



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

## AGENDA

# SAN JOAQUIN RIVER EXCHANGE CONTRACTORS WATER AUTHORITY

Friday, March 6, 2015

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**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on *Friday, March 6, 2015*, at **10:00 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]  
February 6, 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 February, 2015 Expenditures** [TAB 2]
6. **Finance Committee Report** [TAB 3]
  - A) Review Financial Report for February, 2015 – Board Action Required
    - i. February, 2015 Critical Year General Budget Comparison
    - ii. February, 2015 Critical Year Water Transfer Budget Comparison
    - iii. February, 2015 Critical Year Water Resources Budget Comparison
    - iv. February, 2015 Drought Year Budget Comparison
    - v. Cash Activity Report
  - B) Finance Committee Minutes of February 2, 2015
7. **Water Report**

8. **Executive Director's Report**
9. **Resolution Approving Adoption of the First Amended and Restated San Joaquin Valley Drainage Authority Joint Powers Agreement and First Amendment to San Joaquin Valley Drainage Authority Activity Agreement for Regional Water Quality Management, Determining that Actions are not Subject to the California Environmental Quality Act, and Authorizing Related Actions** [TAB 4]
10. **Water Resources Plan** [TAB 5]
  - A) Program Update – Rick Iger
    - i) Orestimba Creek Recharge Pilot Study
    - ii) Los Banos Creek Detention Dam (LBCDD)
11. **Subsidence Analysis in Western Madera and Merced Counties – Managers, Chris White/Chase Hurley**
12. **Bay-Delta Water Quality and Regional Water Quality Control Board Report** [TAB 6]
  - A) Water Quality Issues Update
13. **Legislative Report** [TAB 7]
  - A) State
  - B) Federal
14. **Attorney's Report** [TAB 8]
15. **Four Entities' Manager's Report**
16. **Informational**
  - A) Water Education Foundation Central Valley Tour Luncheon – Wed., April 22, 2015
17. **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 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