



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

AGENDA SAN JOAQUIN RIVER EXCHANGE CONTRACTORS WATER AUTHORITY

Friday, February 6, 2026

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on *Friday, February 6, 2026*, 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 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 January 9, 2026

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 January, 2026 Expenditures

6. Finance Committee Report

A) Review Financial Report Memo for January, 2026 – Board action will be requested.

- i.** December, 2025 Budget Comparisons - Updated
- ii.** January, 2026 General Budget Comparison
- iii.** January, 2026 Water Transfer Budget Comparison

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Chair

MIKE STEARNS
Vice-Chair

CHRIS WHITE
Executive Director

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- iv. January, 2026 Water Resources Plan (General Membership) Budget Comparison
- v. January, 2026 Water Resources Plan (Participation Agreement) Budget Comparison
- vi. Cash Activity Report
- B) 2025 Summary of Charges on Visa Cards
- C) 2025 Report – Reimbursement to Employees in Excess of \$100
- D) Finance Committee Minutes of January 5, 2026

7. Water Report

8. Executive Director’s Report

9. Employee Handbook – Board to Consider Proposed Changes to Employee Handbook

10. Director of Policy & Programs Report

11. Water Resources Plan

- A) General Update
- B) Del Puerto Canyon Reservoir Project (DPCR) Update

12. Bay-Delta Water Quality and Regional Water Quality Control Board Report

- A) Water Quality Issues Update - David Cory

13. Water Transfer Program - Water Transfer Committee Report

- A) Review of 2025 Water Transfer Program and Proposed 2026 Water Transfers
- B) Water Transfer Committee Meeting Minutes of July 22, 2025

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. Personnel – Consideration of Employment Agreement – Executive Director

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. Johnson vs. PGE Gas Company, et al. Government Code Section 54956.9
- F) Conference with Legal Counsel regarding anticipated litigation. Two potential cases. Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)
- G) 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.
- H) 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*.
- I) Conference with Legal Counsel. Anticipated litigation (two cases). Government Code 54956.9(d)(2)
- J) Personnel: Government Code Section 54957