



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

## AGENDA SAN JOAQUIN RIVER EXCHANGE CONTRACTORS WATER AUTHORITY

Friday, April 5, 2024

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on *Friday, April 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 March 1, 2024; Special Meeting of March 14, 2024

**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. Presentation of Financial Statements and Supplemental Data for the Years Ended December 31, 2023 and 2022**

Joseph P. Mastro of Cuttone & Mastro, the Exchange Contractors independent auditor, will present the Financial Statements and Supplemental Data for the Years Ended December 31, 2023 and 2022. The Board may accept the report as presented or may take it under advisement for consideration and acceptance at the next Board meeting.

**5. Board to approve March 2024 Expenditures**

**6. Finance Committee Report**

**A) Review Financial Report Memo for March 2024** – Board action will be requested.

**i.** March 2024 General Budget Comparison

**ii.** March 2024 Water Transfer Budget Comparison

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Chair

**MIKE STEARNS**  
Vice-Chair

**CHRIS WHITE**  
Executive Director

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- iii. March 2024 Water Resources Plan (General Membership)  
Budget Comparison
    - iv. March 2024 Water Resources Plan (Participation Agreement)  
Budget Comparison
    - v. March 2024 San Joaquin Valley Drainage Authority Budget Comparison
    - vi. Cash Activity Report
  - B) Finance Committee Minutes of February 26, 2024
- 7. **Water Report**
- 8. **Executive Director's Report**
- 9. **Director of Policy & Programs Report**
- 10. **Water Resources Plan**
  - A) General Update
  - B) Del Puerto Canyon Reservoir Project (DPCR) Update
- 11. **Water Transfer Program - Water Transfer Committee Report**
  - A) **CCID:**
    - i) Landowner to Self in Panoche, San Luis and Westlands Water Districts Following Transfer Proposal – Redfern Ranches – up to 2,604 AF
    - ii) Groundwater Exchange Transfer from CCID to Westlands Water District – up to 2,500 AF
  - B) **FCWD:**
    - i) **FCWD 2024-01** Conserved Water Transfer Proposal to San Luis Water District – up to 1,500 AF. Groundwater Pumping/Water Transfer Project for 25 Consecutive Years EA/IS, November 30, 2007.
    - ii) **FCWD 2024-02** Conserved Water Transfer Proposal to Panoche Water District – up to 1,500 AF. Groundwater Pumping/Water Transfer Project for 25 Consecutive Years EA/IS, November 30, 2007.
    - iii) **FCWD 2024-03** Conserved Water Transfer Proposal to Westlands Water District – up to 4,500 AF. Groundwater Pumping/Water Transfer Project for 25 Consecutive Years EA/IS, November 30, 2007.
    - iv) **FCWD 2024-04** Conserved Water Transfer Proposal to Pacheco Water District – up to 500 AF. Groundwater Pumping/Water Transfer Project for 25 Consecutive Years EA/IS, November 30, 2007.
    - v) **FCWD 2024-05** Landowner to Self in Westlands and Panoche Water Districts – Following Transfer Proposal – Turlock Fruit Co. – up to 690 AF
    - vi) **FCWD Groundwater Exchange Transfer** – Transfer from FCWD of up to 7,500 AF to Pacheco Water District, Panoche Water District, San Luis Water District, and Westlands Water District.
- 12. **Resolution No. 2024-02** – Resolution of the Board of Directors of the San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority Recognizing the Contribution of James L. Nickel
- 13. **Bay-Delta Water Quality and Regional Water Quality Control Board Report**
  - A) Water Quality Issues Update - David Cory

**14. Legislative Report**

- A) State
- B) Federal

**15. Public Outreach**

- A) Lighthouse Public Affairs

**16. Attorney's Report**

**17. Four Entities' Manager's Reports**

**18. Informational**

**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*.