



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

AGENDA

SAN JOAQUIN RIVER EXCHANGE CONTRACTORS WATER AUTHORITY

Friday, June 2, 2017

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on *Friday, June 2, 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]
May 5, 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 May, 2017 Expenditures** [TAB 2]
6. **Finance Committee Report** [TAB 3]
 - A) Review Financial Report for May, 2017 – Board Action Required
 - i. May, 2017 General Budget Comparison
 - ii. May, 2017 Water Transfer Budget Comparison
 - iii. May, 2017 Water Resources Plan Budget Comparison
 - iv. May, 2017 San Joaquin Valley Drainage Authority Budget Comparison
 - v. Cash Activity Report
 - B) Finance Committee Minutes of May 1, 2017
7. **Water Report**
8. **Executive Director's Report**

9. **Water Transfer Committee Report** [TAB 4]
- A) 2017 Amendment and Addendum to Agreement for 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 Years 2014 through 2018
 - B) Agreement for the Acquisition of Water by the United States from the San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority – 60,000 AF
 - i) Resolution 2017-2 – Resolution of the Board of Directors of the San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority Approving the Sale of Water to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
 - C) Long Term Water Acquisition Agreement – Firebaugh Canal Water District/Central California Irrigation District and Panoche Water District – 3,000 AF
 - D) Land Fallowing Transfer Proposal from San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority to Panoche Water District, San Luis Water District, and Westlands Water District – 1,597 AF
 - E) Land Fallowing Transfer Proposal from San Luis Canal Company on behalf of landowner, Gilardi Farms, to San Luis Water District – 60 AF
 - F) Agreement for a Pilot Water Exchange Program Between the San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority and Columbia Canal Company and Wonderful Orchards
 - G) Water Transfer Committee Minutes of February 13, 2017
10. **Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA)** [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) State
 - B) Federal
15. **Attorney’s Report** [TAB 9]
16. **Four Entities’ Manager’s Report**
17. **Change of July Board Meeting** – Staff will recommend that the Board move the July Board meeting to *Monday, July 10, 2016 at 9:30 a.m.*
18. **Informational**

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: Steve Chedester and Water Transfer Committee members.
Government Code Section 54956.8
Subject of Closed Session: price, duration of transfer and other terms