

Tuesday, May 16, 2023, 10:00 a.m.
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#### **Public Comment on Agenda Items**

Any member of the public may address the Board concerning any item on the Agenda before or during consideration of that item, as appropriate.

#### I. CALL TO ORDER (R.CHANEY / M.COMBS)

#### II. OTHER BUSINESS / PUBLIC COMMENTS

- A. <u>PUBLIC COMMENTS</u> Any member of the public may address the Board concerning any matter not on the agenda, but within the Board's jurisdiction. Public comment is limited to no more than three minutes per person. For good cause, the Chair of the Board may waive this limitation. Gov. Code §54954.3(a)
- B. <u>MEETING DATE CHANGE</u> Please <u>NOTE FOR THE RECORD</u> that the May 9, 2023, meeting was <u>rescheduled</u> to this date due to conflict with the ACWA Spring Conference.
- C. ► <u>ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA</u> Consider additions/corrections to the Agenda.
- D. <u>POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST</u> Any Board member who has a potential conflict-of-interest may now identify the item(s) and recuse themselves from discussing and voting on the matter(s). FPPC §87105

#### III. MINUTES

Minutes of the following meetings will be presented for consideration of approval:

- A.  $\triangleright$  REGULAR MEETING: APRIL 11, 2023
- B. ► SPECIAL MEETING: MAY 12, 2023

#### IV. TREASURER'S REPORT (Water Code §24273)

- A. <u>FINANCIAL REPORTS</u> Reports reflecting the financial status of the District will be presented.
  - 1. ► Interim Warrants: April 12-May 16, 2023 Review checks and supporting invoices issued since last meeting; presented for approval.
  - 2. ► <u>Accounts Payable</u> Examine unpaid invoices presented for approval.
  - 3. <u>Payroll Certification: Pay Periods Ending April, 2023</u> President, General Manager, & Office Manager to certify listing of payroll checks issued.
  - 4. Income Statements (Budget-to-Actual): April 30, 2023 (Unaudited)
  - 5. Cash Position Report: April 30, 2023 (Water Code §24273)
  - 6. Accounts Receivable Activity Report: April 30, 2023



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#### V. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

The General Manager will report on operations, maintenance, projects and other District matters.

### VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Report on operations, maintenance, projects, equipment and other District matters within the purview of this position.

### VII. DIRECTORS' REPORTS (Gov. Code §53232.3)

Directors will report on meetings and/or conferences attended on behalf of the District.

#### VIII. ACTION ITEMS

- A. <u>TERRANOVA RANCH PROJECT</u> (05/16/2023) Discussion/possible action regarding operations & maintenance of Terranova Project.
- B. <u>AGENCY APPOINTMENTS: JAMES GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY</u> (05/16/2023) Discussion/possible action regarding appointment of representatives to the James GSA.
- C. ►LOAN: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES BOND LAW/2000 LATERAL K RECHARGE BASIN (04/11/2023) Discussion/possible action focusing upon retiring loan balance.
- D. <u>WATER POLICY: ON-FARM RECHARGE</u> (12/14/2021) Discussion/possible action regarding grower applications submitted for participation in the 2023 On-Farm Recharge Program.
- E. ►JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT / RECLAMATION DISTRICT NO. 1606 JOINT MEETING (05/16/2023)

  Discussion/possible action setting date for collaborative meeting on future RD1606 land use.

#### IX. REPORT ITEMS

A. <u>FLOOD & EXCESS WATER DELIVERIES</u> (03/14/2023) - Monthly update regarding deliveries of flood and excess water to areas outside of the District boundaries.

The public may comment on the following Closed Session items prior to the Board's adjourning to Closed Session.

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

### X. <u>CLOSED SESSION: GOVERNMENT CODE §54956.9 - CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-ANTICIPATED LITIGATION</u>

A. SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OR (3) OF SUBDIVISION (D): 4 CASES



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### XI. <u>CLOSED SESSION: GOVERNMENT CODE §54956.9 - CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION</u>

- A. AS DEFENDANT: 2 CASES
  - NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL, ET AL, V HAALAND, ET AL
     U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California
     Case No. 1:5-CV-01207LJO-GSA
  - 2. CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY, RESTORE THE DELTA AND PLANNING & CONSERVATION LEAGUE V UNITED STATES BUREAU OF RECLAMATION ET AL (06/08/2021)

    United States District Court, Eastern District of California

    Case No. 1:20-CV-00706 DAD-EPG
- B. AS PLAINTIFF: 4 CASES
  - KINGS RIVER WATER ASSOCIATION ET AL V. JAMES VERBOON ET AL Kings County Superior Court, Case No. 15 C0304
  - 2. <u>JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT VS. KINGS RIVER WATER ASSOCIATION ET AL</u> Fresno County Superior Court Case No. 19CECG00769
  - 3. <u>JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT V. WESTLANDS WATER DISTRICT</u> Fresno County Superior Court Case No. 20CECG00688
  - 4. <u>JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT V. MCMULLIN AREA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY</u>
    <u>AGENCY</u> Fresno County Superior Court Case No. 23CECG00749
- C. AS INTERVENOR: 1 CASE
  - CITY OF FRESNO, ET AL V. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
     United States Court of Federal Claims, Case No. 1:16-CV-01276-MCW

### XII. CLOSED SESSION: GOVERNMENT CODE §54956.8 - CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR

A. JAMES & TRANQUILLITY NEGOTIATIONS

Negotiating Parties: James Irrigation District: General Manager/Designee

<u>Tranquillity Irrigation District</u>: Danny Wade Kings River Lower River Units: Scott Sills

Under Negotiation: Price, terms & conditions of possible real property and/or

water supply transactions



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B. SOUTHWEST GROUNDWATER RECHARGE PROJECT (11/13/2012)

Negotiating Parties: <u>James Irrigation District</u>: General Manager/Designee

Fresno Irrigation District: Bill Stretch

Under Negotiation: Price, terms and conditions of possible real property and/or

water supply transactions, operations & maintenance.

C. WATER BANKING & TRANSFERS (04/19/2018)

Negotiating Parties: James Irrigation District: General Manager/Designee

To Be Determined

Under Negotiation: Price, terms and conditions of possible water supply

transactions.

D. WATER BANKING & TRANSFERS (06/22/2021)

Negotiating Parties: <u>James Irrigation District</u>: General Manager/Designee

McMullin Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Under Negotiation: Price, terms and conditions of possible water supply

transactions.

E. TERRANOVA RANCH, INC. (05/16/2023)

Negotiating Parties: James Irrigation District: General Manager/Designee

Terranova Ranch, Inc.: Don Cameron

Under Negotiation: Price, terms and conditions of possible water supply

transactions.

F. WHITE PINE RENEWABLES (04/13/2021)

Negotiating Parties: <u>James Irrigation District</u>: General Manager/Designee

White Pine Renewables: Evan Riley

Under Negotiation: Price, terms and conditions of possible real property

transaction.

#### **OPEN SESSION**

#### XIII. REPORT ON ANY ACTION TAKEN DURING CLOSED SESSION (Gov.Code §54957.1)

The presiding officer will report on any actions taken during the above Closed Session items.

#### XIV. ADJOURN

► <u>ADJOURN</u> to next Regular Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 13, 2023, unless otherwise decided by the Board.