



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

## AGENDA

# SAN JOAQUIN RIVER EXCHANGE CONTRACTORS WATER AUTHORITY

Friday, March 1, 2019

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Vice Chairman

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on *Friday, March 1, 2019, at 9:00 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. 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 1, 2019 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, 2019 Expenditures**

[TAB 2]

**5. Finance Committee Report**

[TAB 3]

A) Review Financial Report for February, 2019 – Board Action Required.

i. February, 2019 General Budget Comparison

ii. February, 2019 Water Transfer Budget Comparison

iii. February, 2019 Water Resources Plan Budget Comparison

iv. February, 2019 San Joaquin Valley Drainage Authority Budget Comparison

v. Cash Activity Report

B) Minutes of the January 28, 2019 Finance Committee Meeting

**6. Water Report**

**7. Executive Director's Report**

8. **Water Transfer Program** – New 5-Year Agreement for conserved water transfer to San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority, Madera Irrigation Districts, and the United States on behalf of Grasslands Water District and the local refuges. An alternative will be presented that includes the United States as an option only. Board Action will be requested. Chris White [TAB 4]
9. **Subsidence Analysis in Western Madera and Merced Counties** - No Action Expected. Chris White and John Wiersma
10. **Water Resources Plan – Update** - Chris White [TAB 5]
  - A) Del Puerto Creek Reservoir Study – Executive Director White will present a pre-feasibility, 45-day study work plan that would be funded in partnership with Del Puerto Water District, Patterson Irrigation District and West Stanislaus Irrigation District. Board action will be requested.
11. **Bay-Delta Water Quality and Regional Water Quality Control Board Report** – No Action Expected. David Cory [TAB 6]
12. **Bay Delta Water Quality Control Plan** – Staff will present “Planning Agreement Proposing Project Description and Procedures for the Finalization of the Voluntary Agreements to Update and Implement the Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan.” Board action will be requested. [TAB 7]
13. **Legislative Report** [TAB 8]
  - A) State
  - B) Federal
14. **Attorney’s Report** [TAB 9]
15. **Four Entities’ Manager’s Reports**
16. **April Board Meeting** – Staff is requesting the Board to move the April Board meeting to *Friday, April 12, 2019*
17. **Informational**
  - A) Water Education Foundation Tour Luncheon – April 3, 2019 – Delta Party Barn
  - B) ACWA Spring Conference – May 7 – 10, 2019 – Monterey
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: Chris White 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)