

**MINUTES OF THE SAN JOAQUIN RIVER EXCHANGE CONTRACTORS
WATER AUTHORITY WATER TRANSFER COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2022**

The Water Transfer Committee met on Wednesday, March 2, 2022 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

Kirk Jensen, Cannon Michael, Dan McCurdy, Kimberly Brown, Jarrett Martin, John Wiersma, Jeff Bryant, and Randy Houk

OTHERS PRESENT

Chris White, Executive Director; Steve Chedester, Director of Policy & Programs; Joann White, Water Transfer Administrator/Director of Finance & Administration; Adam Hoffman, Water Resources Specialist; and, Tom Berliner, Legal Counsel

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice-Chair Cannon Michael opened the meeting at 10:30 a.m. 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 APRIL 8, 2021
WATER TRANSFER COMMITTEE MEETING**

Upon presentation of the April 8, 2021 minutes, a motion was made by John Wiersma and seconded by Dan McCurdy to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was unanimously carried.

**WATER TRANSFER COMMITTEE WILL ELECT AN INDIVIDUAL AS
CHAIR TO THE COMMITTEE**

A motion was made by Kirk Jensen and seconded by Cannon Michael to elect Kimberly Brown as the new Chair to the Water Transfer Committee. The motion was passed unanimously.

REVIEW OF 2021 WATER TRANSFER PROGRAM

Chris White presented a matrix outlining the maximum quantity for the various programs, noting that the conserved water transfers would not take place in 2022 unless the water supply criteria changes to a non-critical year for the Exchange Contractors. He then moved to the next column of the matrix where it outlined the 2021 transfer numbers, adding that last year was also a critical year and there were no conserved water transfers.

CURRENT WATER SUPPLY UPDATE

A review of the current water supply and operations was provided. Executive Director White said they are working through the models and having various discussions with agencies and contractors.

PROPOSED 2022 WATER TRANSFERS

The Executive Director presented the information pertaining to the three SLCC transfer proposals received. He reviewed the calculations included in the land fallowing transfer proposals with the first one SLCC-2022-1 consisting of 22 landowners to Semitropic Water Storage District. The second land fallowing proposal (SLCC 2022-2) is a landowner to landowner transfer proposal. Mr. White said that the technical information had been received for both of these transfer proposals, reviewed by staff and is in compliance with the requirements. The last proposal, SLCC 2022-3, is a Groundwater Exchange Transfer. It was confirmed that the required documentation was received and reviewed. In concluding, the Executive Director stated that staff recommends approval of the three transfer proposals as presented.

A motion followed by Dan McCurdy and seconded by Randy Houk to approve the three proposed transfers from San Luis Canal Company. The motion was unanimously carried.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

With no further business coming before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

KIMBERLY BROWN, CHAIR

KIRK JENSEN

CANNON MICHAEL, VICE-CHAIR

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DAN McCURDY

JARRETT MARTIN

JOHN WIERSMA

JEFF BRYANT

RANDY HOUK