



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

AGENDA

SAN JOAQUIN RIVER EXCHANGE CONTRACTORS WATER AUTHORITY

Friday, April 3, 2020

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on *Friday, April 3, 2020*, at 9:00 a.m., the *San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority*, otherwise known as the *Exchange Contractors*. The *Exchange Contractors' office* is located at 541 H Street, Los Banos, California.

PLEASE JOIN THE MEETING FROM YOUR COMPUTER,
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Notice: All Directors and members of the public are asked to attend the meeting by teleconference. During the conference call, all votes will be conducted by roll call.

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**

March 6, 2020 Board Meeting

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.

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CHRIS CARDELLA
Vice Chairman

CHRIS WHITE
Executive Director

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Director of Policy & Programs

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5. Board to approve March, 2020 Expenditures

6. Finance Committee Report

- A) Review Financial Report for March, 2020 – Board Action Required.
 - i. March, 2020 General Budget Comparison
 - ii. March, 2020 Water Transfer Budget Comparison
 - iii. March, 2020 Water Resources Plan Budget Comparison
 - iv. March, 2020 San Joaquin Valley Drainage Authority
 - v. Cash Activity Report
- B) Finance Committee Minutes of March 2, 2020

7. Water Report

8. Executive Director's Report

9. Director of Policy & Program Report

10. Water Transfer Committee Report. The Water Transfer Committee met on March 19, 2020, and recommends Board action to be taken.

- A) **CCID Groundwater Exchange Transfers** – Transfers from CCID of up to 20,500 AF to Panoche Water District (PWD) and/or San Luis Water District (SLWD) and/or Del Puerto Water District (DPWD), and/or Westlands Water District (WWD). CCID and SLCC 5-Year Transfer Program EA (2019 – 2023) – up to 20,500 AF.
- B) **SLCC**
 - i) Water Transferred from SLCC to PWD under the Eastside Conveyance Project – up to 5,000 AF
 - ii) Groundwater Exchange Transfers. Transfer from SLCC of up to 820 AF to SLWD, PWD and DPWD. CCID and SLCC 5-Year Transfer Program EA (2019 – 2023) – up to 5,500 AF.
 - iii) Landfallowing Transfer Proposal to Semitropic Water Storage District and Wonderful – up to 7,000 AF (Landfallowing calculations are available upon request)
 - iv) Landfallowing Transfer Proposal to Triangle T Water District – up to 49 AF (Landfallowing calculations are available upon request)
- C) **FCWD**
 - i) Landowner to Landowner Fallowing Transfer Proposal – Turlock Fruit Co. – up to 1,000 AF
 - ii) Groundwater Exchange Transfers. Transfer from FCWD to Pacheco Water District, PWD, SLWD and WWD. FCWD 5-Year Transfer Program EA (2019 – 2023) – up to 7,500 AF.
- D) **Annual Approval of Long-Term Water Acquisition Agreement – Firebaugh Canal Water District/Central California Irrigation District and Panoche Water District – 3,000 AF**

11. Mendota Pool Group Agreement. Mendota Pool Group (MPG) – The Board will be asked to approve the Agreement with the Mendota Pool Group. Board action will be requested.

12. Consideration of Resolution No. 2020-03 Declaring Local Emergency

With the current international, federal, state, and local health and governmental authorities responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Board will be asked to adopt Resolution NO. 20-02 Declaring a Local Emergency.

13. Water Resources Plan – Update - Chris White

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

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

- A) Water Quality Issues Update - David Cory

15. Legislative Report

- A) State
- B) Federal

16. Attorney’s Report

17. Four Entities’ Manager’s Reports

18. Informational

- A) ACWA Spring Conference has been rescheduled for July 28 – 31, 2020 in Monterey.

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)