



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

## AGENDA

# SAN JOAQUIN RIVER EXCHANGE CONTRACTORS WATER AUTHORITY

Friday, April 7, 2023

**CHRIS CARDELLA**  
Chair

**MIKE STEARNS**  
Vice-Chair

**CHRIS WHITE**  
Executive Director

**MINASIAN, MEITH,  
SOARES, SEXTON  
& COOPER LLP**  
Legal Counsel

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on *Friday, April 7, 2023*, 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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### CENTRAL CALIFORNIA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

**Eric Fontana**  
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: All members of the public are asked to attend the meeting by conference call.*

The agenda for the meeting will be:

**1. 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.

**2. Approval of Minutes:** Regular Meeting of March 3, 2023

**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 March, 2023 Expenditures**

**5. Finance Committee Report**

**A) Review Financial Report Memo for March, 2023** – Board action will be requested.

- i.** March, 2023 General Budget Comparison
- ii.** March, 2023 Water Transfer Budget Comparison
- iii.** March, 2023 Water Resources Plan Budget Comparison
- iv.** March, 2023 San Joaquin Valley Drainage Authority Budget Comparison
- v.** Cash Activity Report

**B) Finance Committee Minutes of February 27, 2023**

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- 6. Water Report**
- 7. Executive Director's Report**
- 8. Director of Policy & Programs Report**
- 9. Water Resources Plan – Update**
  - A) General Update
  - B) Del Puerto Canyon Reservoir Project Update
- 10. Water Transfer Program**
  - A) Water Transfer Indemnification Agreement – Board action will be requested to recommend approval and ratification by member entity boards.
- 11. Mendota Pool Group (MPG) – Report on Annual Meeting with Exchange Contractors, Wonderful Orchards, MPG and Consultants.** Staff will provide a brief review of the 2022 Program and recommendation for the 2023 Program. Board action will be requested.
- 12. Bay-Delta Water Quality and Regional Water Quality Control Board Report**
  - A) Water Quality Issues Update - David Cory
- 13. Legislative Report**
  - A) Legislative Committee Report – Board action will be requested.
  - B) State
  - C) 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 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. 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. Multiple public agencies located within and\ outside the CVP Service Area. 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*.