



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

## AGENDA SAN JOAQUIN RIVER EXCHANGE CONTRACTORS WATER AUTHORITY

Friday, January 10, 2025

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on *Friday, January 10, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.*, the Board of Directors of 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.

**PHONE IN NUMBER: 1-888-297-9852**

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*Notice: All members of the public can attend the meeting in person or by conference call.*

The agenda for the meeting will be:

**1. Review of 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:** Regular Meeting of December 13, 2024

**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. 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

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Chair

**MIKE STEARNS**

Vice-Chair

**CHRIS WHITE**

Executive Director

**MINASIAN LAW**

Legal Counsel

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- 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. Two potential cases. Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)
- F) Conference with Real Property Negotiators: Government Code Section 54956.8. Property. Water subject to the control of the Exchange Contractors available for transfer. Agency Negotiator. Chris White and Board Members. Negotiating Parties. Multiple public agencies located within and outside the CVP Service Area. Under Negotiation. Price, terms, conditions, and quantities of water available for transfer.
- G) Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Government Code section 54956.9(d)(1)). Stanislaus County Superior Court Case No. CV – 20-005193, *Sierra Club, et. al., v. Del Puerto Water District.*
- H) Personnel Performance Evaluation of Exchange Contractors’ staff.

**5. Board to approve December, 2024 Expenditures**

**6. Finance Committee Report**

- A) **Review Financial Report Memo for December, 2024** – Board action will be requested.
  - i. December, 2024 General Budget Comparison
  - ii. December, 2024 Water Transfer Budget Comparison
  - iii. December, 2024 Water Resources Plan (General Membership) Budget Comparison
  - iv. December, 2024 Water Resources Plan (Participation Agreement) Budget Comparison
  - v. December, 2024 San Joaquin Valley Drainage Authority Budget Comparison
  - vi. Cash Activity Report
- B) Annual Contributions – Board action will be requested.
- C) Resolution No. 2025-01 – Resolution to Adopt Annual Statement of Investment Policy and Guidelines – Board action will be requested.
- D) Finance Committee Minutes of December 9, 2024

**7. Personnel Committee Update & Recommendations**

- A) Consideration of Compensation

**8. Water Report**

**9. Executive Director’s Report**

**10. Director of Policy & Programs Report**

**11. Water Resources Plan**

- A) General Update
- B) Del Puerto Canyon Reservoir Project (DPCR) Update

**12. Bay-Delta Water Quality and Regional Water Quality Control Board Report**

- A) Water Quality Issues Update - David Cory

**13. Legislative Report**

- A) State
- B) Federal

**14. Public Outreach**

- A) Lighthouse Public Affairs

**15. Attorney's Report**

**16. Four Entities' Manager's Reports**

**17. Informational**

- A) 2025 Mid-Pacific Water Users' Conference – January 28-31, 2025

**18. Section 6.8 of the Water Transfer Policy (Time Certain to Commence at 10:30 a.m.)**

Board to consider revision(s) to Section 6.8 Limitation on Quantity of Water Transferred in accordance with that Section.