

**FRESNO IRRIGATION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
HELD NOVEMBER 14, 2017**

Fresno Irrigation District's Board of Directors met in special session at the District office located at 2907 South Maple Avenue – Fresno, California, on November 14, 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 Chris Woolf

DIRECTORS ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

General Manager Gary R. Serrato
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

OTHERS PRESENT

California Farm Water Coalition Representative Mike Wade
Reporter Don Wright

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

REVIEW AGENDA

President Jacobsen noted that the speaker for item 12 b. would make his presentation following the Consent Calendar.

REVIEW OF FUTURE MEETINGS

President Jacobsen noted the regular Board meeting scheduled for November 21 is cancelled due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. The next regular Board meeting is December 19.

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 Personnel Committee Meeting Minutes – October 16, 2017**
- b. **Approval of Equipment Committee Meeting Minutes – October 17, 2017**
- c. **Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes – October 17, 2017**
- d. **Approval of Personnel Committee Meeting Minutes – October 20, 2017**
- e. **October 2017 Check Reports**
- f. **October 2017 Payroll Registers**
- g. **October 2017 Unpaid Assessment Report**
- h. **October 2017 Investment Account**
- i. **Developer Pipeline Project – SFI Fresno, LLC will Substitute the Existing H-Ditch No. 128, Located Southwest of Bullard and Brawley Avenues, with 290 Feet of 30” Ø RGRCP in Accordance with Board Policy. Engineering Action Request 2017-15**
- j. **Agency Pipeline Project – Central Unified School District will Substitute the Existing Victoria Colony W. BR. No. 43, Located Northeast of McKinley and Brawley Avenues, with 350 feet of 24” Ø PIP 100 PSI PVC in Accordance with Board Policy. Engineering Action Request 2017-16**

M/S/C (Prieto/Porter) That the Board of Directors approved the Consent Calendar with the corrected Personnel Committee minutes (items a. and d.) by the following vote. (Ayes – Beberian, Woolf, Jacobsen, Porter, Prieto, Jr.; Nays – 0; Absent – 0; Abstain – 0)

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- b. **Discussion / Possible Vote to Approve a Higher Contribution Towards California Farm Water Coalition. Presentation by Mike Wade Regarding their New Program “Cultivate California Outreach Program”**

Mr. Mike Wade, Executive Director of the California Farm Water Coalition informed the Board of their new program “Cultivate California”. The program is designed to educate and communicate with consumers about having farms in the state and focusing on the relationship real people have with food and farm products they use and enjoy. The California Farm Water Coalition is seeking funding from interested agencies to support the Cultivate California program. Director Prieto encouraged the program to include flood irrigating information whenever possible. There is a need to emphasis “Conjunctive Use”, to aid against the declining groundwater levels. The Board will further discuss / vote on this topic following item 12 a.

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CONTROLLER'S REPORT

a. October 31, 2017 Fund Statements and Supporting Documents

Ms. Hailey reviewed the October 2017 Fund Statements. The Treasurer's Report, Deposits and Investments and Revenues Pie Chart Report were also reviewed.

M/S/C (Prieto/Porter) That the Board of Directors approved the October 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. Revised 2017 Budget

Ms. Hailey reviewed the revised 2017 budget with the Board. The original budget was revised to reflect the longer irrigation season; the original budget was based on a six-month water season. Increases in the budget reflect additional aquatic weed control and fuel costs due to the longer water season. The revised budget also reflected in-house legal counsel and receptionist positions that were added during the first quarter of 2017.

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

c. Overnight Stay – Annual CSMFO Conference, February 2018 in Riverside

Ms. Hailey explained the benefits of attending the 2018 CSMFO Conference for finance officers. Ms. Hailey requested approval for a four-night stay to attend the conference.

M/S/C (Porter/Beberian) That the Board of Directors approved the four-night stay for the Controller to attend the CSMFO 2018 Conference 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 November 13, Pine Flat release was 511 cfs with storage at 452,640 acre-feet. FID's storage was 65,996 acre-feet. Pre-Project for the Kings River was 310 cfs – there is no entitlement for FID. Mr. Irwin stated the Enterprise Canal would shut down the month of December for maintenance. It was noted that this was the longest water season for the District (eight months and three weeks) that anyone can remember.

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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
- Commented on 25 developer review notices and four 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
- The rail entities have been challenging
- FID is protecting its existing crossing and conveyance rights
- Construction work at Dry Creek Canal and Fresno Colony Canal are expected to begin in November

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
- October's semi-annual well monitoring/measurements were updated on the website
- Plans are being made for future maintenance projects
- Staff is assisting or working on 13 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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- Gould Canal (S/E Ashlan and Locan) – bypass for bridge construction (Agency Project). As of this week, bypass pumps were moved in and gearing up for any potential fish flows or stormwater.

- e. **Capital Improvement List 2017-18 – Revised List and Budgets. Engineering Action Request 2017-17**

Staff originally brought to the Board in May 2017 the list of construction and maintenance projects for the 2017/2018 Maintenance Season. Since that time, Staff has revised and re-prioritize the list; however, staying within the originally requested and approved (May 2017) budget amount of \$1,842,041 (with monies coming from the Capital Improvement Fund). There are 28 projects, which will be performed by a combination of District personnel and outside contractors. Staff provided the Board with the revised project list and summary page.

M/S/C (Prieto/Woolf) That the Board of Directors approved the revised 2017/2018 Capital Improvement project list by the following vote. (Ayes – Beberian, Woolf, Jacobsen, Porter, Prieto, Jr.; Nays – 0; Absent – 0; Abstain – 0)

ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT

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

a. Maintenance and Construction Update

- Enterprise Canal (Floradora and MacDonough) – installation of drainage line
- Washington Colony Canal (North and Peach Avenues) – installation of gate and vent at FMFCD’s CS Basin
- Kennedy #2 (Oliver and Dower) – pipeline substitution project
- Herndon Canal (S/W Ashlan and Fruit Avenues) – FID crews trimmed large tree along canal bank using the boom truck
- Briggs Canal (Lincoln and Peach Avenues) – FID crews performed bank work to prepare for a future canal lining project
- FID Dozer – the District received the new slope blade that was part of the 2017 equipment purchases
- Homeless Camps: Herndon Canal (west of West Avenue) and Gould Extension (north of Dakota) were targeted as part of FID’s one-day per month clean-up effort

b. Serrato Intertie Project Update

Mr. Claes stated Provost & Pritchard Consulting submitted their application for the 2018 Engineering Excellence Awards for the Serrato Intertie Project. Congratulations to Provost & Pritchard for winning under the Water Resource category.

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c. Southwest Groundwater Banking Project Update

Mr. Claes reviewed the layout of the 100-acre basin (one 60-acre basin and two 20-acre basins) southeast of Lincoln and Madera avenues. Mr. Claes also shared photos of the progress of the project. The earthwork portion on the basins should be completed within the next several weeks.

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

d. 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 Ad Hoc subcommittees (Technical, Administrative/Fiscal and Outreach/Membership) and the Advisory Committee. The next scheduled Board meeting is tentatively set for January 2018. The Technical Subcommittee will eventually review the numbers before presenting the information to the Board. The subcommittee members continue to review draft chapters of the GSP and provide comments.

ii. Kings Subbasin GSA Update

The group of seven GSAs recently met to discuss the grant application and the development of a dispute resolution agreement. Currently, there is no binding agreement between the different GSAs. Engineering costs and division of grant funds were negotiated and it was agreed to split among the seven agencies any engineering costs incurred and grant funds received. Provost & Pritchard Consulting presented the preliminary over-draft numbers to the seven GSAs.

iii. Miscellaneous – County/DWR/SWB

Nothing new to report on at this time.

e. Friant Issues

i. Friant North Authority Update

Friant North Authority (FNA) last met on October 2, 2017. The FNA decided to meet quarterly and will next meet in January 2018. FID Staff continues to attend the Friant Water Authority (FWA) meetings and will discuss in January with the Board if FID will decide to rejoin the FWA. The FWA has launched an improved and more robust website that includes weather outlook, federal and state water supply information, projects and a blog.

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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

FID is working with the City of Fresno who will take the lead and represent FID's interest in the MOU discussions regarding Temperance Flat. The FWA group is discussing the financial commitments each agency will provide. There are nine seats taking part in the MOU discussions.

Mr. Stretch stated that discussions continue on the Strategic Plan. Mr. Sawyers from New Current Land and Water has contacted/interviewed each of the Directors within the last month to discuss water strategies. New Current is developing a Strategic Plan outline, which will be ready for review within the next couple of months. Staff provided a summary of topics discussed during the telephone interview process.

MANAGER'S REPORT

KINGS RIVER WATER ASSOCIATION

a. Kings River Water Association Update

No further update.

b. Friant Operations Update

No further update.

c. Miscellaneous Updates

Mr. Serrato noted that Past FID Board Member William Magnuson passed away earlier in November. Director Magnuson represented the Easton area and was on the Board between 1985-1989 and 1994-1998.

Discussions on the Conveyance Agreement with the City of Clovis continues. Mr. Sawyers is taking the lead on re-working the agreement.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

a. Discussion / Possible Action on Damage Claim Request – Gary Buchnoff

Due to a leaking pipe, one row of Mr. Buchnoff's raisins was flooded. The Directors agreed the claim should be settled - there was no further discussion.

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M/S/C (Prieto/Woolf) That the Board of Directors approved payment of Mr. Buchnoff's claim in the amount of \$1,386 by the following vote. (Ayes – Beberian, Woolf, Jacobsen, Porter, Prieto, Jr.; Nays – 0; Absent – 0; Abstain – 0)

- b. Discussion / Possible Vote to Approve a Higher Contribution Towards California Farm Water Coalition. Presentation by Mike Wade Regarding their New Program "Cultivate California Outreach Program".**

The Cultivate California coalition is requesting \$0.10 per acre of land from various agricultural related agencies to support their outreach efforts. Mr. Stretch noted that Mr. Wade gave a good presentation at a recent FWA meeting he attended. Staff did not recommend any specific amount of support. After a short discussion, the Board decided to give a one-time contribution of \$1,500.

M/S/C (Prieto/Woolf) That the Board of Directors approved a one-time contribution of \$1,500 to the California Farm Water Coalition "Cultivate California Outreach Program" with monies to come from the General Fund by the following vote. (Ayes – Beberian, Woolf, Jacobsen, Porter, Prieto, Jr.; Nays – 0; Absent – 0; Abstain – 0)

DIRECTORS' REPORT

Director Beberian – none.

Director Woolf – none.

Director Jacobsen – none.

Director Porter – none.

Director Prieto – none.

Open Session concluded at 5:47 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.

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.

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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

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 a third party personal injury claim

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