



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

AGENDA

SAN JOAQUIN RIVER EXCHANGE CONTRACTORS WATER AUTHORITY

Friday, May 13, 2022

CHRIS CARDELLA
Chair

MIKE STEARNS
Vice-Chair

CHRIS WHITE
Executive Director

**MINASIAN, MEITH,
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& COOPER LLP**
Legal Counsel

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on *Friday, May 13, 2022*, 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 in the **Board Room of the San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority office** located at 541 H Street, Los Banos, California. located at 541 H Street, Los Banos, California.

In addition, any member of the public may participate in the meeting as follows:

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

Eric Fontana
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

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TELECONFERENCE NUMBER: 1-866-705-2554

Passcode: 907169#

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:** April 1, 2022 Regular Board Meeting; April 4, 2022 Special Board Meeting; April 11, 2022 Special Board Meeting; and April 15, 2022 Special Board Meeting

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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 April, 2022 Expenditures

6. Finance Committee Report

- A) Review Financial Report Memo for April, 2022 – Board Action Required.
 - i. April, 2022 General Budget Comparison
 - ii. April, 2022 Water Transfer Budget Comparison
 - iii. April, 2022 Water Resources Plan Budget Comparison
 - iv. April, 2022 San Joaquin Valley Drainage Authority
 - v. Cash Activity Report
- B) Finance Committee Minutes of March 28, 2022

7. Water Report

8. Executive Director’s Report

9. Director of Policy & Program Report

10. Water Resources Plan – Update

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

11. Water Transfer Program - Water Transfer Committee Report

- A) **CCID** - Groundwater Exchange Transfer from CCID to Del Puerto Water District – up to 62 AF
- B) **SLCC** - Water Transferred from SLCC to Panoche Water District under the Eastside Conveyance Project – up to 5,000 AF
- C) **Long Term Agreement with Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District**

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.