



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

AGENDA

SAN JOAQUIN RIVER EXCHANGE CONTRACTORS WATER AUTHORITY

Friday, February 14, 2020

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on *Friday, February 14, 2020*, 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. 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

January 10, 2020 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 January, 2020 Expenditures

[TAB 2]

6. Finance Committee Report

[TAB 3]

A) Review Financial Report for January, 2020 – Board Action Required.

i. December, 2019 Budget Comparisons – End of Year Updates

ii. January, 2020 General Budget Comparison

iii. January, 2020 Water Transfer Budget Comparison

iv. January, 2020 Water Resources Plan Budget Comparison

v. Cash Activity Report

B) 2019 Summary of Charges on Visa Cards

C) 2019 Report – Reimbursements to Employees in Excess of \$100

D) Finance Committee Minutes of January 6, 2020

7. Water Report

8. Executive Director's Report

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9. Director of Policy & Program Report

- 10. Water Transfer Committee Report.** The Water Transfer Committee met on January 28, 2020, and recommends Board action to be taken. **[TAB 4]**

- A. Review of 2019 Water Transfer Program
- B. Proposed 2020 Water Transfer Program

- 11. Temperance Flat Reservoir Project.** MOU Group Study Summary presented by Bill Swanson, Stantec. No Action will be Required. **[TAB 5]**

- 12. Mendota Pool Group Agreement. Mendota Pool Group (MPG)** – Staff will present the draft Agreement with the Mendota Pool Group and make a recommendation to the Board. Board action will be Requested.

- 13. Water Resources Plan – Update - Chris White** **[TAB 6]**

- A) General Update
- B) Del Puerto Canyon Reservoir

- 14. Bay-Delta Water Quality and Regional Water Quality Control Board Report** **[TAB 7]**

- A) Water Quality Issues Update - David Cory

- 15. Legislative Report** **[TAB 8]**

- A) State
- B) Federal

- 16. Attorney’s Report** **[TAB 9]**

17. Four Entities’ Manager’s Reports

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)