



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

AGENDA

SAN JOAQUIN RIVER EXCHANGE CONTRACTORS WATER AUTHORITY

Friday, December 13, 2019

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on *Friday, December 13, 2019*, at **9:00 a.m.**, 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. 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.

2. Approval of Minutes

November 1, 2019 Board Meeting

[TAB 1]

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. Board to approve November, 2019 Expenditures

[TAB 2]

5. Finance Committee Report

[TAB 3]

- A) Review Financial Report for November, 2019 – Board action will be requested.
- i. November, 2019 General Budget Comparison
 - ii. November, 2019 Water Transfer Budget Comparison
 - iii. November, 2019 Water Resources Plan Budget Comparison
 - iv. November, 2019 San Joaquin Valley Drainage Authority Budget Comparison
 - v. Cash Activity Report
- B) Minutes of the October 28, 2019 Finance Committee Meeting

6. Water Report

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7. **Executive Director's Report**
8. **Director of Policy & Program Report**
9. **San Joaquin River Restoration Program (SJRRP) – Chris White** [TAB 4]
 Staff and legal counsel have worked with the San Joaquin River Restoration Program in developing a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) Between the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and the Exchange Contractors and its Member Entities for the SJRRP Improvements. A report on the action taken by each of the Member Entity Boards will be provided. The Board will be asked to ratify the MOA and authorize the President to execute the Agreement.
10. **Water Transfer Program**
 Board to consider transfer and exchange agreements with Valley Water. Board action is anticipated.
11. **Subsidence in Western Madera and Merced Counties - No Board action is**
 Expected to be taken. Chris White and John Wiersma
12. **Water Resources Plan – Update - Chris White**
 - A) General Update
 - B) Del Puerto Canyon Reservoir
13. **Bay-Delta Water Quality and Regional Water Quality Control Board Report** – No Board action is expected to be taken. David Cory [TAB 5]
14. **Legislative Report** [TAB 6]
 - A) State
 - B) Federal
15. **Attorney's Report** [TAB 7]
16. **Four Entities' Manager's Reports**
17. **Schedule of Upcoming Board Meeting**
 As a result of the holiday season, the Board will be asked to approve changing the January 2020 Board meeting to Friday, January 10, 2020. Board action will be requested.
18. **Informational**
 - A) **53rd Annual Mid-Pacific Water Users Conference, Silver Legacy, Reno – January 22-24, 2020** [TAB 8]
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. One potential case. Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)
- F)** Threatened Litigation: NRDC 60-Day Notice regarding failure of SWRCB to comply with Clean Water Act, Re: water quality plans; failure of Bureau of Reclamation to consult under ESA regarding Contract Renegotiation. Government Code Section 54956.9
- G)** Conference with Real Property Negotiators. Subject to discussion: Water available for transfer by the Exchange Contractors and its members.
Negotiators: Chris White and Water Transfer Committee members.
Government Code Section 54956.8
Subject of Closed Session: price, duration of transfer and other terms
- H)** Personnel. Government Code Section 54957.6(b)