



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

AGENDA SAN JOAQUIN RIVER EXCHANGE CONTRACTORS WATER AUTHORITY

Friday, April 4, 2025

CHRIS CARDELLA
Chair

MIKE STEARNS
Vice-Chair

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Executive Director

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on *Friday, April 4, 2025, 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.

PHONE IN NUMBER: 1-888-297-9852

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Notice: All members of the public can attend the meeting in person or by conference call.

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

Eric Fontana
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General Manager

SAN LUIS CANAL COMPANY

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President

John Wiersma
General Manager

FIREBAUGH CANAL WATER DISTRICT

Mike Stearns
President

Jeff Bryant
General Manager

COLUMBIA CANAL COMPANY

Chris Cardella
President

Mike Gardner
General Manager

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 7, 2025

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. Presentation of Financial Statements and Supplemental Data for the Years Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023

Joseph P. Mastro of Cuttone & Mastro, the Exchange Contractors independent auditor, will present the Financial Statements and Supplemental Data for the Years Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023. The Board may accept the report as presented or may take it under advisement for consideration and acceptance at the next Board meeting.

5. Board to approve March, 2025 Expenditures

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6. Finance Committee Report

A) Review Financial Report Memo for March, 2025 – Board action will be requested.

- i. March, 2025 General Budget Comparison
- ii. March, 2025 Water Transfer Budget Comparison
- iii. March, 2025 Water Resources Plan (General Membership) Budget Comparison
- iv. March, 2025 Water Resources Plan (Participation Agreement) Budget Comparison
- v. March, 2025 San Joaquin Valley Drainage Authority Budget Comparison
- vi. Cash Activity Report

B) Finance Committee Minutes of March 3, 2025

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) CCID:

- i) Landowner to Self in Panoche, San Luis and Westlands Water Districts Following Transfer Proposal – Redfern Ranches – up to 2,645 AF
- ii) Landowner to Self in Westlands Water District Following Transfer Proposal – Britz - Dos Palos T.I.C. – up to 881 AF
- iii) Groundwater Exchange Transfer from CCID to San Luis & Westlands Water Districts – up to 1,086 AF

B) SLCC:

- i) **SLCC 2025-1:** Landfallowing Transfer to Del Puerto, Triangle T, and Westlands Water Districts – up to 8,000 AF
- ii) **SLCC 2025-2:** Landowner to Self in Westlands Water District – W.B. Timber, LLC - up to 186 AF
- iii) **SLCC 2025-3:** Groundwater Exchange Transfer from SLCC to San Luis, Del Puerto, and Panoche Water Districts – up to 1,189 AF
- iv) **SLCC 2025-4:** Water Transfer from SLCC to Panoche Water District under the Eastside Conveyance Project – up to 5,000 AF

C) FCWD:

- i) **FCWD 2025-01** Conserved Water Transfer Proposal to San Luis Water District – up to 1,500 AF. Groundwater Pumping/Water Transfer Project for 25 Consecutive Years EA/IS, November 30, 2007.

- ii) **FCWD 2025-02** Conserved Water Transfer Proposal to Westlands Water District – up to 4,500 AF. Groundwater Pumping/Water Transfer Project for 25 Consecutive Years EA/IS, November 30, 2007.
- iii) **FCWD 2025-03** Conserved Water Transfer Proposal to Panoche Water District – up to 1,500 AF. Groundwater Pumping/Water Transfer Project for 25 Consecutive Years EA/IS, November 30, 2007.
- iv) **FCWD 2025-04** Conserved Water Transfer Proposal to Pacheco Water District – up to 500 AF. Groundwater Pumping/Water Transfer Project for 25 Consecutive Years EA/IS, November 30, 2007.
- v) **FCWD 2025-05** Landowner to Self in Westlands Water Districts – Following Transfer Proposal – Turlock Fruit Co. – up to 483 AF
- vi) **FCWD Groundwater Exchange Transfer** – Transfer from FCWD of up to 7,500 AF to Pacheco, Panoche, San Luis and Westlands Water Districts

D) 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

E) Water Transfer Committee Minutes of February 24, 2025

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

A) Water Quality Issues Update - David Cory

13. Legislative Report

A) State

B) 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*.