



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

AGENDA

SAN JOAQUIN RIVER EXCHANGE CONTRACTORS WATER AUTHORITY

Friday, October 7, 2016

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Friday, October 7, 2016, 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**

September 2, 2016 Board Meeting

[TAB 1]

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, 2016 Expenditures**

[TAB 2]

6. **Finance Committee Report**

[TAB 3]

A) Review Financial Report for September, 2016 – Board Action Required

- i. September, 2016 General Budget Comparison
- ii. September, 2016 Water Transfer Budget Comparison
- iii. September, 2016 San Joaquin Valley Drainage Authority Budget Comparison
- iv. September, 2016 Water Resources Plan Budget Comparison
- v. September, 2016 Drought Year Expenses Budget Comparison
- vi. September, 2016 Cash Activity Report

B) Auditor Proposals for Years 2016, 2017, and 2018

C) Finance Committee Minutes of August 29, 2016

7. **Water Report**

8. **Executive Director's Report**

- 9. **Water Transfer Committee -- Report** [TAB 4]
- 10. **Water Resources Plan** [TAB 5]
 - A) Program Update – Rick Iger
 - i) Los Banos Creek Detention Dam (LBCDD)
 - ii) Orestimba Creek Recharge Project
- 11. **Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) – Memorandum of Understanding with County of Madera** [TAB 6]
- 12. **Subsidence Analysis in Western Madera and Merced Counties – Managers Chris White/Chase Hurley** [TAB 7]
- 13. **Bay-Delta Water Quality and Regional Water Quality Control Board Report** [TAB 8]
 - A) Water Quality Issues Update
- 14. **Legislative Report** [TAB 9]
 - A) State
 - B) Federal
- 15. **Attorney’s Report** [TAB 10]
- 16. **Four Entities’ Manager’s Report**
- 17. **Informational** [TAB 11]
 - A) SLCC Land Substitution Request
- 18. **Closed Session:** [TAB 12]
 - 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

19. Informational Workshop on Kern County Issues