



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

AGENDA

WATER TRANSFER COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING

THURSDAY, APRIL 8, 2021

2:00 P.M.

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

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

James E. O'Banion

President

Jarrett Martin

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

P.O. Box 2115

541 H Street

Los Banos, CA 93635

(209) 827-8616

Fax (209) 827-9703

e-mail: jwhite@sjrecwa.net

Website: www.sjrecwa.net

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on *Thursday, April 8, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.*, the Water Transfer Committee of the San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority (Exchange Contractors) has scheduled a special meeting. Members of the Committee or members of the public may participate by conference call. All votes will be conducted by roll call.

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 Committee 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**

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/617959693>

We **WILL NOT** stream audio through the computer, you will need to still dial into the conference line provided as follows:

TELECONFERENCE NUMBER: 1-877-355-9639

Passcode: 2098278616#

1. Agenda

The Water Transfer Committee will consider corrections or additions to the agenda of items requiring immediate action that have come to the attention of the Committee following the posting of the agenda.

2. Public Participation

At this time, members of the public may address the representatives on matters which may affect the operations of the Exchange Contractors' Water Transfer Committee. The Chairman may limit the time allowed for comment.

3. Approval of Minutes of the February 17, 2021 Water Transfer Committee Meeting

4. Proposed 2021 Water Transfers

Staff and the Member Entity General Managers will present proposed transfers to the committee. **Committee action may be requested on each item below:**

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 6,859 AF to Del Puerto WD; and up to 2,935 AF to Westlands Water District for a total of up to 12,302 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 (2019 – 2023)
- 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.

5. 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

6. Discussion of Landowner Requirement for a Landowner to Themselves Transfer – Mike Stearns, Hammonds Ranch

7. Any Other Business

8. Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 Real Property

Negotiations: Conference with Real Property Negotiators Real Property

Description: Exchange Contract Water that may be made available through efforts and contractual agreements with the Exchange Contractors Member Units.

Agency Negotiators: Members of the Exchange Contractors Transfer Committee and Executive Director.

Negotiating Parties: Bureau of Reclamation and CVP contractors.

Instructions to Negotiators will deal with price, terms, time for offer and acceptance and other conditions of delivery and payment.

General Information: Items received since last meeting or continued from last meeting or a previous meeting.

*Please contact the San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority at 209-827-8616 or jwhite@sjrecwa.net to request copies of meeting material.