



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

## AGENDA SAN JOAQUIN RIVER EXCHANGE CONTRACTORS WATER AUTHORITY

Friday, March 7, 2025

**CHRIS CARDELLA**  
Chair

**MIKE STEARNS**  
Vice-Chair

**CHRIS WHITE**  
Executive Director

**MINASIAN LAW**  
Legal Counsel

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on *Friday, March 7, 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.

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### **CENTRAL CALIFORNIA IRRIGATION DISTRICT**

**Eric Fontana**  
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**John Wiersma**  
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### **FIREBAUGH CANAL WATER DISTRICT**

**Mike Stearns**  
President

**Jeff Bryant**  
General Manager

### **COLUMBIA CANAL COMPANY**

**Chris Cardella**  
President

**Mike Gardner**  
General Manager

*Notice: All members of the public can attend the meeting in person or 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 February 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. Board to approve February, 2025 Expenditures**

**5. Finance Committee Report**

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

- i.** February, 2025 General Budget Comparison
- ii.** February, 2025 Water Transfer Budget Comparison

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- iii. February, 2025 Water Resources Plan (General Membership) Budget Comparison
  - iv. February, 2025 Water Resources Plan (Participation Agreement) Budget Comparison
  - v. February, 2025 San Joaquin Valley Drainage Authority Budget Comparison
  - vi. Cash Activity Report
  - B) Finance Committee Minutes of February 3, 2025
- 6. Water Report**
- 7. Draft Annual Groundwater Report – Analysis review to be provided by Consultant, Dr. Kenneth D. Schmidt.** Board action may be requested.
- 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. Resolution No. 25-02 – Board to Adopt Amendment and Restatement Employee Retirement Plan – Deferred Contribution Pension Plan**
- 12. Water Transfer Program - Water Transfer Committee Report**
- A) Review of initial 2025 Water Transfer Program including future potential transfer proposals
  - B) Water Transfer Committee Minutes of June 28, 2024
- 13. Mendota Pool Group (MPG) – Report on annual meeting with Exchange Contractors, Wonderful Orchards, MPG and consultants.** Staff will provide a brief review of the 2024 program and recommendation for the 2025 program. Board action will be requested.
- 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. Public Outreach**
- A) Lighthouse Public Affairs
- 17. Attorney’s Report**
- 18. Four Entities’ Manager’s Reports**
- 19. Informational**

**20. 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.*