

**FRESNO IRRIGATION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
HELD DECEMBER 13, 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 December 13, 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
Jerry Rebensdorf

DIRECTORS ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

General Manager Gary Serrato
Assistant General Manager Laurence Kimura
Chief Engineer Bill Stretch
Watermaster Jim Irwin
Human Resources Director Regina Davis
Assistant Human Resources Director September Singh
Controller DeAnn Hailey (arrived at 7:10 pm)
Recording Secretary Lynn B. Rowe

OTHERS PRESENT

None

REVIEW AGENDA

Mr. Serrato requested that item 6 c. (2012 Budget) be delayed until Controller DeAnn Hailey arrives. Ms. Hailey was attending a government tax seminar and is expected around 7 p.m.

REVIEW OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Staff recommends that the December 27 Board Meeting be cancelled due to the holiday schedule. The Directors concurred.

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.

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CONSENT CALENDAR

- a. **Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes – November 22, 2011**
- b. **November 2011 Check Register**
- c. **November 2011 Payroll Registers**
- d. **November 2011 Unpaid Assessment Report**
- e. **November 2011 Unpaid ISIP Assessment Report**
- f. **November 2011 Investment Account**

M/S/C/(Porter/Jacobsen) That the Board of Directors approved the Consent Calendar by unanimous vote. (Ayes 5; Nays 0; Absent 0; Abstain 0)

CONTROLLER'S REPORT

The following financial reports were presented by Mr. Gary Serrato:

- a. **Limbaugh House – Report on Fire**

On August 12, 2011, the FID rental property located on Olive Avenue in Sanger caught fire and sustained major damage. Mr. Serrato reviewed the insurance report with the Directors which provided two different options for the District to consider. The two options included the repair of the fire damaged area or demolition of the structure entirely. Staff recommendation is to repair the house and continue to rent the home. After some discussion, the Directors decided to repair the house and to have Staff look into the possibility of parceling off the property.

M/S/C/(Porter/Rebensdorf) That the Board of Directors approved the repairs to the Limbaugh House and to have Staff look into the possibility of parceling the property by unanimous vote. (Ayes 5; Nays 0; Absent 0; Abstain 0)

- b. **KRWA Special Assessment**

Mr. Serrato provided the KRWA special assessment for the 2012 Water Rights fees. The fees were an increase of 40% from the 2011 assessment. FID's share is \$46,120.47 (17.9% of the total KRWA assessment. The fees are being paid under protest.

380: WATER REPORT

- a. **Current Water Conditions**

Watermaster Jim Irwin reported on the current and projected water supply information. As of December 12, Pine Flat release was 655 cfs with storage at 550,410 acre-feet. FID storage is 97,180 acre-feet. Weather conditions are expected to remain dry for the next seven to ten days. Mr. Irwin presented the recent groundwater recharge report for the Cities of Fresno and Clovis in the FMFCD basins and surface water treatment plants.

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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 significant Agency Projects taking place at this time. Construction began after the canals drained on numerous utility crossings that impact the District's facilities.

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

No new update at this time.

b. FID Projects Update for 2011-12

Flowmeters

Fresno Colony and American Colony – Both projects are basically complete – invoices to the Department of Water Resources will now be sent out for reimbursement.

AB 303 – Six meters remain to be installed which will be worked on during the maintenance season.

Basins

Herndon West Basin – This project has been put on hold until the 2012/2013 maintenance/construction season.

Boswell Groundwater Banking Facility – The contractor on the Well Equipping contract has started construction and is expected to finish by early January.

Oleander Basin – The contractor has completed the majority of excavating the basin and constructing the berms. A sub-contractor started boring and jacking the 36-inch pipeline under Chestnut Avenue on December 6. The project is schedule to be completed in mid-February 2012. Escrow will open once there is a signed purchase agreement from the buyer.

Nordstrom Pond – The District has recently received a signed agreement from one of the landowners and is currently finalizing the alignment with another landowner. Staff hopes to have more information by the next board meeting.

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FID Miscellaneous Projects

Briggs Improvements – Construction contractor, Floyd Johnston Construction, is progressing with the project as scheduled.

Landowner Pipeline Projects

Empire Pipeline - after a meeting with the landowner on the proposed pipeline replacement project, the landowner wants to contribute \$5,000 instead of the previously agreed to amount of \$8,800. It is Staff's recommendation that the District proceed with the bidding process to replace the pipeline. The Board directed Staff to continue with the replacement of the designated pipeline and to continue to negotiate landowner's contribution.

- c. Landowner Pipeline Substitution Project with Mr. Greg Streicher on the Little Sandridge Canal No. 66 Located Northeast Dakota and Siskiyou Avenues. Action Request 2011-22**

Mr. Stretch showed slides of the proposed project and project site. The project entails the substitution of 1,580 feet of existing open channel with 48-inch diameter CIPCP to be completed during the 2011-12 Maintenance Season. He reviewed the requirements that the landowner must follow. FID will waive all plan review and FID permit fees. Estimated cost of the project is \$180,000.

M/S/C/(Balls/Porter) That the Board of Directors approved the pipeline substitution project with Mr. Greg Streicher with the terms and conditions specified in Engineering Action Item 2011-22 outlined by Staff by unanimous vote. (Ayes, 5; Nays 0; Absent 0; Abstain 0)

Mr. Stretch showed slides of the Oleander Basin, Boswell Banking Facility, and several landowner and agency projects impacting the Gould Canal and Big Dry Creek. Slides were also shown of the Briggs pipeline where it crosses underneath the Cornell Pond. The pipeline is CIPCP and has large lateral cracks extending over 100 feet long in several locations. Staff has contacted the ITRC regarding modifications to limit the water hammer that has contributed to the pipe splitting.

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.

- b. District Office Plan**

There is no new update.

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c. General Maintenance and Equipment Update

Maintenance crews will have the Enterprise Canal shut down for repairs until the end of the year. Repair crews continue to work on pipelines, liners, and gates. The trash crew continues to work on removing debris from the bottom of the Herndon Canal.

MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager Gary Serrato reported on the following:

KINGS RIVER WATER ASSOCIATION

External Issues

The External Issues Committee is working on a resolution in response to the State Water Resources Control Board's stance on groundwater recharge and groundwater banking of Kings River water.

FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY

Operations

Friant is working with the Bureau of Reclamation in developing a Section 215 Contract and the carry-over policy for 2011/2012.

Water Sale Recapture / Recirculation

The 1,823 acre-feet of recapture/recirculation water has been sold to a number of westside districts, who will begin to divert the water in December.

San Joaquin River Restoration Interim Flows

Mr. Serrato reviewed the upcoming interim flow schedule for the 2011-12 water years. Interim Flows will start again in mid-January.

OTHER

Mr. Serrato will review the resumes of candidates for the ACWA/Health board vacancy and determine a qualified candidate.

LAFCO has a treasury oversight committee vacancy on their board – Mr. Serrato will review any submissions and determine a qualified candidate.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

a. Re-alignment of Director Divisions Pursuant to Elections Code 22000 Update

Mr. Serrato reviewed the three initial drafts of the maps for the division boundary adjustments provided by National Demographic Corporation (NDC). A representative of

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NDC will be attending the January 10 Board Meeting to review the options and answer any questions the Board may have.

b. Resolution 2011-17

Mr. Serrato presented Ms. Regina Davis with her plaque and wished her well on her retirement.

M/S/C/(Balls/Porter) That the Board of Directors approved adopting Resolution 2011-17 by the following roll call vote. (Ayes, Rebensdorf, Balls, Neely, Porter, Jacobsen; Nays 0; Absent 0; Abstain 0)

c. Mid Pacific Region Water Users Conference – January 25-27, 2012, Reno, NV

Mr. Serrato informed the Board of the upcoming conference and asked the members to notify Staff if they are interested in attending. Mr. Serrato and Mr. Kimura are planning on attending.

M/S/C/(Balls/Porter) That the Board of Directors approved the overnight stays for Staff and any Directors to attend the Mid Pacific Region Water Users Conference in Reno, NV during January 25-27, 2012 by unanimous vote. (Ayes, 5; Nays 0; Absent 0; Abstain 0)

DIRECTORS' REPORT

Director Neely – commented on the dry weather conditions.

A recess was called at 6:56 p.m. The meeting resumed at 7:24 p.m.

CONTROLLER'S REPORT

c. 2012 Budget Adoption

The controller reviewed the proposed 2012 budget with the Board of Directors. The 2012 assessment will remain unchanged for the third consecutive year and it will stay the same until the District has a successful proposition 218 election.

Directors Jacobsen and Porter recused themselves from voting on the category of "Contributions To Other Agencies", due to a conflict of interest.

M/S/C/(Balls/Porter) That the Board of Directors approved the 2012 Budget as presented by Staff with the exception of the category "Contributions To Other Agencies" by unanimous vote. (Ayes, 5; Nays 0; Absent 0; Abstain 0)

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M/S/C/(Balls/Rebensdorf) That the Board of Directors approved the 2012 Budget category "Contributions To Other Agencies" by the following vote. (Ayes, Rebensdorf, Balls, Neely; Nays 0; Absent 0; Abstain Porter, Jacobsen)

Mr. Serrato announced that Director Jeff Neely will be assuming the office of president of the Kings River Water Association Board in January 2012.

CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session commenced at 7:53 p.m.

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.

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.

ADJOURNMENT

President Neely adjourned Closed Session at 8:30 pm.

REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

President Neely stated the employment contracts for Bill Stretch and Laurence Kimura were extended for one (1) year with no increases or changes in the compensation or conditions.

ADJOURNMENT

Open Session adjourned at 8:31 pm.

Submitted By,

Gary R. Serrato
Secretary of the Board