



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

AGENDA

SAN JOAQUIN RIVER EXCHANGE CONTRACTORS WATER AUTHORITY

Friday, October 6, 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on *Friday, October 6, 2017*, 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]

September 8, 2017 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 September, 2017 Expenditures** [TAB 2]
6. **Finance Committee Report** [TAB 3]
 - A) Review Financial Report for September, 2017 – Board Action Required
 - i. September, 2017 General Budget Comparison
 - ii. September, 2017 Water Transfer Budget Comparison
 - iii. September, 2017 Water Resources Plan Budget Comparison
 - iv. September, 2017 San Joaquin Valley Drainage Authority Budget Comparison
 - v. Cash Activity Report
 - B) Proposed 2018 Budget – Informational Item
 - C) Finance Committee Minutes of August 28, 2017
7. **Water Report**

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8. **Executive Director's Report**
9. **Contract Between the United States and CCID for the Conveyance of
Refuge Water Supplies to the China Island and Salt Slough Units of the
North Grasslands Wildlife Area, Los Banos Wildlife Area, Freitas and Kesterson
Units of the San Luis National Wildlife Refuge, and Grassland Resource
Conservation District – Board to Consider Approval** [TAB 4]
10. **Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) - Report** [TAB 5]
 - A) Program Update – Jarrett Martin
 - B) San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Groundwater Sustainability Agency - Update
11. **Subsidence Analysis in Western Madera and Merced Counties – Managers
Chris White/Chase Hurley**
12. **Water Resources Plan – Update – Rick Iger** [TAB 6]
13. **Bay-Delta Water Quality and Regional Water Quality Control Board Report** [TAB 7]
 - A) Water Quality Issues Update
14. **Legislative Report** [TAB 8]
 - A) Legislative Committee Meeting of September 9, 2017 - Report
 - B) State
 - C) Federal
15. **Attorney's Report** [TAB 9]
16. **Four Entities' Manager's Report**
17. **Informational**
18. **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)