



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

AGENDA

SAN JOAQUIN RIVER EXCHANGE CONTRACTORS WATER AUTHORITY

Friday, April 12, 2019

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on *Friday, April 12, 2019*, at 9:00 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]
March 1, 2019 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 March, 2019 Expenditures** [TAB 2]
6. **Finance Committee Report** [TAB 3]
 - A) Review Financial Report for March, 2019 – Board action will be requested.
 - i. March, 2019 General Budget Comparison
 - ii. March, 2019 Water Transfer Budget Comparison
 - iii. March, 2019 Water Resources Plan Budget Comparison
 - iv. March, 2019 San Joaquin Valley Drainage Authority Budget Comparison
 - v. Cash Activity Report
 - B) Minutes of the February 25, 2019 Finance Committee Meeting
7. **Water Report**
8. **Executive Director's Report** [TAB 4]

9. **Water Transfer Committee Report.** The Water Transfer Committee met on March 22, 2019, and recommends Board action to be taken. [TAB 5]
- A) Water Transfer Policy – adoption of proposed revisions to the Water Transfer Policy.
 - B) Review of 2018 Water Transfer Program.
 - C) SLCC Proposed Transfers
 - i. Landowner to Landowner Fallowing Transfer Proposal – Bowles Farming Company – up to 411 AF
 - ii. Landfallowing Transfer Proposal to Panoche Water District – up to 1,000 AF
 - iii. Landfallowing Transfer Proposal to Semitropic Water Storage District – up to 5,000 AF
 - iv. Water Transferred from SLCC to Panoche Water District – Eastside Conveyance Project – up to 5,000 AF
 - V.
 - D) FCWD Proposed Transfers
 - i. Landowner to Landowner Fallowing Transfer Proposal – Turlock Fruit Co. – up to 515 AF
 - ii. Landowner to Landowner Fallowing Transfer Proposal – Wayne Gowens – up to 80 AF
 - iii. Conserved Water Transfer Proposal to Westlands Water District – up to 4,000 AF. Groundwater Pumping/Water Transfer Project for 25 Consecutive Years EA/IS, November 30, 2007
 - iv. Conserved Water Transfer Proposal to Panoche Water District – up to 1,400 AF. Groundwater Pumping/Water Transfer Project for 25 Consecutive Years EA/IS, November 30, 2007
 - v. Exchange Transfer – Transfer from FCWD of up to 7,500 AF to Pacheco Water District, Panóche Water District, San Luis Water District and Westlands Water District.
 - E) Request for Recommendation of Long Term Water Acquisition Agreement – FCWD/CCID and Panoche Water District – 3,000 AF
 - F) Water Transfer Agreement Between Eastside Canal Irrigation Company and Triangle T Water District – Delivery of 2019 water being facilitated by CCID, SLCC, and CCC
 - G) Exchange Transfer proposals on behalf of CCID, SLCC and FCWD – working with U.S. Bureau of Reclamation to have the FONSI and EA process completed in April. SLCC and CCID will bring Exchange Transfers, if any, to the Board after the CEQA/NEPA process is complete.
10. **Mendota Pool Group (MPG)** – Report on Annual Meeting with Exchange Contractors Wonderful Orchards, MPG and Consultants. Board action will be requested. [TAB 6]
11. **Subsidence Analysis in Western Madera and Merced Counties** - No Board action is expected to be taken. Chris White and John Wiersma
12. **Water Resources Plan – Update** - Chris White [TAB 7]
- A) Del Puerto Creek Reservoir Study – Executive Director White presented at the March 1, 2019 Board meeting the pre-feasibility, 45-day study work plan that would be funded in partnership with Del Puerto Water District, Patterson Irrigation District and West

Stanislaus Irrigation District. The managers took this matter back to their Boards for consideration. Board action will be requested.

- 13. Bay-Delta Water Quality and Regional Water Quality Control Board Report –**
No Board action is expected to be taken. David Cory

- 14. Bay Delta Water Quality Control Plan –** Participating in hiring Compass Resource Management LTD to develop the project description for proposed Voluntary Agreements. Board action will be requested. **[TAB 8]**

- 15. Legislative Report** **[TAB 9]**

A) State

The Legislative Committee has reviewed 2019 legislative proposals and is recommending the Board of Directors support selected Bills. The list of Bills and fact sheets are presented. Board Action will be requested.

B) Federal

Staff will be presenting a proposal to retain Austin Ewell for assistance with Federal outreach, projects, and grant management. Board Action will be requested.

- 16. Attorney's Report** **[TAB 10]**

- 17. Four Entities' Manager's Reports**

- 18. Informational**

A) ACWA Spring Conference – May 7 – 10, 2019 – Monterey

- 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.**
- 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: Chris White and Water Transfer Committee members. Government Code Section 54956.8
Subject of Closed Session: price, duration of transfer and other terms**
- H) Personnel. Government Code Section 54957.6(b)**