

Tuesday, June 14, 2022, 10:05 a.m.
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### Executive Orders N-29-20 and N-35-20

In accordance with the Governor's Executive Orders (N-29-20 and N-35-20) and the declared State of Emergency, including social distancing directives as a result of the threat of the COVID-19 virus, this meeting will be conducted by telephone and in person to the extent possible given local government directives. Board members and select District Staff will be participating in this meeting by teleconference from a conference room provided by the District or from a remote location of their choosing. Members of the public may participate in this meeting by attending in person or by using the teleconference information referenced above. The District will strictly adhere to all public health directives and guidance. Attendees will be required to wear masks at all times and will maintain the appropriate distance from other attendees. In-person attendance will be limited to twenty (20) people, including Directors and District Staff. Members of the public are encouraged to use the call-in number, which will allow them to fully participate in the meeting without having to be present in person. If members of the public have any problems using the call-in number during the meeting, please contact the District Office at (559) 693-4356.

## **Americans With Disabilities Act**

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### **Standing Request for Notice**

Any request for mailed copies of Regular and Special Board Meeting agendas shall be valid for the calendar year in which it is filed and must be renewed in writing January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. The District reserves the right to establish a fee for mailing agendas provided the fee does not exceed the cost of providing the service. Materials related to an agenda item submitted to the Board of Directors after distribution of the agenda are available for public inspection at the District office during normal business hours.

### **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.

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#### I. CALL TO ORDER (R.CHANEY / J.HUGHES)

➤ RESOLUTION RENEWING USE OF REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS UNDER AB361 II. If necessary, consider re-approving findings made in Resolution 2022-06 (04/12/2022) to enable remote teleconference and/or internet meetings to continue under the Ralph M. Brown Act so long as a state of emergency continues to exist from COVID-19.

#### III. OTHER BUSINESS / PUBLIC COMMENTS

- PUBLIC COMMENTS 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)
- В. MOMENT OF SILENCE to honor the passing of:
  - HARRY HANSEN (10/16/1940-05/14/2022), long-time business owner of Harralson's 1. Machine Works, San Joaquin.
  - ANTHONY "TONY" AYERZA (02/19/1940-05/11/2022) 2.
- C. ► <u>ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA</u> - Consider approving additions/corrections as necessary
- D. POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST - Any Board member who has a potential conflict-ofinterest may now identify the item(s) and recuse themselves from discussing and voting on the matter(s). FPPC §87105

#### IV. **MINUTES**

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

➤ REGULAR MEETING: MAY 10, 2022 A.

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

- FINANCIAL REPORTS Reports reflecting the financial status of the District will be presented. A.
  - 1. ► Interim Warrants: May 11-June 14, 2022 - Review checks and supporting invoices issued since last meeting; presented for approval.
  - 2. ➤ Accounts Payab<u>le</u> - Examine unpaid invoices presented for approval.
  - 3. <u>Payroll Certification: Pay Periods Ending May, 2022</u> - President, General Manager, & Office Manager to certify listing of payroll checks issued.
  - 4. Income Statements (Budget-to-Actual): May 31, 2022 (Unaudited)
  - 5. Cash Position Report: May 31, 2022 (Water Code §24273)
  - 6. Accounts Receivable Activity Report: May 31, 2022

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#### VI. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

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

#### VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

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

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

#### IX. **ACTION ITEMS**

- ➤ SOLAR PROJECT #2: WHITE PINE RENEWABLES (03/09/2021) Discussion/possible action on Solar Purchase Agreement, progress status for solar array project within the K Basin Recharge facility. Presentation by Annaliese Miller, Rincon Consultants, Inc.
- B. ► SOLAR PROJECT #3: WHITE PINE RENEWABLES (06/14/2022) - Discussion/possible action on Power Purchase Agreement/Project #3. Presentation by Evan Riley, WhitePine Renewables.
- C. ► RESOLUTION FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE 2021 WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN (06/14/2022) Discussion/possible action approving Resolution adopting the 2015-2020 James Irrigation District Water Management Plan. Presentation by Eric Abrahamsen, Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group.
- D. ► DISTRICT EQUIPMENT/OPERATION COSTS (06/14/2022) - Discussion/possible action for purchase of new shop welder, canal maintenance.
- E. ▶ Procedures for a Majority Protest Hearing on a Proposed Increase in the District's WATER RATE (03/08/2022) - Discussion/possible action regarding adoption of Resolution initiating Proposition 218 process for water rate increases.
- F. ► RESOLUTION CALLING GENERAL DISTRICT ELECTION (06/14/2022) - Discussion/possible action approving Resolution calling 2022 General District Election.
- G. ► DISTRICT AUTOMATION (07/14/2020) - Discussion/possible action on District modernization plan as proposed by Rubicon Water.
- H. ➤ STRATEGIC PLANNING SERVICES (09/11/2018) - Discussion/possible action regarding engagement of a consultant in preparing a strategic plan and other related documents.
- I. ► <u>STRATEGIC PLANNING</u> (09/11/2018) - Discussion/possible action regarding a Special Meeting devoted to strategic planning.

#### **REPORT ITEMS** X.

None

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

## **CLOSED SESSION**

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

3 CASES

- XII. <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. <u>CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY, RESTORE THE DELTA AND PLANNING & CONSERVATION LEAGUE V UNITED STATES BUREAU OF RECLAMATION ET AL (06/08/2021)</u>
      United States District Court, Eastern District of California
      Case No. 1:20-CV-00706 DAD-EPG
  - B. AS PLAINTIFF: 3 CASES
    - 1. <u>KINGS RIVER WATER ASSOCIATION ET AL V. JAMES VERBOON ET AL</u>
      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. JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT VS WESTLANDS WATER DISTRICT Fresno County Superior Court Case No. 20CECG00688
  - 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



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#### XIII. 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

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

> James Irrigation District: General Manager/Designee **Negotiating Parties:**

> > Fresno Irrigation District: Bill Stretch

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

water supply transactions/Department of Water Resources

**Proposition 84 Grant Application** 

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)

> James Irrigation District: General Manager/Designee **Negotiating Parties:**

> > McMullin Groundwater Sustainability Agency

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

transactions.

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

> **Negotiating Parties:** James Irrigation District: General Manager/Designee

> > White Pine Renewables: Evan Riley

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

transaction.

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F. FRESNO COUNTY APN 030-090-24s/15.98 AC, 030-090-28s/366.07 AC (10/16/2012)

Negotiating Parties: James Irrigation District: General Manager/Designee

Landowner: Marilyn Fay Briggs, Trustee, Daniel Briggs

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

water supply transactions

## **OPEN SESSION**

## XIV. 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.

# XV. ADJOURN

► <u>ADJOURN</u> to next Regular Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, July 12, 2022, unless otherwise decided by the Board.