



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

AGENDA SAN JOAQUIN RIVER EXCHANGE CONTRACTORS WATER AUTHORITY

Friday, March 1, 2024

CHRIS CARDELLA
Chair

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Vice-Chair

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on *Friday, March 1, 2024*, 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 are asked to attend the meeting 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 February 2, 2024

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 February, 2024 Expenditures

6. Finance Committee Report

A) Review Financial Report Memo for February, 2024 – Board action will be requested.

- i.** February, 2024 General Budget Comparison
- ii.** February, 2024 Water Transfer Budget Comparison
- iii.** February, 2024 Water Resources Plan (General Membership) Budget Comparison
- iv.** February, 2024 Water Resources Plan (Participation Agreement) Budget Comparison
- v.** Cash Activity Report

B) Finance Committee Minutes of January 29, 2024

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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. **Water Transfer Program - Water Transfer Committee Report**
 - A) **Review of Initial 2024 Water Transfer Program; Including Future Potential Transfer Proposals**
 - B) **SLCC**
 - i) **SLCC 2024-1:** Landfallowing Transfer to Del Puerto, Triangle T and Westlands Water Districts – up to 8,000 AF
 - ii) **SLCC 2024-2:** Groundwater Exchange Transfer from SLCC to San Luis, Del Puerto, and Panoche Water Districts – up to 853 AF
 - iii) Water Transferred from SLCC to Panoche Water District under the Eastside Conveyance Project – up to 5,000 AF
 - C) **Request for Recommendation of Annual Approval of Long-Term Water Acquisition Agreement** – Firebaugh Canal Water District/Central California Irrigation District and Panoche Water District – 3,000 AF
 - D) Information on Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Related Issues
12. **Mendota Pool Group (MPG)** – Report on Annual Meeting with Exchange Contractors, Wonderful Orchards, MPG and consultants. Staff will provide a brief review of the 2023 Program and recommendation for the 2024 Program. Board action will be requested.
13. **Bay-Delta Water Quality and Regional Water Quality Control Board Report**
 - A) Water Quality Issues Update - David Cory
14. **Community Infrastructure Fund**
Discussion of developing a Community Infrastructure Fund program to support local disadvantaged communities’ projects that are consistent with a water supply and reliability, water quality, and flood control purposes.
15. **San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority** – Board to Consider Appointment of New Division 3 Alternate to the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority Board. Board action will be required.
16. **Legislative Report**
 - A) State
 - B) Federal
17. **Public Outreach**
 - A) Lighthouse Public Affairs

18. Attorney's Report

19. Four Entities' Manager's Reports

20. Informational

21. 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*.