



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

AGENDA SAN JOAQUIN RIVER EXCHANGE CONTRACTORS WATER AUTHORITY

Friday, October 6, 2023

CHRIS CARDELLA
Chair

MIKE STEARNS
Vice-Chair

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Executive Director

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on *Friday, October 6, 2023*, 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.

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Notice: All members of the public are asked to attend the meeting by conference call.

The agenda for the meeting will be:

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Review of 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: Special Meeting of August 7, 2023 and Regular Meeting of September 1, 2023

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 September, 2023 Expenditures

6. Finance Committee Report

A) Review Financial Report Memo for September, 2023 – Board action will be requested.

- i.** September, 2023 General Budget Comparison
- ii.** September, 2023 Water Transfer Budget Comparison
- iii.** September, 2023 Water Resources Plan Budget Comparison
- iv.** September, 2023 San Joaquin Valley Drainage Authority Budget Comparison
- v.** Cash Activity Report

B) Draft Proposed 2024 Budget

C) Finance Committee Minutes of August 25, 2023

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7. **Personnel** – Consideration of Water Resources Specialist compensation. Board action is anticipated.
8. **Water Report**
9. **Executive Director’s Report**
10. **Director of Policy & Programs Report**
11. **Resolution No. 2023-03 – Authorizing Executing of Approval Agreement with United States Bureau of Reclamation Concerning Groundwater Banking of Water in Rosedale Rio-Bravo Water Storage District.** Board action will be required.
12. **Water Resources Plan – Update**
 - A) General Update
 - B) Del Puerto Canyon Reservoir Project (DPCR) Update
 - C) DPCR Activity Agreement
13. **Bay-Delta Water Quality and Regional Water Quality Control Board Report**
 - A) Water Quality Issues Update - David Cory
14. **San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority** – Board to Consider Appointment of New Division 3 Alternate to the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority Board. Board action will be required.
15. **Legislative Report**
 - A) State
 - B) Federal
16. **Public Outreach**
 - A) Lighthouse Public Affairs
17. **Attorney’s Report**
18. **Four Entities’ Manager’s Reports**
19. **November and December Board Meetings** – Due to various conflicts, the Board will be asked to approve the following proposed changes to the schedule of the Regular Board meetings:
 - **Friday, November 10, 2023**
 - **Friday, December 8, 2023**
20. **Informational**
21. **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. Two potential cases. Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)
- F) 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.
- G) 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*.
- H) Personnel. Government Code Section 54957.6(b). Strategic Plan and Adaptive Staffing Strategy Plan Updates.