



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

## AGENDA

# SAN JOAQUIN RIVER EXCHANGE CONTRACTORS WATER AUTHORITY

Friday, August 2, 2019

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

**9. Director of Policy & Program Report**

- 10. Water Transfers** – Board action will be requested. **[TAB 4]**  
A) Committee Report  
B) CCID/Triangle T Transfer Agreement to move 1,000 af of water returned from Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District.

- 11. Subsidence 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  
A) General Update  
B) Del Puerto Canyon Reservoir

- 13. Bay-Delta Water Quality and Regional Water Quality Control Board Report** – **[TAB 5]**  
No Board action is expected to be taken. David Cory

- 14. California Latino Water Coalition Foundation-** The Board will be asked to consider whether to authorize a \$2,500 financial contribution for their education efforts. Board action will be requested.

- 15. Legislative Report** **[TAB 6]**  
A) State  
B) Federal

- 16. Attorney’s Report** **[TAB 7]**

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

- 18. Informational**

- 19. Closed Session:** **[TAB 8]**  
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)