



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

## AGENDA SAN JOAQUIN RIVER EXCHANGE CONTRACTORS WATER AUTHORITY

Friday, September 13, 2024

**CHRIS CARDELLA**  
Chair

**MIKE STEARNS**  
Vice-Chair

**CHRIS WHITE**  
Executive Director

**MINASIAN LAW**  
Legal Counsel

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on *Friday, September 13, 2024*, at **7:30 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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**Eric Fontana**  
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**Jarrett Martin**  
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President

**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 are asked to attend the meeting by conference call.*

The agenda for the meeting will be:

**1. Pledge of Allegiance**

**2. 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.

**3. Approval of Minutes:** Regular Meeting of August 2, 2024

**4. 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.

**5. Board to approve August 2024 Expenditures**

**6. Finance Committee Report**

**A) Review Financial Report Memo for August 2024** – Board action will be requested.

- i.** August 2024 General Budget Comparison
- ii.** August 2024 Water Transfer Budget Comparison
- iii.** August 2024 Water Resources Plan (General Membership) Budget Comparison
- iv.** August 2024 Water Resources Plan (Participation Agreement) Budget Comparison

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- v. August 2024 San Joaquin Valley Drainage Authority Budget Comparison
  - vi. Cash Activity Report
- B) Finance Committee Minutes of July 26, 2024
  
- 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. **Resolution No. 2024-03 – Authorizing Execution of Updated Approval Agreement with United States Bureau of Reclamation Concerning Groundwater Banking of Water in Rosedale Rio-Bravo Water Storage District.** Board action will be required.
  
- 12. **Resolution No. 2024-04 – Approving Issuance of 2024 Community Infrastructure Program Awards.** Staff to provide Standing Committee's Recommendation of Recipient(s) of Community Program Funds, the amount of each Award, and the Purpose to which Community Infrastructure Program Awards shall be dedicated. Board action will be requested.
  
- 13. **Bay-Delta Water Quality and Regional Water Quality Control Board Report**
  - A) Water Quality Issues Update - David Cory
  
- 14. **Legislative**
  - A) State Report – Arc Strategies
  - B) Federal Report - Invariant
  
- 15. **Public Outreach**
  - A) Lighthouse Public Affairs
  
- 16. **Attorney's Report**
  
- 17. **Four Entities' Manager's Reports**
  
- 18. **Informational**
  
- 19. **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*.