



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

## AGENDA

### SAN JOAQUIN RIVER EXCHANGE CONTRACTORS WATER AUTHORITY

Friday, June 7, 2019

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on *Friday, June 7, 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:

**JAMES E. O'BANION**  
Chairman

**CHRIS CARDELLA**  
Vice Chairman

**CHRIS WHITE**  
Executive Director

**STEVE CHEDESTER**  
Director of Policy & Programs

**MINASIAN, MEITH,  
SOARES, SEXTON  
& COOPER LLP**  
Legal Counsel

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#### CENTRAL CALIFORNIA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

**James E. O'Banion**  
President

**Chris White**  
General Manager

#### SAN LUIS CANAL COMPANY

**James L. Nickel**  
President

**John Wiersma**  
General Manager

#### FIREBAUGH CANAL WATER DISTRICT

**Mike Stearns**  
President

**Jeff Bryant**  
General Manager

#### COLUMBIA CANAL COMPANY

**Chris Cardella**  
President

**Randy Houk**  
General Manager

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**

May 3, 2019 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 May, 2019 Expenditures**

[TAB 2]

6. **Finance Committee Report**

[TAB 3]

A) Review Financial Report for May, 2019 – Board action will be requested.

i. May, 2019 General Budget Comparison

ii. May, 2019 Water Transfer Budget Comparison

iii. May, 2019 Water Resources Plan Budget Comparison

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

v. Cash Activity Report

B) Minutes of the April 29, 2019 Finance Committee Meeting

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7. **Water Report**
8. **Executive Director's Report**
9. **Director of Policy & Program Report**
10. **Water Transfer Committee Report.** The Water Transfer Committee met on June 5, 2019, and recommends Board action to be taken. [TAB 4]
  - A) SLCC Exchange Transfer – SLCC has one groundwater exchange transfer of up to 178.5 AF
  - B) CCID transfer of up to 1,000 AF to Triangle T Water District – CCID proposes to transfer up to 1,000 AF of the return water received from Rosedale Rio Bravo Water Storage District to Triangle T Water District.
11. **Subsidence Analysis in Western Madera and Merced Counties** - No Board action is expected to be taken. Chris White and John Wiersma
12. **Water Resources Plan – Update** - Chris White [TAB 5]  
 Del Puerto Creek Reservoir Study – Executive Director White received at the April 12, 2019 Board meeting authorization for the pre-feasibility, 45-day study work plan funded in partnership with Del Puerto Water District. The results of the preliminary operations study have been completed and were presented to the Board, together with a work plan and estimate for the project for the remainder of 2019. The Board gave preliminary approval for the additional work contingent on individual Board actions. A report on the actions taken by the individual boards will be provided and Board action will be requested.
13. **Bay-Delta Water Quality and Regional Water Quality Control Board Report –** [TAB 6]  
 No Board action is expected to be taken. David Cory
14. **Legislative Report –** Board action will be requested. [TAB 7]
  - A) State
    - i) Dominic DiMare's Board Report
    - ii) Board to Consider Legislative Committee's Recommendation to Adopt Oppose Unless Amended Position on Proposed SB 1.
  - B) Federal
    - i) Nancy Williams Board Report
    - ii) Board to Consider Legislative Committee's Recommendation to Adopt Support Position on Proposed Legislation H.R. 2473, Securing Access for the Central Valley and Enhancing (SAVE) Water Resources Act
    - iii) Senator Lisa Murkowski's Drought Resiliency and Water Supply Infrastructure Act. Senator Feinstein's office has been working with Senator Murkowski on the draft legislation and has asked the Exchange Contractors to Support.
15. **Attorney's Report** [TAB 8]
16. **Four Entities' Manager's Reports**
17. **July Board Meeting –** Due to the 4th of July holiday, staff is recommending that the Board move the July Board meeting to *Friday, July 12, 2019*.

## 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: 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)