam project). CEO Jason Phillips is FWA's representative at the SJVWIA meetings. Discussions continue on how management of Temperance Flat if it is constructed.

g. Proposed Basin Agreements with Landowners on the Central Waste Canal Update

Staff continues discussions and drafting of agreements to be used with landowners seeking to construct basins for groundwater recharge purposes. The Board directed Staff during the September Board meeting to continue discussions with landowners who want to develop recharge basins.

h. Kings River Fishery Management System – History and Update

i. Discuss Exhibit “D” Flows in 2017

Mr. Stretch stated this was partially discussed earlier in the meeting but wanted to point out that the Exhibit “D” Flow agreement was signed 18 years ago (1999). The Public Advisory Group (PAG) consists of subcommittee members from KRWA and KRCD along with members of the fishing community. The group meets every few months or so. Factions within the fishery community are looking to reopen the agreement for renegotiations.

MANAGER’S REPORT

KINGS RIVER WATER ASSOCIATION

a. Kings River Water Association Update

Mr. Stretch reviewed the Manager’s report in Mr. Serrato’s absence:

FID will be responsible for delivering fishery flows (Exhibit “D”) in January and February 2018.

b. Friant Operations Update

Mr. Stretch stated that FID is taking the three percent of Class II water declaration from the Bureau of Reclamation.

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c. Miscellaneous Updates

Mr. Stretch mentioned that Staff has met with some of the newer members of the Fresno and Clovis City Councils. The council members were interested in how FID and their city work together.

Mr. Stretch mentioned that a group of dry fruit (raisins) growers from Australia visited FID and toured a few of the District's facilities.

In addition, California Special District Association (CSDA) held a tour for area legislative staff members. Mr. Stretch gave them a short presentation on what Fresno Irrigation District does and then took them on a tour of the Waldron Banking Facility.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

a. Discussion / Possible Vote to Approve Sending Opposition Letter Regarding Tulare Lake and Flood Control Project

Staff requested the Board approve the drafted letter of opposition to the Tulare Lake and Flood Control Project. Several cities, counties, North Kings GSA and other agencies have already forwarded opposition letters, similar to the one proposed to the FID, to the Chairman of the California Water Commission.

M/S/C (Prieto/Beberian) That the Board of Directors approved having the Board President and Secretary sign the letter of opposition for the Tulare Lake and Flood Control Project by the following vote. (Ayes – Beberian, Woolf, Jacobsen, Porter, Prieto, Jr.; Nays – 0; Absent – 0; Abstain – 0)

DIRECTORS' REPORT

Director Beberian – reported all of his raisins are in the box. He reported that it was a light crop this year. Prices are \$1,800 regular price plus \$1,000.

Director Woolf – none.

Director Jacobsen – none.

Director Porter – none.

Director Prieto – none.

Open Session concluded at 5:43 p.m. with the Directors and some Staff going into Closed Session at 6:00 p.m. No District business was discussed during the break.

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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 regarding Dhatt Claim (Property Sale) 3061 W Nielsen Avenue – Fresno, CA.

Government Code Section 54956.8 Real Property Transactions.

Negotiators: William Stretch – FID, Gary Serrato – FID; and William H. Wagner and William H. Wagner as Trustee

Properties: APN 512-021-03 and 512-020-09

Terms and Conditions: Negotiations of Purchase of Real Property Resolution 2017-14

Government Code Section 54956.8 Real Property Transactions.

Negotiators: Adam Claes – FID, William Stretch – FID, Gary Serrato – FID; and Moh Leng Kok Property Representative

Properties: APN 328-021-10

Terms and Conditions: Negotiations of Purchase of Real Property Resolution 2017-15

Government Code Section 54956.8 Real Property Transactions.

Negotiators: William Stretch – FID, Gary Serrato – FID; and Shahbazian Property Representative

Properties: APN 330-160-01

Terms and Conditions: Negotiations of Purchase of Real Property Resolution 2017-16

CLOSED SESSION ADJOURNMENT

President Jacobsen adjourned Closed Session at 6:40 p.m.

REPORT IN OPEN SESSION OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

President Jacobsen stated there was nothing to report out of Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, President Jacobsen adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Submitted By,



Gary R. Serrato
Secretary of the Board