



Consisting of 240,000 acres on the Westside of the San Joaquin Valley

AGENDA

SAN JOAQUIN RIVER EXCHANGE CONTRACTORS WATER AUTHORITY

Friday, November 13, 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on *Friday, November 13, 2015, at 8:00 a.m.*, the *San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority*, otherwise known as the *Exchange Contractors*, will meet in the **Board Room of the San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority office** located at 541 H Street, Los Banos, California. The agenda for the meeting will be:

1. **Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **Agenda:**
The Board will consider corrections or additions to the agenda of items requiring immediate action that have come to the attention of the Exchange Contractors following the posting of the agenda.
3. **Approval of Minutes** [TAB 1]
October 9, 2015 Board Meeting
4. **Public Participation**
At this time, members of the public may address the representatives on matters which may affect the operations of the Exchange Contractors. The Chairman may limit the time allowed for comment.
5. **Board to approve October, 2015 Expenditures** [TAB 2]
6. **Finance Committee Report** [TAB 3]
 - A) Review Financial Report for October, 2015 – Board Action Required
 - i. October, 2015 Critical Year General Budget Comparison
 - ii. October, 2015 Critical Year Water Transfer Budget Comparison
 - iii. October, 2015 Critical Year Water Resources Budget Comparison
 - iv. October, 2015 San Joaquin Valley Drainage Authority Budget Comparison
 - v. October, 2015 Drought Year Budget Comparison
 - vi. Cash Activity Report
 - B) Proposed 2016 Draft Budgets (Normal & Critical Years)
 - C) Finance Committee Minutes of October 5, 2015 & October 12, 2015

7. **Water Report**

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8. **Executive Director's Report**
9. **Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA)** [TAB 4]
 - A) Board to discuss process for becoming a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) for the Exchange Contractors members.
 - B) Board to discuss request by the Aliso Water District that the whole of their jurisdictional area be brought within the Delta Mendota Basin for the purposes of GSA determination.
10. **Water Transfer Committee** [TAB 5]
 - A) Board to consider the recommendation of the Water Transfer Committee to execute the Agreement for the Acquisition of Water by the United States, San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority, and Madera Irrigation District from the San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority 2014-2018.
 - B) 2016 Land Fallowing Program
11. **San Joaquin Cloud Seeding Program** [TAB 6]
12. **Water Resources Plan** [TAB 7]
 - A) Program Update – Rick Iger
 - i) Los Banos Creek Detention Dam (LBCDD)
 - ii) Orestimba Creek Recharge Project
13. **Subsidence Analysis in Western Madera and Merced Counties – Managers** [TAB 8]
Chris White/Chase Hurley
14. **Bay-Delta Water Quality and Regional Water Quality Control Board Report** [TAB 9]
 - A) Water Quality Issues Update
15. **Legislative Report** [TAB 10]
 - A) State
 - B) Federal
16. **Attorney's Report** [TAB 11]
17. **Four Entities' Manager's Report**
18. **Informational**
19. **Closed Session:**
 - A) Conference with Legal Counsel regarding existing litigation. Firebaugh vs. United States – U.S. District Court Eastern District of California. Government Code Section 54956.9
 - B) Conference with Legal Counsel regarding existing litigation and administrative proceedings. NRDC vs. Rodgers (Friant Litigation) - U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California. Government Code Section 54956.9
 - C) Conference with Legal Counsel regarding Friant Water Authority vs. Bureau of Reclamation, Re: 2014 Operations. Government Code Section 54956.9

- D)** Conference with Legal Counsel. SWRCB Administrative Proceedings Regarding Water Rights Exercise, San Joaquin River and Tributaries. Government Code Section 54956.9
- E)** Conference with Legal Counsel regarding anticipated litigation. One potential case. Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)
- F)** Threatened Litigation: NRDC 60-Day Notice regarding failure of SWRCB to comply with Clean Water Act, Re: water quality plans; failure of Bureau of Reclamation to consult under ESA regarding Contract Renegotiation. Government Code Section 54956.9
- G)** Conference with Real Property Negotiators. Subject to discussion: Water available for transfer by the Exchange Contractors and its members.
Negotiators: Steve Chedester and Water Transfer Committee members.
Government Code Section 54956.8
Subject of Closed Session: price, duration of transfer and other terms