

**FRESNO IRRIGATION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
HELD APRIL 10, 2018**

Fresno Irrigation District's Board of Directors met in special session at the District office located at 2907 South Maple Avenue – Fresno, California, on April 10, 2018. 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

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
Staff Engineer Felix Vaquilar
Staff Engineer Sen Saetern
Staff Engineer Nick Zaninovich
Recording Secretary Lynn B. Rowe

OTHERS PRESENT

Maricopa Orchards Representative
James Irrigation District Representative

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 to the agenda.

REVIEW OF FUTURE MEETINGS

President Jacobsen stated there were no changes to future meetings.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None.

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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.

WATERMASTER'S REPORT

a. Discussion / Possible Action on the Start of the 2018 Irrigation Season (walk in)

Mr. Irwin reported on the current and projected water supply and routing information. As of April 9, Pine Flat release was 91 cfs with storage at 774,268 acre-feet. FID's storage was 144,040 acre-feet. Pre-Project for the Kings River was 10,175 cfs – FID's entitlement was 1,640 cfs. Fresno precipitation was at 6.40 inches for Year-To-Date, 63.5% of average (10.08 inches) – Pine Flat precipitation was at 12.70 inches for Year-To-Date, 73.9% of average (17.18 inches). Seven of the eight snow sensors reported totals. Additional storm events are expected in the next two week. Mr. Irwin stated the City of Clovis has shut down the surface water treatment facility deliveries.

Staff's recommendation is to start the 2018 Irrigation Season on April 16, 2018, District-wide. FID has the opportunity to obtain 2,037 acre-feet of CVP water immediately and 38,000 acre-feet of Unreleased Restoration Flow water after May 1. It is anticipated the District will be able to make a three to four month run. If storage becomes an issue, there is Upper River storage that may be made available.

Deliveries to landowners on 30-day ditches would begin on April 16 to the landowners whose scheduled day begins on the 16th. Landowners whose watering days are from the 1st through the 15th of the month would receive water at the end of the season. Crews have been preparing the canals to receive water. Mr. Serrato stated that a news release would be published in the next day or two alerting the landowners and media to the start of water season. After a brief discussion among the Directors, it was agreed that the 2018 irrigation season would begin on April 16 to the entire District.

M/S/C (Prieto/Porter) That the Board of Directors approved the start of the 2018 Irrigation Season on April 16 District-wide by the following vote. (Ayes – Beberian, Woolf, Jacobsen, Porter, Prieto, Jr.; Nays – 0; Absent – 0; Abstain – 0)

b. Discussion / Possible Action on Possible Water Sales (walk in)

Mr. Serrato requested approval to sell up to 10,000 acre-feet of water to help augment the General Fund. Up to 6,000 acre-feet would be sold to the Kern-Tulare Irrigation District and other west-side growers. The additional 4,000 acre-feet would be decided at a later date.

M/S/C (Porter/Prieto) That the Board of Directors approved the sale of water to the Kern Tulare Irrigation District and west side growers up to 6,000 acre-feet

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and an additional 4,000 acre-feet to be sold at a later date by the following vote.
(Ayes –Wolf, Jacobsen, Porter, Prieto, Jr.; Nays – Beberian; Absent – 0;
Abstain – 0)

DIRECTORS' REPORT

Director Beberian – announced he became a grandfather on April 1.

Director Woolf – none.

Director Jacobsen – thought the Growers meetings went well and had great attendance. Staff did a good job hosting the three events.

Director Porter – also thought that the Growers meetings were well attended.

Director Prieto – none.

Open Session concluded at 4:40 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, President Jacobsen adjourned the meeting at 4:40 p.m.

Submitted By,



Gary R. Serrato
Secretary of the Board