



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

AGENDA

SAN JOAQUIN RIVER EXCHANGE CONTRACTORS WATER AUTHORITY

Friday, April 9, 2021

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on *Friday, April 9, 2021*, 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**.

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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.

**PLEASE JOIN THE MEETING FROM YOUR COMPUTER,
TABLET OR SMARTPHONE**

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TELECONFERENCE NUMBER: 1-877-355-9639

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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**
March 5, 2021 Board Meeting
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 March, 2021 Expenditures**
6. **Finance Committee Report**
 - A) Review Financial Report Memo for March, 2021 – Board Action Required.
 - i. March, 2021 General Budget Comparison
 - ii. March, 2021 Water Transfer Budget Comparison
 - iii. March, 2021 Water Resources Plan Budget Comparison w/ updated Del Puerto Canyon Reservoir and other line items
 - iv. March, 2021 San Joaquin Valley Drainage Authority
 - v. Cash Activity Report
 - B) Finance Committee Minutes of March 2, 2021
7. **Water Report**
8. **Executive Director’s Report**
9. **Director of Policy & Program Report**
10. **Water Transfer Program**
 - A. **CCID**
 - i) **CCID Groundwater Exchange Transfer** – Maximum of up to 20,500 AF (2019 – 2023). Transfer from CCID of up to 1,077 AF to Panoche Water District; up to 368 AF to Pacheco Water District; up to 1,063 AF to San Luis Water District; up to 6,258 AF to Del Puerto WD; and up to 2,935 AF to Westlands Water District for a total of up to 11,701 AF
 - ii) **Landowner to Self** in San Luis Water, Panoche Water, and Westlands Water Districts Following Transfer Proposal – Redfern Ranches – up to 3,269 AF
 - iii) **Landowner to Self** in Westlands Water District Following Transfer Proposal – Britz, Inc. – up to 724 AF
 - iv) **Landowner to Self** in Westlands Water District Following Transfer Proposal – S3 Group – up to 634 AF
 - B. **SLCC**
 - i) **SLCC 2021-1:** Landfallowing Transfer Proposal to Semitropic Water Storage District – up to 7,770 AF
 - ii) **SLCC 2021-2:** Landowner to Self in San Luis Water District Following Transfer Proposal - Bowles Farming Company – up to 597 AF
 - iii) **SLCC 2021-3:** Landowner to Self in San Luis Water District Following Transfer Proposal – Jim Vincent – up to 81 AF

- iv) **SLCC 2021-4:** Groundwater Exchange Transfer (2019 – 2023). Transfer from SLCC of up to 1,000 AF to San Luis Water, Del Puerto Water and Panoche Water Districts
- v) Water Transferred from SLCC to Panoche Water District under the Eastside Conveyance Project – up to 5,000 AF

C. FCWD

- i) **FCWD 2021-01:** Landowner to Self in Panoche Water District Following Transfer Proposal – A-Bar Ag – up to 576 AF
- ii) **FCWD 2021-02:** Landowner to Self in San Luis Water District Following Transfer Proposal – Three Star Farms – up to 600 AF
- iii) **FCWD 2021-03:** Landowner to Self in Panoche Water District Following Transfer Proposal – Turlock Fruit Company – up to 204 AF
- iv) **FCWD 2021-04:** Landowner to Self in San Luis Water District Following Transfer Proposal – Bill Diedrich – up to 348 AF
- v) **FCWD 2021-05:** Landfallowing Transfer Proposal to Westlands, San Luis and Panoche Water Districts – up to 482 AF
- vi) **FCWD 2021-06:** Landowner to Self in Westlands Water District Following Transfer Proposal – Coburn Ranch – up to 57 AF
- vii) **FCWD 2021-07:** Landowner to Self in Panoche Water District Following Transfer Proposal – Hammonds Ranch – up to 1,412 AF
- viii) **FCWD 2021-08:** Landowner to Self in San Luis Water District Following Transfer Proposal – Empresas Del Bosque, Inc. – up to 158 AF
- ix) **FCWD 2021-09:** Landowner to Self in Westlands Water District Following Transfer Proposal – S3 Group (Sran) – up to 360 AF
- x) **FCWD Groundwater Exchange Transfer** – Maximum of up to 7,500 AF (2019-2023) - up to 4,000 AF to Westlands, San Luis, Panoche and Pacheco Water Districts Proposed for 2021.

D. Request for Recommendation of Annual Approval of Long-Term Water Acquisition Agreement – Firebaugh Canal Water District/Central California Irrigation District and Panoche Water District – 3,000 AF

- 11. **Mendota Pool Group (MPG)** – Report on Annual Meeting with Exchange Contractors Wonderful Orchards, MPG and Consultants. Board action will be requested.
- 12. **Water Resources Plan – Update** - Chris White
 - A) General Update
- 13. **Bay-Delta Water Quality and Regional Water Quality Control Board Report**
 - A) Water Quality Issues Update - David Cory
- 14. **Legislative Report**
 - A) Legislative Committee’s Report – Board action will be requested.
 - B) State
 - C) Federal
- 15. **Attorney’s Report**
- 16. **Four Entities’ Manager’s Reports**

17. Informational

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) 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*.
- I) Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation (Government Code section 54956.9(b)). Significant exposure to litigation. One case.
- J) Personnel. Government Code Section 54957.6(b). Strategic Plan and Adaptive Staffing Strategy Plan Updates.