



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

## AGENDA SAN JOAQUIN RIVER EXCHANGE CONTRACTORS WATER AUTHORITY

Friday, January 5, 2024

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on *Friday, January 5, 2024*, 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. 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.

**2. Approval of Minutes:** Regular Meeting of December 8, 2023

**3. 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.

**4. Board to approve December, 2023 Expenditures**

**5. Finance Committee Report**

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

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

**B) 2024 Water Resources Plan Budget**

**C) Finance Committee Minutes of December 4, 2023**

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Chair

**MIKE STEARNS**

Vice-Chair

**CHRIS WHITE**

Executive Director

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- 6. Water Report**
- 7. Executive Director’s Report**
- 8. Director of Policy & Programs Report**
- 9. Water Resources Plan**
  - A) General Update
  - B) Del Puerto Canyon Reservoir Project (DPCR) Update
- 10. Water Transfer Program – Board action will be requested.**
  - A) Agreement for the Acquisition of Water By the United States, and San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority from the San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority 2024-2025
  - B) Water Transfer Agreements (2024-2025)
    - i. Westside Water Authority – 7,000 Acre Feet (AF)
    - ii. Santa Clara Valley Water District – 2,000 AF
    - iii. Triangle T Water District – 1,000 AF
- 11. Bay-Delta Water Quality and Regional Water Quality Control Board Report**
  - A) Water Quality Issues Update - David Cory
- 12. Legislative Report**
  - A) State
  - B) Federal
- 13. Public Outreach**
  - A) Lighthouse Public Affairs
- 14. Charitable Contributions**

Discussion of developing a Charitable Contribution program to support disadvantaged communities’ projects that are consistent with a water supply and reliability, water quality, and flood control purposes.
- 15. Attorney’s Report**
- 16. Four Entities’ Manager’s Reports**
- 17. Informational**
  - A) 2024 Mid-Pacific Water Users’ Conference – January 24-26, 2024
- 18. Personnel**
  - A) Consideration of Compensation
- 19. 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 Performance Evaluation of Exchange Contractors’ staff.