



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

## AGENDA SAN JOAQUIN RIVER EXCHANGE CONTRACTORS WATER AUTHORITY

**Friday, December 8, 2023**

**CHRIS CARDELLA**  
Chair

**MIKE STEARNS**  
Vice-Chair

**CHRIS WHITE**  
Executive Director

**MINASIAN LAW**  
Legal Counsel

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on *Friday, December 8, 2023*, 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**  
President

**Jarrett Martin**  
General Manager

### **SAN LUIS CANAL COMPANY**

**James L. Nickel**  
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

*Notice: All members of the public are asked to attend the meeting 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 November 10, 2023

**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 November, 2023 Expenditures**

**5. Finance Committee Report**

**A) Review Financial Report Memo for November, 2023** – Board action will be requested.

- i.** November, 2023 General Budget Comparison
- ii.** November, 2023 Water Transfer Budget Comparison
- iii.** November, 2023 Water Resources Plan Budget Comparison
- iv.** November, 2023 San Joaquin Valley Drainage Authority Budget Comparison
- v.** Cash Activity Report

**B) Proposed 2024 Budget** - Board action will be requested.

**C) Finance Committee Minutes of November 6, 2023**

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6. **Water Report**
7. **Executive Director's Report**
8. **Director of Policy & Programs Report**
9. **Water Resources Plan**
  - A) General Update
  - B) Del Puerto Canyon Reservoir Project (DPCR) Update
  - C) DPCR Participation Agreement – Board action will be requested.
10. **Water Transfer Program**

New Two-Year Agreement for conserved water transfer to San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority and the United States on behalf of Grasslands Water District and the local refuges. Board action will be requested.
11. **Bay-Delta Water Quality and Regional Water Quality Control Board Report**
  - A) Water Quality Issues Update - David Cory
12. **Legislative Report**
  - A) State
  - B) Federal
13. **Public Outreach**
  - A) Lighthouse Public Affairs
14. **Charitable Contributions**

Discussion of developing a Charitable Contribution program to support disadvantaged communities' projects that are consistent with a water supply and reliability, water quality, and flood control purposes.
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*.
- H)** Personnel. Government Code Section 54957.6(b). Strategic Plan and Adaptive Staffing Strategy Plan Updates.