

BOARD OF DIRECTORS - SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, June 22, 2021, 10:00 a.m.
8749 9th Street, Post Office Box 757, San Joaquin, California 93660-0757
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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 without (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.

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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.
- 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. WORKSHOP: McMULLIN AREA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY / AQUATERRA WATER BANK Matt Hurley, General Manager of the McMullin Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency, will conduct an informational workshop to acquaint attendees with the Aquaterra Water Bank.

IV. ACTION ITEMS

A. ► MCMULLIN AREA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY/AQUATERRA WATER BANK (06/22/2021)

Consider potential action.

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

CLOSED SESSION

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

4 CASES

- VI. <u>CLOSED SESSION: GOVERNMENT CODE §54956.9 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION</u>
 - A. AS DEFENDANT: 3 CASES
 - NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL, ET AL, V BERNHARDT, ET AL
 U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California
 Case No. 1:5-CV-01207LJO-GSA
 - 2. MCMULLIN AREA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY VS. JAMES IRRIGATION

 DISTRICT; JAMES GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

 Fresno County Superior Court Case No. 20CECG00507



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3. CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY, RESTORE THE DELTA AND PLANNING & CONSERVATION LEAGUE V UNITED STATES BUREAU OF RECLAMATION ETAL (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. <u>As Intervenor</u>: 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

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

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

Negotiating Parties: James Irrigation District: General Manager/Designee

McMullin Groundwater Sustainability Agency:

General Manager/Designee

Under Negotiation: Discuss possible water supply transactions.

OPEN SESSION

VIII. 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.

IX. ADJOURN

► <u>ADJOURN</u> to next Regular Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, July 13, 2021, unless otherwise decided by the Board.

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