



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

## AGENDA

# SAN JOAQUIN RIVER EXCHANGE CONTRACTORS WATER AUTHORITY

Friday, March 2, 2018

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**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on *Friday, March 2, 2018, at 8:30 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. 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.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

February 2, 2018 Board Meeting

[TAB 1]

**3. 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.

**4. Board to approve February, 2018 Expenditures**

[TAB 2]

**5. Finance Committee Report**

[TAB 3]

**A) Review Financial Report for February, 2018 – Board Action Required**

- i.** February, 2018 General Budget Comparison
- ii.** February, 2018 Water Transfer Budget Comparison
- iii.** February, 2018 Water Resources Plan Budget Comparison
- iv.** Cash Activity Report

**B) Finance Committee Minutes of January 29, 2018**

**6. Water Report**

**7. Executive Director's Report**

8. **Water Transfer Committee Update**
  - A) 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 - Board to Consider Committee's Recommendation of Amount of Water to be made Available in 2018 Under the Agreement
  - B) Request for Approval of up to 5,000 AF of Water Transferred from SLCC to Panoche Water District – Eastside Conveyance Project
  - C) Long Term Water Acquisition Agreement – Firebaugh Canal Water District/Central California Irrigation District and Panoche Water District – 3,000 AF
  
9. **Subsidence Analysis in Western Madera and Merced Counties – Manager Chris White**
  
10. **Water Resources Plan – Update – Rick Iger** [TAB 4]
  
11. **Bay-Delta Water Quality and Regional Water Quality Control Board Report** [TAB 5]
  - A) Water Quality Issues Update
  
12. **Legislative Report** [TAB 6]
  - A) State
  - B) Federal
  
13. **Attorney's Report** [TAB 7]
  
14. **Four Entities' Manager's Report**
  
15. **Informational**
  
16. **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: Steve Chedester 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)