

**FRESNO IRRIGATION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
HELD JANUARY 16, 2018**

Fresno Irrigation District's Board of Directors met in regular session at the District office located at 2907 South Maple Avenue – Fresno, California, on January 16, 2018. 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
Legal Counsel Jeff Boswell
Staff Engineer Felix Vaquilar
Staff Engineer Sen Saetern
Staff Engineer Nick Zaninovich
Recording Secretary Lynn B. Rowe

OTHERS PRESENT

State Senator Andy Vidak Office Representative Claudia Salinas
Maricopa Orchards Representative
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 stated there were no changes.

REVIEW OF FUTURE MEETINGS

President Jacobsen stated there were no changes.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Wright stated that his family in Lafayette Louisiana are experiencing cold conditions at 19° and the roads are on lock down due to the severe winter weather they are

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experiencing. President Jacobsen stated there were reports from Florida where alligators are being frozen in the lakes.

Ms. Salinas introduced herself and stated that she represents California State Senator Andy Vidak's office. Ms. Salinas informed the Board / Staff she would be glad to assist, should the District have any legislative questions or concerns.

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 – December 19, 2017**
- b. **December 2017 Check Reports**
- c. **December 2017 Payroll Registers**
- d. **December 2017 Unpaid Assessment Report**
- e. **December 2017 Investment Account**
- f. **Developer Pipeline Project – Ginder Development will Sub-divide a Parcel Along the Existing Radin-Kamp No. 130 Located Northwest of Herndon and Blythe Avenues. Ginder will Acknowledge and Restate Existing Obligation to Replace Existing Pipe with 1,200 Feet of 30” RGRCP in a New Alignment in Accordance with Board Policy. FID to Quitclaim Previous Easement and Encroachment Agreement. Engineering Action Request 2018-01**

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

CONTROLLER'S REPORT

- a. **Discussion / Possible Action on November 30, 2017 Fund Statements and Supporting Documents**

Ms. Hailey stated that November's Fund Statement is respective of the revised budget (revised budget approved at the October 2017 Board meeting). In the General Fund, Assessment Revenue was reported at 100% with expenses reported as follows: Delivery System Operations and Maintenance at 66%, Other Maintenance at 74%, KRWA – SGMA at 97%, Wages and Salaries at 88%, Employee Benefits at 89%, Professional Services at 68%, Utilities at 83%, and Operating Expenditures at 82%. Overall expenditures are at 83% with a target of 92%. Ms. Hailey reported that KRWA refund checks for PG&E Evaporation Charges would be mailed shortly. Ms. Hailey reviewed November's Treasurer's Report, Deposits and Investments and the Revenue Pie Chart.

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M/S/C (Porter/Prieto) That the Board of Directors approved the November 2017 Fund 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. 2017 Maturities

Ms. Hailey presented the realized gains on investments as of December 31, 2017. Total earned on investments was \$133,607.43.

M/S/C (Porter/Prieto) That the Board of Directors approved the 2017 Maturities 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 January 15, Pine Flat release was 268 cfs with storage at 507,972 acre-feet. FID’s storage was 74,894 acre-feet. Pre-Project for the Kings River was 589 cfs – FID entitlement is 225 cfs. Fresno precipitation is at 1.23 inches for Year-To-Date with the average being 4.56 inches (27%) – Pine Flat precipitation is at 2.90 inches for Year-To-Date with the average being 7.77 inches (37.3%). Mr. Irwin based his routing on water deliveries starting April 1 at a 50% water year (four-month run).

Consolidated Irrigation District is handling the diversions for the fishery flows. Kings River will take snow pack readings at the end of January – six of the eight snow sensors are reporting. The Bureau of Reclamation made an unofficial announcement of 35% water deliveries.

Mr. Irwin spoke with the City of Fresno operations manager at the Northeast Treatment Plant. The new plant is working well and the City would like to continue to use the pipeline as it helps to reduce pumping/power costs

b. Reclaim Water Deliveries

Mr. Irwin stated that the City of Fresno will only provide 10,000 acre-feet of reclaim water during the 2018 water season. Staff recommends the water be utilized during the delivery season, which is calculated to be a four-month irrigation season. Staff does not recommend a separate reclaim run at this time.

Miscellaneous

Mr. Stretch reported that on January 10 flooding occurred on the south side of the Gould Canal, immediately east of Locan Avenue and affected two parcels. The contractor is taking responsibility for the flooding.

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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
- Four projects in progress
- Four projects under review
- Commented on 19 developer review notices and 12 utility search requests

b. Agency Projects Update 2017-18

- Staff worked on projects under construction and reviewed projects for the 2017-18 Maintenance Season
- Five projects in progress
- Five projects under review

i. High Speed Rail (HSR)

- Construction work at Dry Creek Canal and Fresno Colony Canal has started
- Fill material is being excavated from Pursell Pond (S/W Jefferson/Cedar) to be used in the HSR project

c. Landowner Initiated Projects Update for 2017-18

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

d. Other Activities

- Groundwater levels were measured as part of the banking facility monitoring plan
- Plans are being drawn up for future maintenance projects
- Staff is assisting or working on 16 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 20 construction, structure, or water permits were issued and monitored

Mr. Kimura introduced FID's newest engineer, Mr. Nick Zaninovich. Mr. Zaninovich previously worked for the Bureau of Reclamation, FMFCD, and as a consulting engineer.

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Project(s)

- Jefferson Canal (N/E Barstow and Leonard) – pipeline substitution of approximately 800 feet of open channel with 48-inch RGRCP
- Bullard Canal (S/W Herndon and Brawley) – pipeline substitution of approximately 180 feet of open channel with 60-inch RGRCP. This project is now complete
- Dry Creek Canal (S/W McKinley and First Street) – lined the upper end with shotcrete (six inch depth)
- Gould Canal (S/E Ashlan and Locan) – bypass for bridge construction
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- Pursell Pond (S/W Jefferson and Cedar) – removal of borrow material (high-speed rail project)
- Fresno Colony Canal (N/W North and Cedar) – substitution and relocation of open canal with approximately 115 feet of 66-inch RGRCP (CHSR project)
- Dry Creek Canal (N/E Divisadero and “G” Street) – three-cell concrete box culvert project
- Lower Dry Creek (N/E Church and Valentine) – pipeline crossing and proposed check and turnout structure project (FMFCD Basin NN)
- Houghton Canal (N/E Nielsen and Brawley) – concrete lining and proposed turnout structure project (City of Fresno’s Nielsen Basin)

ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT

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

a. Maintenance and Construction Update

- McNeil Canal (Central and Cornelia) – HDPE slip liner project
- Siskiyou Canal (N/W California and Kenneth) – raised stand and installed cover for safety purposes
- Kennedy #2 (S/E Olive and Jameson) – substitution of approximately 1,450 feet of open canal with 24-inch PVC pipe
- Herndon Canal (S/E Shields and First) – homeless camp cleanup
- Dry Creek Canal (East and West of Chateau Fresno) – preparing Dry Creek Canal for laser leveling
- Central Waste Head (American and Marks) – dredged open canal
- Fresno Colony Canal (Fourth Street and Golden State Blvd) – repaired structure damage caused from a vehicle (repaired rebar and rebuilt a wall)
- Anthony Canal (Barstow and Rolinda) – box repair (patched up the box and refurbished the gate)

b. Serrato Intertie Project Update

Mr. Claes stated the contractor is addressing a few final punch-list items (coordinating with Pacific Gas & Electric). The facility will be ready for the 2018 water season.

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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. This is a joint venture between James Irrigation District (JID) and FID. The contractor is substantially done with constructing the recharge basin levees and is finishing the construction of the concrete structures between basins and along the Lower Dry Creek Canal. Dredging and shaping along the Lower Dry Creek and Lower Dry Creek Extension canals took place for capacity improvements. The contractor is also finishing installing dual 48-inch pipes that will tie into the JID canal along McMullin Grade. Dawson-Mauldin plans to complete the project within the next two weeks.

d. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Update

i. North Kings GSA Update

Mr. Stretch reported the North Kings GSA Board will meet on January 25. The Advisory Committee met on January 12 where updates to the subcommittees were presented. During the Advisory Committee meeting, Mr. Serrato discussed future staffing needs and the hiring of a consultant. As was mentioned previously, Mr. Serrato will retire at the end of 2018; therefore, a new executive officer will need to be selected. Staff is also looking to bring in a second groundwater hydrologist. Mr. Serrato updated the Board on the Kings Basin SGMA Coordination meetings and the dispute resolution agreement under development. The Technical Subcommittee will have a draft Groundwater Sustainability Plan within the next twelve months, which will be circulated among the NKGSA members (and possible public review – depending on time constraints) for comments/approval. The overdraft numbers should be ready for presentation within the next two months. Mr. Stretch stated that 2018 is expected to be very busy with GSA activities.

ii. Kings Subbasin GSA Update

The preliminary over-draft numbers on the seven GSAs should be available within the next two months. The group continues to meet on a monthly basis.

iii. Miscellaneous – County/DWR/SWB

Nothing new to report.

e. Friant Issues

i. Friant North Authority Update

a. Discussion / Possible Action to Keep FNA as an Active JPA

Mr. Stretch stated the group met earlier in the month. Madera Irrigation District, Chowchilla Water District, and Fresno Irrigation District discussed the option of maintaining the authority for another year with meetings to occur quarterly. There would be no additional cost to maintain the JPA. Ms. Hailey stated the next audit is scheduled for 2019. With the funds that are currently in place, the authority could run for another four to five years.

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M/S/C (Prieto/Porter) That the Board of Directors approved to continue the FWA for another year then reevaluate its future by the following vote. (Ayes – Beberian, Woolf, Jacobsen, Porter, Prieto, Jr.; Nays – 0; Absent – 0; Abstain – 0)

ii. Friant Water Authority Update

Mr. Stretch stated FID's Board voted in December to rejoin the FWA. Director Porter and Director Prieto will serve as Director / Alternate Director respectively. The next FWA Board meeting will be on January 25. Loss of capacity was a significant issue discussed during the Managers meeting of January 12. It is FID's opinion that the cost to address the subsidence issue should not be included in FWA's O&M charges, as FID's growers did not contribute to the problem (as a member, FID pays a percentage of O&M costs). Discussions continue on this issue.

FWA is working to transfer title on the Friant-Kern Canal from the Bureau of Reclamation to the Friant Water Authority. This is a long, complicated, and costly process. FWA's CEO Jason Phillips is in Washington, D.C. testifying before the Senate Energy and National Resource Water and Power Subcommittee.

Mr. Stretch mentioned that the 2018 Mid-Pacific Water Users Conference in Reno, NV begins on January 17. Directors Porter and Beberian are scheduled to attend.

The Department of Water Resources has announced that Grant Davis has stepped down as director and is returning to the Sonoma Water District. Ms. Karla Nemeth was appointed as the new director on January 10.

FWA is holding its annual meeting to include directors, staff, and growers. The date is March 27 with a Fresno location to be announced. Last year's event was held in Visalia.

f. FID Water Resource Strategic Plan Element Update

Staff met with members of New Current Land and Water. A draft of the strategic plan was developed; Staff will review for edits and comments.

g. Trails Along FID Canals – Master Trails Agreement with the City of Fresno Update

Mr. Stretch stated the parties are very close to executing an agreement. The City of Fresno and FID have worked together on the proposed trails project along the Herndon and Mills canals. The Master Trails Agreement focuses on all the major deal points as outlined in the Proposed Term Sheet dated August 28, 2014. Under the Master Trails Agreement, each trail segment will require a secondary agreement. The City has agreed to spraying, maintaining, removal of homeless camps/trash, and installing/maintaining any fencing or safety barriers as needed. Staff anticipates having the agreement ready for Board approval at the February meeting. Mr. Stretch answered questions from the Board on paving, fencing, homeless, and obtaining drawings/sketches of the project. The first section of trails will be from Fresno to First

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streets along the Herndon – south side of Shields Avenue. Plan approval is expected in June 2018 and construction in fall of 2018.

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 stated staff from the City of Clovis and FID are reviewing the draft Restated City of Clovis and Fresno Irrigation District Conveyance Agreement. Discussions are going well and Staff expects the agreement to be ready by March or April. Staff will schedule an ad hoc meeting with Directors Jacobsen, Prieto, and Staff as needed.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

a. Discussion / Possible Action on Damage Claim Request – Jon Smith

Mr. Claes reviewed the ditch break that occurred near Howard and Jensen on the Deadwood system in October 2017 with 300 pounds of Mr. Smith’s almonds (still on the ground) being flooded. The break appeared to be caused by rodent activity. A claim for \$615 was submitted to Staff earlier this month.

M/S/C (Porter/Prieto) That the Board of Directors approved payment of the Smith claim for \$615 by the following vote. (Ayes – Beberian, Woolf, Jacobsen, Porter, Prieto, Jr.; Nays – 0; Absent – 0; Abstain – 0)

b. Discussion / Possible Action on Revised Policy 140-522 Employee Driving District Vehicles

Mr. Stretch updated the Board on the vehicle policy, which edits or incorporates federal, state, and other FID policies as needed.

M/S/C (Prieto/Porter) That the Board of Directors approved revised policy 140-522 by the following vote. (Ayes – Beberian, Woolf, Jacobsen, Porter, Prieto, Jr.; Nays – 0; Absent – 0; Abstain – 0)

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c. Discussion / Possible Action on Board Room Monitor

Ms. Hailey informed the Board that Staff has consulted with the original installer of the current projector/screen. Staff stated options and cost to improve presentations are: 1) replace current projector with new projector and screen; 2) replace current projector with new projector; 3) replace current projector with monitor; or 4) replace current projector with smart monitor. Costs range from \$5,000 - \$20,000 depending on the option chosen. The projector/screen can be difficult to see clearly, especially during daylight hours. The Board directed Staff to obtain quotes for monitor options followed by quotes on a sound system for the Board Room.

d. Statement of Economic Interest Form (700 Form) Reminder

Director Jacobsen reminded the Board that Statement of Economic Interest forms (700 Forms) are due April 2, 2018. All 700 Forms submitted to Fresno County must now be in electronic format.

DIRECTORS' REPORT

Director Beberian – none.

Director Woolf – none.

Director Jacobsen – none.

Director Porter – none.

Director Prieto – none.

Open Session concluded at 6:07 p.m. with the Directors and some Staff going into Closed Session at 6:16 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.

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

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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

CLOSED SESSION ADJOURNMENT

President Jacobsen adjourned Closed Session at 6:41 p.m.

REPORT IN OPEN SESSION OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

President Jacobsen reported the Moh Leng Kok property closed escrow on December 28, 2017, for \$480,020. The Board adopted Resolution 2017-15 on September 19, 2017 by unanimous roll call vote.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, President Jacobsen adjourned the meeting at 6:43 p.m.

Submitted By,



Gary R. Serrato
Secretary of the Board