

Mission Jocko Joint Board
“Mission Jocko Irrigation Districts”
October 8th, 2024 Meeting Minutes

1:00 PM Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

All commissioners for Mission and Jocko District were present.

Minutes: Boone Cole had one addition. Gene Posivio moved to approve with the addition and Tim Callahan seconded, motion passed.

Warrants: The Board should be receiving an invoice from Matt Williams around 40,000. Tracy Gardner moved to approve the warrants, Lane Harriman seconded, motion passed.

BIA Report: October 17th as set by the Tribal Council is when stock water will be shut off. Lay offs will be November 19th, they will have a small team doing concrete pillars. FIP will start implementing a fee on special permits due to influx of realtors requesting information to try and help offset cost of time. Ditch riders will undergo heavy equipment. There might be a hiring freeze due to elections, if so they will switch to emergency hire. Attorneys are coming the 16th to discuss multiple issues that have come up including MVP. FIP is working with safety of dams to do dam inspections and raise more money. NIMS software for 2026 should be able to generate tickets for water deliveries. CSKT will be in charge of determining the RDA's. They are still working on the Jocko area and installing pipeline. Some discussion on communication between FIP and irrigation districts, and the project at the K canal. Some discussion on easements for that project and hurdles being faced as well as what happens if they don't get an easement. The BiOp addresses endangered species, right now it pertains to bull trout. RDA's are river diversion allowances and will be significant in the coming years. They have done a lot of work to the FIP office to update it and make it more efficient. WINN money is being used to update equipment. They are working with Lake County to get a master's permit so they can do what they need to for given periods of time without having to reapply for permits. They are trying to get an MoU with the fire department to burn slash piles but also give the ability to burn ditches if needed. If you notice anyone dumping in the canals let FIP know, there has been a problem with people dumping trailer septic tanks there.

Update in Stock Water Grants: Projects can be seen online as well as the status. Maya discussed RDA's and that they aren't being implemented until 26-27. CITT determines wet/normal/dry season. Applications for stock water grants should open mid-November and go through the beginning of January. Eligible applicants need to have FIP assessed acres and have stock that historically received stock water. They are creating a website with the application, they will have training and Heather McAdams will be hosting multiple days to help people complete the application. NRCS has some grants available that are better suited for community projects such as a community well. There would need to be more information gathered by irrigators, such as volume of water, where it would go, a board to manage it etc. For properties that have pipeline going through there won't be stock water available, they would need to go through other avenues via the grant process such as a well.

Water Court Update: Scheduling conference is October 17th, November 14th and 15th there will be oral arguments. Judge will be able to ask questions and some sort of determination will be made as to the process forward.

Public Comment: Some discussion on water court proceedings. Discussion regarding the process to get more information on interest in a community well as well as water levels and stock water.

Adjourn: Gene Posivio moved, Tim Callahan seconded, meeting was adjourned at 2:39 PM.