



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

AGENDA

SAN JOAQUIN RIVER EXCHANGE CONTRACTORS WATER AUTHORITY

Friday, June 5, 2020

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on *Friday, June 5, 2020*, 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 via **telephonic**.

Notice: In accordance with the Governor's Executive Order (N-29-20) and the declared State of Emergency as a result of the threat of COVID-19, members of the Board of Directors, and Exchange Contractors staff will be participating in this meeting remotely from multiple locations. Members of the public are encouraged to use the call-in number, which will allow them to fully participate in the meeting without having to be present in person. If members of the public have any problems using the call-in number during the meeting, please contact the Exchange Contractors' office at 209-827-8616. During the conference call, all votes will be conducted by roll call.

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The agenda for the meeting will be:

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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.

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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.	
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B) SLCC - Up to 1,494 AF of water to be added to the land following transfer Proposal to Semitropic Water Storage District.	
C) Water Transfer to Triangle T Water District - selling up to 1,500 AF to Triangle T Water District. The water that is being proposed is the return water from the transfer/exchange to Santa Clara Valley Water District in 2019.	
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15. Schedule of Upcoming Board Meeting

In observance of the Fourth of July holiday, the Board will be asked to approve changing the July 2020 Board meeting to Friday, July 10, 2020. Board action will be requested.

16. Informational

17. 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)