

**MINUTES OF THE SAN JOAQUIN RIVER EXCHANGE CONTRACTORS
WATER AUTHORITY WATER TRANSFER COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2024**

The Water Transfer Committee met on Wednesday, April 3, 2024 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

Kimberly Brown, Chair (via teleconference); Cannon Michael, Vice-Chair; Kirk Jensen, Jeff Bryant, and Chris Cardella (via teleconference)

OTHERS PRESENT

Chris White, Executive Director; Steve Chedester, Director of Policy & Programs; Joann White, Director of Finance & Administration; Adam Hoffman, Water Resources Specialist; and Drew Guintini, CCID Operations Superintendent

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Brown opened the meeting at 3:00 p.m. and asked for a roll call of the Committee members. After confirming a quorum, Chair Brown asked Chris White to lead the meeting 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 FEBRUARY 26, 2024
WATER TRANSFER COMMITTEE MEETING**

Upon presentation of the February 26, 2024 minutes, a motion was made by Cannon Michael and seconded by Kirk Jensen to approve the minutes as presented. Upon a roll call vote, the motion was passed by a 5-0 vote.

PROPOSED 2024 WATER TRANSFERS

Executive Director White reviewed the information pertaining to agenda items 5Ai) – ii) through 5B i) – vi) and reported that all of the required documentation had been received with the

exception of one of FCWD’s landowner verifications. Mr. White stated that the environmental coverage for FCWD’s Groundwater Exchange Transfer program is currently being completed by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation), with Jeff Bryant adding that he has been informed that the public review should be out for circulation shortly.

Following the review and discussions, Mr. White proposed that the Committee recommend approval of the transfers to the Exchange Contractors’ Board with the contingency of receipt of FCWD’s landowner verification and completion of FCWD’s environmental coverage for the Groundwater Exchange Transfer.

A motion was made by Cannon Michael and seconded by Kirk Jensen to recommend approval of CCID’s Landowner to Self transfer on behalf of Redfern Ranches of up to 2,604 Acre Feet (AF); CCID Groundwater Exchange Transfer to Westlands Water District of up to 1,500 AF; FCWD 2024-01 Conserved Water Transfer to San Luis Water District of up to 1,500 AF; FCWD 2024-02 Conserved Water Transfer to Panoche Water District of up to 1,500 AF; FCWD 2024-03 Conserved Water Transfer to Westlands Water District of up to 4,500 AF; FCWD 2024-04 Conserved Water Transfer to Pacheco Water District of up to 500 AF; FCWD 2024-05 Landowner to Self transfer on behalf of Turlock Fruit Co. of up to 690 AF contingent on receipt of landowner verification; and FCWD Groundwater Exchange Transfer program contingent on completion of environmental coverage. Upon a roll call vote, the motion was passed by a 5-0 vote.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

With no further business coming before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:14 p.m.

KIMBERLY BROWN, CHAIR

CANNON MICHAEL, VICE-CHAIR

KIRK JENSEN

JEFF BRYANT

CHRIS CARDELLA