

Tuesday, October 26, 2021, 10:00 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\(\text{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 wear will person. If 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

A person with a qualifying disability under the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990 may request the District provide a disability-related modification or accommodation in order to participate in any public meeting of the District. Such assistance includes appropriate alternative formats for the Agendas and Agenda packets used for any public meetings of the District. Requests for such assistance and for Agendas and Agenda packets shall be made in person, by telephone, facsimile or written correspondence to the General Manager at the District office at least 48 hours before a public District meeting.

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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.

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

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>ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA</u> Consider approving additions/corrections as necessary
- C. <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. <u>BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING</u> The Board of Directors will convene as a Board of Equalization from the hours of 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. to hear public comments on the 2021-2022 assessments approved by landowner vote October 12, 2021. The Board will recognize members of the public between Agenda items throughout the course of the meeting. Action will be taken at the end of the meeting to levy annual assessments against lands within the District in accordance with California Water Code §25650.

IV. ACTION ITEMS

- A. <u>CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS</u> (07/28/2021) Discuss & consider taking action on potential projects. Dr. Charles Burt, Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, to discuss his evaluation/recommendations.
- B. ► <u>DISTRICT AUTOMATION</u> (07/14/2020) Discuss & consider taking action on automating District conveyance facilities by Rubicon Water.
- C. ► RESOLUTION 2021-06 AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN EASEMENT DEED TO PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY, FRESNO COUNTY APN 030-080-13T (10/26/2021) Discuss & consider taking action approving Resolution for Easement Deed to drop power lines across Lateral E to provide electrical service to landowner's irrigation/filtration system.
- D. <u>►WINTER DELIVERIES</u> (08/13/2019) Discussion and possible action on: (1) coordinating winter irrigation deliveries and coordinating maintenance activities; and (2) establish price.

V. REPORT ITEMS

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

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

4 CASES

- VII. <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 ETAL</u> (06/08/2021)
 United States District Court, Eastern District of California
 Case No. 1:20-cv-00706 DAD-EPG
 - B. AS PLAINTIFF: 4 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. <u>JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT V. WESTLANDS WATER DISTRICT</u> Fresno County Superior Court Case No. 20CECG00688
 - 4. <u>Fresno County APN 030-370-32s</u>
 Eminent Domain proceedings for District wellsite on property owned by the Frank V. Motte Testamentary Trust
 - 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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VIII. <u>CLOSED SESSION: GOVERNMENT CODE §54956.8 - CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR</u>

A. JAMES & TRANQUILLITY NEGOTIATIONS

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

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

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

water supply transactions

B. WATER BANKING & TRANSFERS

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

Various CVP Contractors: General Managers or Designees

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

transactions.

OPEN SESSION

IX. 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.

X. BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

➤ <u>2021-2022 DISTRICT ASSESSMENTS</u> - Action will be taken to levy 2021-2022 annual assessments against lands within the District in accordance with California Water Code §25650.

XI. ADJOURN

► <u>ADJOURN</u> to next Regular Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 9, 2021, unless otherwise decided by the Board.

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