

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS - REGULAR MEETING

### AGENDA

Tuesday, February 8, 2022, 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 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.

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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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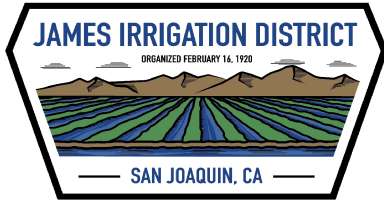
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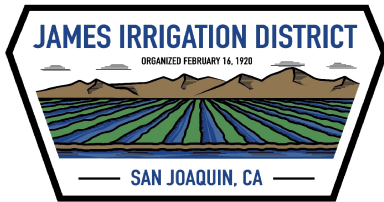
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- I. **CALL TO ORDER** (R.CHANEY / J.HUGHES)
- II. **► RESOLUTION RE-AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS UNDER AB361** - Consider re-approving findings made in Resolution 2022-01 (01/11/2022) to enable remote teleconference and/or internet meetings 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**
- A. **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)
- B. **JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT ANNIVERSARY OF FORMATION** - February 16 marks the 102<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the District's formation
- C. **MOMENT OF SILENCE** to honor the passing of WILLIAM "BILL" SOARES (09/28/1939-01/20/2022), former long-time resident and owner of the San Joaquin Pharmacy.
- D. **► ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA** - Consider approving additions/corrections as necessary
- 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
- IV. **MINUTES**  
Minutes of the following meetings will be presented for consideration of approval:
- A. **► REGULAR MEETING: JANUARY 11, 2022**
- V. **TREASURER'S REPORT** (Water Code §24273)
- A. **FINANCIAL REPORTS** - Reports reflecting the financial status of the District will be presented.
- Interim Warrants: January 12-February 8, 2022** - Review checks and supporting invoices issued since last meeting; presented for approval.
  - Accounts Payable** - Examine unpaid invoices presented for approval.
  - Payroll Certification: Pay Periods Ending January, 2022** - President, General Manager, Secretary-Treasurer & Office Manager to certify listing of payroll checks issued.
  - Annual Report of Remuneration to Board of Directors: January 1-December 31, 2021**
  - Income Statements (Budget-to-Actual): January 31, 2022 (Unaudited)**
  - Cash Position Report: January 31, 2022** (Water Code §24273)
  - Accounts Receivable Activity Report: January 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

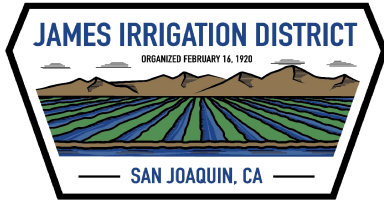
Report on operations, maintenance, projects, equipment and other District matters within the purview of this position.

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

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

#### IX. ACTION ITEMS

- A. ➤ SOLAR PROJECT: WHITE PINE RENEWABLES (03/09/2021) - Discussion/possible action on construction of 1MW & 4MW solar array fields within the K Basin Recharge facility.
- B. ➤ RESOLUTION: AUTHORIZATION FOR FRESNO IRRIGATION DISTRICT TO FILE AN APPLICATION FOR A GRANT UNDER THE PROPOSITION 68 SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER IMPLEMENTATION GRANT PROGRAM AND TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES ON BEHALF OF JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT (02/08/2022) - Discussion/possible action.
- C. ➤ DISTRICT WELL CONSTRUCTION (02/08/2022) - Discussion/possible action regarding well construction/development.
- D. ➤ WATER POLICY: PURCHASE OF SURPLUS WATER FOR GROUNDWATER RECHARGE (07/13/2021)  
Discussion/possible action on proposed policy authorizing purchase of surplus water for groundwater recharge.
- E. ➤ WATER POLICY: ON-FARM RECHARGE (12/14/2021) - Discussion/possible action on a proposed policy allowing flood irrigation (rather than drip/micro sprinklers) on permanent crops, establishing a policy for on-farm recharge to achieve recharge credit; adjust billing rate.
- F. ➤ DISTRICT EQUIPMENT: PICKUP TRUCKS/HEAVY EQUIPMENT (02/08/2022) - Discussion/possible action regarding procurement of District pickups/heavy equipment.
- G. ➤ ANNUAL MEETING (01/11/2022) - Discussion/possible action setting date, agenda items, and arrangements for 2022 Annual Meeting.
- H. ➤ STRATEGIC PLANNING (02/08/2022) - Discussion/possible action regarding organizing an ongoing long-term planning session.
- I. ➤ ANNUAL SALARY REVIEW (02/08/2022) - Appoint two Board members to serve with the General Manager as an ad hoc 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)
- J. ➤ FISCAL BUDGET: MARCH 1, 2022-FEBRUARY 28, 2023 (01/11/2022) - Discussion/possible action approving 2022-2023 Budget forecast.



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#### X. REPORT ITEMS

- A. ANNUAL FILING OF STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTEREST FORMS (02/08/2022) - 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 1, 2022.

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

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

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

4 CASES

#### XII. 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

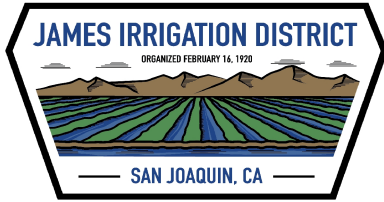
1. KINGS RIVER WATER ASSOCIATION ET AL V. JAMES VERBOON ET AL  
Kings County Superior Court, Case No. 15 C0304
2. JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT VS. KINGS RIVER WATER ASSOCIATION ET AL  
Fresno County Superior Court Case No. 19CECG00769
3. JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT V. WESTLANDS WATER DISTRICT  
Fresno County Superior Court Case No. 20CECG00688

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

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

- A. TITLE: DITCH TENDER/MAINTENANCE (1)



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#### XIV. 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/Department of Water Resources Proposition 84 Grant Application

##### C. WATER BANKING & TRANSFERS (06/22/2021)

Negotiating Parties: James Irrigation District: General Manager/Designee

McMullin Groundwater Sustainability Agency: General Manager

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

#### OPEN SESSION

#### XV. 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.

#### XVI. ADJOURN

➤ ADJOURN to next Regular Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 8, 2022, unless otherwise decided by the Board.