



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

## AGENDA SAN JOAQUIN RIVER EXCHANGE CONTRACTORS WATER AUTHORITY

**Friday, October 3, 2025**

**CHRIS CARDELLA**  
Chair

**MIKE STEARNS**  
Vice-Chair

**CHRIS WHITE**  
Executive Director

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**Mike Gardner**  
General Manager

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on *Friday, October 3, 2025*, at **7:00 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.

**PHONE IN NUMBER: 1-888-297-9852**

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*Notice: All members of the public can attend the meeting in person or 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:** Regular Meeting of September 5, 2025

**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, 2025 Expenditures**

**6. Finance Committee Report**

**A) Review Financial Report Memo for September, 2025** – Board action will be requested.

- i.** September, 2025 General Budget Comparison
- ii.** September, 2025 Water Transfer Budget Comparison
- iii.** September, 2025 Water Resources Plan (General Membership) Budget Comparison

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- iv. September, 2025 Water Resources Plan (Participation Agreement) Budget Comparison
- v. September, 2025 San Joaquin Valley Drainage Authority Budget Comparison
- vi. Cash Activity Report
- B) Draft 2026 Proposed Budget
- C) Audit Proposals – For Years 2025, 2026, and 2027
- D) Finance Committee Minutes of September 2, 2025

**7. Water Report**

**8. Executive Director's Report**

**9. Director of Policy & Programs Report**

**10. Water Resources Plan**

- A) General Update
- B) Los Banos Creek Reservoir Regulation Project Standing Committee Report – Board action will be requested.
  - i. Project Cooperation Management Agreement
  - ii. Budget Update
- C) Del Puerto Canyon Reservoir Project (DPCR) Update

**11. Bay-Delta Water Quality and Regional Water Quality Control Board Report**

- A) Water Quality Issues Update - David Cory

**12. Water Transfer Program**

- A) **CCID:** Groundwater Exchange Transfer from CCID to Del Puerto Water District – up to 150 Acre Feet

**13. Resolution No. 2025-03 – Terminating San Joaquin River Flood Control Project Joint Exercise of Power Agreement; Dissolving the Agency and Directing Staff to Proceed with Actions Necessary to Dissolve the Agency.**

The Lower San Joaquin River Levee District has requested termination of the Joint Agreement and Dissolving the Agency since the project planning has been completed. Staff are recommending approval of Resolution No. 2025-03 Terminating Joint Exercise of Power Agreement and Dissolving the Agency. Board action will be requested.

**14. Resolution No. 2025-04 – Approving Issuance of 2025 Community Infrastructure Program Awards.**

Staff to provide Standing Committee's Recommendation of Recipient(s) of Community Program Funds, the amount of each Award, and the Purpose to which Community Infrastructure Program Awards shall be dedicated. Board action will be requested.

**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. Informational**

**20. 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) Conference with Legal Counsel. Anticipated litigation (two cases). Government Code 54956.9(d)(2)

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