



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

## AGENDA

### SAN JOAQUIN RIVER EXCHANGE CONTRACTORS WATER AUTHORITY

Wednesday, July 1, 2026

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on *Wednesday, July 1, 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 June 5, 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 June, 2026 Expenditures**

**6. Finance Committee Report**

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

- i.** June, 2026 General Budget Comparison
- ii.** June, 2026 Water Transfer Budget Comparison
- iii.** June, 2026 Water Resources Plan (General Membership) Budget Comparison

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- iv. June, 2026 Water Resources Plan (Participation Agreement) Budget Comparison
  - v. June, 2026 San Joaquin Valley Drainage Authority Budget Comparison
  - vi. Cash Activity Report
- B) Finance Committee Minutes of June 2, 2026**
- 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. Community Infrastructure Program** – Board action will be requested.
  - A) **2026 Program** - Staff will be recommending the 2026 funding amount for the Community Infrastructure Program based on the final Westside Ag Allocation of 25%.
  - B) **City of Firebaugh – 2024 and 2025 Projects** – Rehabilitation to the existing Pedestrian and Bike Trail – Staff will be recommending to combine the amounts under the two projects.
- 12. Bay-Delta Water Quality and Regional Water Quality Control Board Report**
  - A) Water Quality Issues Update - David Cory
- 13. Legislative Report**
  - A) State
  - B) Federal
- 14. Public Outreach**
  - A) Lighthouse Public Affairs
- 15. Attorney’s Report**
- 16. Four Entities’ Manager’s Reports**
- 17. Informational**
- 18. 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. SWRCB Administrative Proceedings Regarding Water Rights Exercise, San Joaquin River and Tributaries. Government Code Section 54956.9
- D) Conference with Legal Counsel. Johnson vs. PGE Gas Company, et al. 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. Triangle T Water District. 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)