

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS - REGULAR MEETING

### **AGENDA** (Corrected)

Tuesday, February 13, 2024, 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. PUBLIC COMMENTS - Members of the public may directly address the Board on any item of interest before or during the Board's consideration of the item but may be limited to the time allowed for comment. The Board is prohibited by law from taking any action on matters discussed that are not on the Agenda.
- B. MOMENT OF SILENCE to honor the passing of BARBARA JUNE GORDON (06/14/1929-11/30/2023), landowner, wife of former grower, Sid Gordon (1926-2023)
- C. JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT ANNIVERSARY OF FORMATION - February 16<sup>th</sup> marks the 104<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the District's formation in 1920.
- D. ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA - Consider additions/corrections to the Agenda.
- E. POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST - 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

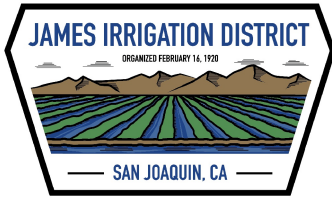
### **III. MINUTES**

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

- A. ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING: JANUARY 16, 2024

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

- A. FINANCIAL REPORTS - Reports reflecting the financial status of the District will be presented.
  - 1. Interim Warrants: January 17-February 13, 2024 - Review warrants and supporting invoices paid since last meeting; presented for approval.
  - 2. Accounts Payable - Examine unpaid invoices presented for ratification/approval.
  - 3. Payroll Certification: Pay Periods Ending January, 2024 - President, General Manager & Office Manager to certify listing of payroll checks issued.
  - 4. Income Statements (Budget-to-Actual): January 31, 2024 (Unaudited)
  - 5. Cash Position Report: January 31, 2024 (Water Code §24273)
  - 6. Accounts Receivable Activity Report: January 31, 2024



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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. ► ANNUAL MEETING (02/13/2024) - Set date for next event; discuss arrangements, Agenda items.
- B. ► ANNUAL SALARY REVIEW (02/13/2024) - Appoint two Board members to serve with the General Manager as an ad hoc Salary/Benefit Committee to develop recommendations to the full Board for salary increases, salary ranges, benefit package modifications and/or employee policy changes to take effect June 1. (Min: 05/18/2010)
- C. ► FISCAL BUDGET: MARCH 1, 2024-FEBRUARY 28, 2025 (02/13/2024) - In accordance with California Water Code §24274, consider approval of draft budget including capital improvement projects & billing rates.

#### **IX. REPORT ITEMS**

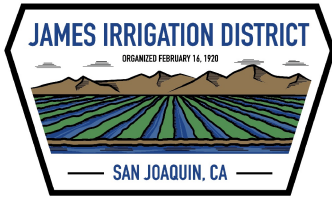
- A. SOLAR PROJECT: WHITEPINE RENEWABLES (03/09/2021) - WhitePine representatives to present progress report on construction/activation of Project #1 & #2 solar array fields within the K Basin Recharge facility.
- B. ANNUAL FILING OF STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTEREST FORMS (02/13/2024) - As required by the Political Reform Act, Gov. Code §81000-91015, all Directors must file annual Conflict-of-Interest forms (Form 700) no later than April 2, 2024.

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

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

#### **X. CLOSED SESSION: GOVERNMENT CODE §54956.9 - CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

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



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#### **XI. CLOSED SESSION: GOVERNMENT CODE §54956.9 - CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION**

##### A. AS DEFENDANT: 2 CASES

1. 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: 3 CASES

1. KINGS RIVER WATER ASSOCIATION ET AL V. JAMES VERBOON ET AL  
Kings County Superior Court, Case No. 15 C0304
2. JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT VS. KINGS RIVER WATER ASSOCIATION ET AL  
Fresno County Superior Court Case No. 19CECG00769
3. JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT V. MCMULLIN AREA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY - Santa Clara County Superior Court, Case No. 23CV417565

##### C. AS INTERVENOR: 1 CASE

1. CITY OF FRESNO, ET AL V. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
United States Court of Federal Claims, Case No. 1:16-CV-01276-MCW

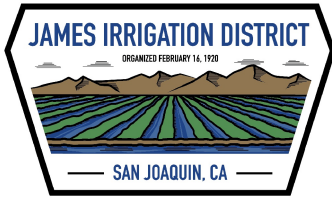
#### **XII. CLOSED SESSION: GOVERNMENT CODE §54957 - PERSONNEL MATTERS**

#### **XIII. CLOSED SESSION: GOVERNMENT CODE §54957 - PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT**

##### A. TITLE: OFFICE CLERK

#### **XIV. CLOSED SESSION: GOVERNMENT CODE §54957 - PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION**

##### A. TITLE: OFFICE MANAGER



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

##### A. JAMES & TRANQUILLITY NEGOTIATIONS

Negotiating Parties: James Irrigation District: General Manager/Designee  
Tranquillity Irrigation District: Danny Wade

Kings River Lower River Units: Scott Sills

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

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

Negotiating Parties: James Irrigation District: 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: James Irrigation District: General Manager/Designee  
McMullin Groundwater Sustainability Agency:  
Matthew Hurley, General Manager

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

##### E. FRESNO COUNTY APN 030-111-48S (66.64 ACRES), APN 030-111-49S (39 ACRES)

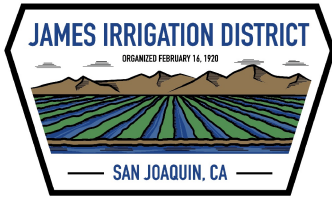
Negotiating Parties: James Irrigation District: General Manager/Designee  
Landowner

Under Negotiation: Price, terms and conditions of possible real property and/or water supply transactions.

##### F. TERRANOVA RANCH, INC. (05/16/2023)

Negotiating Parties: James Irrigation District: General Manager/Designee  
Terranova Ranch, Inc.: Don Cameron

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

Negotiating Parties: James Irrigation District: General Manager/Designee  
White Pine Renewables: Evan Riley

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

H. LICENSE AGREEMENT: FRESNO COUNTY APN 030-080-13T (12/15/2015)

Negotiating Parties: James Irrigation District: General Manager/Designee  
Larry Chaney: Riley Chaney

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

### OPEN SESSION

XVI. **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.

XVII. **ADJOURN**

► ADJOURN to next Regular Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 12, 2024, unless otherwise decided by the Board.