

**FRESNO IRRIGATION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD MARCH 20, 2018**

Fresno Irrigation District’s Equipment Committee met at the District office located at 2907 South Maple Avenue – Fresno, California, on March 20, 2018. The meeting began at 3:00 P.M.

EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Director George Porter
Director Chris Woolf

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Operations Manager Adam Claes
Construction and Maintenance Superintendent Mike Prestridge
Shop Foreman Tim Pritchard
Director of Human Resources September Singh

OPERATIONS MANAGER’S EQUIPMENT REPORT

Staff met with the Equipment Committee to review and discuss the purchase of a replacement chipper and replacement computers.

To accommodate schedules, the purchasing of new computers was moved ahead on the agenda.

b. Discussion / Recommendation of Office Computers Purchase

Staff recommended the purchase of new computers as part of the District’s normal rotation and replacement process. Computer replacement would include: 1) twelve desktop computers; 2) one laptop; and 3) two monitors (one replacement and one to provide a dual-screen setup).

a. Discussion / Recommendation of Chipper Replacement Purchase

Staff informed the Committee that the 2008 Vermeer 12-inch chipper suffered from engine failure at the beginning of the year. Repair / rebuild estimates for the engine came in at \$9,000 - \$12,000 due to being an uncommon engine with difficult to source parts. This chipper was slated for replacement by 2020 due to CARB diesel emissions compliance. Staff researched chippers with large tree-trimming services around the Fresno area to determine the best brands, size, and longevity / reliability. Staff was told by each business that they recommend a minimum nominal size of 15 inches to better handle large tree branches and trunks and have less strain chipping smaller material. Businesses are getting 8,000 to 10,000 hours out of these larger chippers and they generally have twice the horsepower of a 12-inch model. Approximate cost for a 15-inch chipper runs \$67,000 - \$77,000 depending on brand and features. Staff’s recommendation is to upgrade to a 15-inch model and receive authorization to start the bidding process.

Replacement Chipper	77,000.00
Computers – 2018	23,000.00
Total for March 2018:	100,000.00

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Equipment Committee Recommendation

The Committee agreed to present to the full Board during March's regular Board meeting (later that day as a walk-in item) the recommendations to purchase the proposed computer equipment and to go out to bid for a replacement 15-inch (upsized) chipper, with a combined estimated cost of \$100,000.

The Equipment Committee will meet again in April to review the chipper bids and present a purchase recommendation to the full Board at the April Board meeting. After this April meeting, the next Equipment Committee meeting will most likely take place in mid-2018 to discuss the remaining 2018 vehicle / equipment purchases.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Submitted By,

Adam Claes
Operations Manager