



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

## AGENDA

# SAN JOAQUIN RIVER EXCHANGE CONTRACTORS WATER AUTHORITY

**Friday, December 3, 2021**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on *Friday, December 3, 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*, located at 541 H Street, Los Banos, California, 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.*

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

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/663322709>

**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#**

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.

**JAMES E. O'BANION**  
Chairman

**CHRIS CARDELLA**  
Vice Chairman

**CHRIS WHITE**  
Executive Director

**STEVE CHEDESTER**  
Director of Policy & Programs

**MINASIAN, MEITH,  
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- 3. Approval of Minutes**
  - November 5, 2021 Regular Board Meeting
  - November 29, 2021 Special 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 November, 2021 Expenditures**
- 6. Finance Committee Report**
  - A) Review Financial Report Memo for November, 2021 – Board Action Required.
    - i. November, 2021 General Budget Comparison
    - ii. November, 2021 Water Transfer Budget Comparison
    - iii. November, 2021 Water Resources Plan Budget Comparison
    - iv. November, 2021 San Joaquin Valley Drainage Authority
    - v. Cash Activity Report
  - B) Finance Committee Minutes of November 2, 2021
- 7. Water Report**
- 8. Executive Director’s Report**
- 9. Director of Policy & Program Report**
- 10. Board to consider authorizing the Exchange Contractors to join as a Member of The Water Blueprint for the San Joaquin Valley, a 501(c)(3) - Educational non-profit. The Executive Director or designee will serve as the Board Member.**
- 11. Water Resources Plan – Update**
  - A) Del Puerto Canyon Reservoir Project
- 12. Bay-Delta Water Quality and Regional Water Quality Control Board Report**
  - A) Water Quality Issues Update - David Cory
- 13. Legislative Report**
  - A) State
  - B) Federal
- 14. Attorney’s Report**
- 15. Four Entities’ Manager’s Reports**
- 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: Government Code Section 54956.8. Property. Water subject to the control of the Exchange Contractors available for transfer. Agency Negotiator. Chris White and Board Members. Negotiating Parties. Multiple public agencies located within and outside the CVP Service Area. Under Negotiation. Price, terms, conditions, and quantities of water available for transfer.
- 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.