



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

## AGENDA

# SAN JOAQUIN RIVER EXCHANGE CONTRACTORS WATER AUTHORITY

Friday, January 10, 2020

**JAMES E. O'BANION**  
Chairman

**CHRIS CARDELLA**  
Vice Chairman

**CHRIS WHITE**  
Executive Director

**STEVE CHEDESTER**  
Director of Policy & Programs

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Legal Counsel

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### CENTRAL CALIFORNIA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

**James E. O'Banion**  
President

**Jarrett Martin**  
General Manager

### SAN LUIS CANAL COMPANY

**James L. Nickel**  
President

**John Wiersma**  
General Manager

### FIREBAUGH CANAL WATER DISTRICT

**Mike Stearns**  
President

**Jeff Bryant**  
General Manager

### COLUMBIA CANAL COMPANY

**Chris Cardella**  
President

**Randy Houk**  
General Manager

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on *Friday, January 10, 2020*, 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. **Pledge of Allegiance**

2. **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**

December 13, 2019 Board Meeting

[TAB 1]

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 December, 2019 Expenditures**

[TAB 2]

6. **Finance Committee Report**

[TAB 3]

A) Review Financial Report for December, 2019 – Board Action Required.

i. December, 2019 General Budget Comparison

ii. December, 2019 Water Transfer Budget Comparison

iii. December, 2019 Water Resources Plan Budget Comparison

iv. Cash Activity Report

B) Resolution No. 20-01 – Resolution to Adopt Annual Statement of Investment Policy and Guidelines

C) Annual Contributions

D) Finance Committee Minutes of December 2, 2019

7. **Water Report**

8. **Executive Director's Report**

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

**10. Subsidence Analysis in Western Madera and Merced Counties - No Action Expected.**  
Chris White and John Wiersma

**11. Water Resources Plan – Update - Chris White**

- A) General Update
- B) Del Puerto Canyon Reservoir

**12. Bay-Delta Water Quality and Regional Water Quality Control Board Report** [TAB 4]

- A) Water Quality Issues Update - David Cory

**13. Legislative Report** [TAB 5]

- A) State
- B) Federal

**14. Attorney’s Report** [TAB 6]

**15. Four Entities’ Manager’s Reports**

**16. Informational**

**17. 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)