

**MINUTES OF THE SAN JOAQUIN RIVER EXCHANGE CONTRACTORS  
WATER AUTHORITY WATER TRANSFER COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2023**

The Water Transfer Committee met on Thursday, May 4, 2023 in the Board Room of the *San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority (Exchange Contractors)*, 541 “H” Street, City of Los Banos, County of Merced, State of California.

**WATER TRANSFER COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT**

Kimberly Brown, Chair; Kirk Jensen, Jarrett Martin, John Wiersma, Jeff Bryant, and Randy Houk (via teleconference)

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Chris White, Executive Director; Steve Chedester, Director of Policy & Programs; Joann White, Director of Finance & Administration; Adam Hoffman, Water Resources Specialist; and, Tom Berliner, Legal Counsel (via teleconference)

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Kimberly Brown opened the meeting at 3:00 p.m. and asked Jarrett Martin to lead the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**AGENDA**

There were no changes to the Agenda.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was no public participation.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MARCH 2, 2023  
WATER TRANSFER COMMITTEE MEETING**

Upon presentation of the March 2, 2023 minutes, a motion was made by Kirk Jensen and seconded by Jeff Bryant to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was unanimously carried.

**PROPOSED 2023 WATER TRANSFERS**

**SLCC:** Regarding SLCC’s previously approved transfer (SLCC 2023-1) landfallowing for sale, the Executive Director explained that an error in the cropping history was recently discovered,

and revisions have been made to correct the error. As a result, this revision added an additional 123 AF of water available. Updated information was provided to the Committee members.

**FCWD:** The Executive Director next presented the four FCWD conserved water transfer proposals (FCWD 2023-04, 2023-05, 2023-06 and 2023-07). He explained the four transfers are covered within the drainage EA/IS environmental coverage, adding that the price of the water is based on the flex price matrix included in the Agreement with U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority.

The last transfer being proposed is a groundwater exchange transfer from FCWD to Pacheco Water District, Panoche Water District, San Luis Water District and/or Westlands Water District. Manager Bryant estimated the amount of transfer to be up to 2,230 AF.

A motion was made by John Wiersma and seconded by Kirk Jensen to recommend approval of the revision to SLCC 2023-1, in addition to the proposed transfers from FCWD (2023-04, 2023-05, 2023-06, and 2023-07) and the FCWD groundwater exchange transfer of up to 2,230 AF. The motion was unanimously carried.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

With no further business coming before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned to Closed Session at 2:30 p.m.

Chair Brown returned the meeting to Open Session at 3:11 p.m. and announced that the Committee did not take any action other than direction to staff.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:11 p.m.

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KIMBERLY BROWN, CHAIR

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JARRETT MARTIN

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