



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

SAN JOAQUIN RIVER EXCHANGE CONTRACTORS WATER AUTHORITY SPECIAL MEETING

AGENDA

Monday, August 7, 2023

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on *Monday, August 7, 2023* at *3:00 p.m.*, the *San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority*, otherwise known as the *Exchange Contractors*, has scheduled a Special Board meeting. Members of the *Exchange Contractors* or members of the public may participate by conference call. All votes will be conducted by roll call.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this meeting will take place using teleconferencing. **To access this call at 3:00 p.m., please dial: 888-297-9852, Conference Code: 1906434#.** At least one Board Member or a staff member will be at the *Exchange Contractors*' office and be physically present at the meeting.

The Board Members participating by telephone will be:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address Calling From</u>	<u>Phone # Calling From</u>
1. Chris Cardella	7420 Road 6, Firebaugh, CA	559-269-0489
2. Eric Fontana	16192 N. Hudson Ave., Dos Palos, CA	559-246-9250
3. James Nickel	11704 W. Henry Miller Rd., Dos Palos, CA	661-872-5050
4. Mike Stearns	47375 W. Dakota, Firebaugh, CA	209-364-6185

Each Board Member participating by phone will have a speaker on the telephone, and the portion of the meeting open to the public can be listened or physically attended at the *Exchange Contractors*' office. Each Board Member participating by telephone will post a copy of this Agenda at the address specified above. At least a quorum of Board Members will be physically located within the *Exchange Contractors*' boundaries.

The Agenda for the meeting will be:

1. **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.

CHRIS CARDELLA
Chair

MIKE STEARNS
Vice-Chair

CHRIS WHITE
Executive Director

**MINASIAN, MEITH,
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Eric Fontana
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2. 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.

3. Del Puerto Canyon Reservoir Project

The Board will be asked to accept staff's recommendation to approve the remainder funding request for 2023 for the Del Puerto Canyon Reservoir Project.

4. 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*.