

**FRESNO IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
HELD June 28, 2011**

Fresno Irrigation District's Board of Directors met in regular session in the District office located at 2907 South Maple Avenue – Fresno, California, on June 28, 2011. Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Board President Jeff Neely.

**DIRECTORS PRESENT**

President Jeff Neely  
Vice President Ryan Jacobsen  
Steven Balls  
George Porter

**DIRECTORS ABSENT**

Division 5 - Vacant

**STAFF PRESENT**

General Manager Gary Serrato  
Assistant General Manager Laurence Kimura  
Chief Engineer Bill Stretch  
Watermaster Jim Irwin  
Assistant Human Resources Director September Singh  
Controller DeAnn Hailey  
Recording Secretary Lynn B. Rowe

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Mr. Mark Creede, District's Special Counsel (arrived 6:03 pm)

**REVIEW AGENDA**

No changes

**REVIEW OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

None

**PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

None scheduled

**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**

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- a. **Approval of Board of Equalization Meeting Minutes – June 6, 13, & 14, 2011**
- b. **Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes – June 14, 2011**

**M/S/C/(Balls/Porter)** That the Board of Directors approved the Consent Calendar by unanimous vote. (Ayes 4; Nays 0; Absent 0; Abstain 0; Vacancy 1)

**CONTROLLER’S REPORT**

The Controller reported that the Worker’s Compensation Rates and Experience Modification Factor have dropped for the 2011-12 fiscal year which will provide significant savings in reduced cost next year.

- a. **May 2011 Fund Statements**
- b. **May 2011 Notes to Fund Statement**
- c. **May 2011 Treasurer’s Report**
- d. **May 2011 Deposits and Investments**

Staff requested that the Board approve the May 2011 Financial Reports as presented.

**M/S/C/(Balls/Porter)** That the Board of Directors approved the May 2011 Financial Reports as presented by the Controller by unanimous vote. (Ayes 4; Nays 0; Absent 0; Abstain 0; Vacancy 1)

**380: WATER REPORT**

- a. **Current Water Conditions**

Watermaster Jim Irwin reported on the current and projected water supply information. As of June 27, Pine Flat release was 11,183 cfs with storage at 942,439 acre-feet. Flood releases are anticipated to continue until mid July. Demands are increasing as temperatures continue to climb. Staff continues to project water deliveries through the end of October with a significant carryover of water.

**CHIEF ENGINEER’S REPORT**

Chief Engineer Bill Stretch reported on the following items:

- a. **Developer and Agency Project Schedule Update for 2011-2012**

**Developer Projects** – there are no current Developer Projects taking place at this time.

**Agency Projects** – there are no current Agency Projects taking place at this time.

**City of Fresno’s Temporary SWTF – Improvements to the Jefferson and Gunn Canals**

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There is no new update on this project. Issues still need to be resolved before PG&E can be hooked up.

**b. FID Projects Update for 2011-12**

**Flowmeters**

There is nothing new to report – still waiting for PG&E on a couple of sites.

**Basins**

**Herndon West Basin** – the consultant on the project has submitted construction plans which are being reviewed. There are some operational issues being worked out.

**Boswell Groundwater Facility** – the third and final recovery well should be completed before the end of the week. The monitoring well is progressing better than originally planned. Staff anticipates utilizing the facility by December 2011.

**Oleander Basin** – Staff will be meeting this week to finalize some operational issues and then direct any comments to the consultant. The project is expected to start by early fall and be completed in time for the 2012 irrigation season.

**FID Miscellaneous Projects**

**Briggs Improvements** – the Bureau of Reclamation and the consultant for the District are working together on the CEQA/NEPA documents which should be completed by the end of the month. In-house staff is working on the surveying and plans for this project. Construction is expected to start in late November and be completed by the start of the 2012 irrigation season.

Mr. Stretch showed charts of the groundwater table surrounding the three Waldron Banking Facility sites.

**ASSISTANT MANAGER'S REPORT**

Assistant General Manager Laurence Kimura reported on the following:

**a. Nielsen Site Rubble Pile Update**

There has been no change in the status of this project. The County has conducted their routine inspection of the property.

**b. District Office Plan**

Applegate Johnson and their sub-contractors are working on both the inside and outside of the building. Work on the interior includes ceramic tile, interior doors hardware, electrical covers, carpeting, and computer wiring. Exterior work includes installation of the canopies, lighting, landscaping, and painting of the fascia and gutters. Construction of the sign wall continues to take place.

**c. General Maintenance and Equipment Update**

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- Heavy equipment operators have finished the embankment work on the Lampee West Branch Canal and have now moved over to the Thompson Canal;
- A rip-rap project will be starting on the Washington Colony after the completion of the Thompson Canal work;
- Tree stump removal from the Fresno Head;
- Spray trucks operators were spraying the Enterprise, Mill, and Washington Colony last week – this week they are on the Herndon, Garfield, and Paragon;
- Application of Copper Sulfite to the Enterprise Canal is taking place;
- Spray tractor operators sprayed along the Oleander and smaller Washington Colony systems – this week they are on the Teilman, Victorias, and Mortenson;
- Pipeline repairs continued to be addressed throughout the District; and
- Trash crews continue to be busy at the usual hotspots and trashrakes.

Mr. Kimura informed the Board the Maintenance Report from May 16, through June 15, 2011, has been passed out.

**MANAGER'S REPORT**

General Manager Gary Serrato reported on the following:

**KINGS RIVER WATER ASSOCIATION**

**SB 317**

This bill would allow the California Department of Fish and Game to continue to participate to the Kings River Fishery Management Program. The bill has made it out of committee and it will now go to the floor. Language regarding funding will be changed to allow the Department of Fish and Game to fund the program from any part of their Budget.

**Fish and Game Committee Meeting**

Discussions continue to center on the San Joaquin River restoration Environmental Impact Report and its impacts on the Kings River. It was suggested that a group representing KRWA make a trip to Washington D.C., to express concerns about the settlement and third-party impacts on the Kings River.

**FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY**

**Settlement Agreement**

The California Sportsfishing Protection Alliance, a settling plaintiff to the restoration agreement, has joined with two other organizations to urge the State Water Resources Control Board to prohibit deliveries of San Joaquin River water to Friant contractors in Kern and Tulare counties. FWA has responded with a letter to Hal Candee (NRDC) requesting the retraction of the letter. FWA also wrote to Senator Feinstein expressing their disappointment with the letter which was contrary to the spirit and letter of the Settlement.

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**Recaptured / Recirculated Water**

The Bureau notified FID and others that there would be a small amount of water that would be available for recapture and recirculation. The amount will be approximately 15,000 acre-feet. At this time the only interest is coming from Tulare Lake area.

**OTHER**

**City of Clovis / FID Boswell Groundwater Banking Project**

The agreement has been completed and is now going through the CEQA process which should be completed on July 18. Clovis is expected to adopt the agreement at their City Council meeting in July.

**SBX 7-7**

The State Water Advisory Committee has rejected the language submitted by NRDC and adopted the suggestions submitted by Ag interest and those developed by Friant. DWR will adopt the new regulations that will provide a range of options that agricultural water suppliers may use or implement to comply with the measurement requirements.

**Appointment of Vacancy – FID Board**

The notices for the vacant Division 5 have been posted. The application deadline is Friday, July 1. Mr. Serrato informed Board of Supervisor Larson that the Fresno Irrigation District Board plans on filling the position by appointment.

**ACWA – Region 6**

ACWA is still looking for members to run for the Region 6 Board position. Anyone interested should inform Mr. Serrato. ACWA is now accepting applications for the positions of President and Vice President for the state-wide board as well.

**County of Fresno CSA51**

The County Board of Supervisors unanimously passed and adopted the Amended CSA51 Agreement. The Court has rejected the CEQA lawsuit filed on behalf of some of the landowners in CSA 51. They now have 60 days to appeal the decision (mid-August).

**ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

**a. Approval of 215 Water Contract (walk in)**

The Bureau of Reclamation sent out a notice notifying participants that a new resolution for a 215 contract will not be necessary. The Bureau has asked any contractor that is interested in renewing its 215 contract to sign three copies and submit them to the Bureau. The 215 contract will be extended through March 2012.

**DIRECTORS' REPORT**

None given

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**CLOSED SESSION**

Open Session was finished at 6:08 pm. After a brief recess, Closed Session was called at 6:15 pm.

**Natural Resource Defense Council vs. Rodgers (Government Code Section 54956.9).** To confer with counsel on pending litigation.

**Conference with Legal Counsel–Anticipated Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9(b)).** Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation (G.C. §54956.9. Significant Exposure to Litigation pursuant to subdivision (b)): Nielsen Avenue Property.

**Conference with Legal Counsel–Anticipated Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9(b)).** Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation (G.C. §54956.9. Significant Exposure to Litigation pursuant to subdivision (b)): County Service Area 51.

**Government Code Section 54956.7.** Conference with Labor Negotiators Regarding Terms and Conditions of Employment with Represented Bargaining Groups.

**Conference with Legal Counsel–Anticipated Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9(b)).** Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation (G.C. §54956.9. Significant Exposure to Litigation pursuant to subdivision (b)): Applegate Johnston, Inc.

**REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**

President Neely stated there was nothing to report from Closed Session. Closed Session was adjourned at 7:13 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT**

President Neely adjourned Open Session at 7:14 pm.

Submitted By,

Gary R. Serrato  
Secretary of the Board