

Tuesday, February 9, 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 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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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

- <u>PUBLIC COMMENTS</u> Any member of the public may address the Board concerning any A. 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.
- JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT ANNIVERSARY OF FORMATION February 16th marks the В. 101st anniversary of the District's formation
- C. ► ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA - Consider approving additions/corrections as necessary
- POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST Any Board member who has a potential conflict-of-D. interest may now identify the item(s) and recuse themselves from discussing and voting on the matter(s). FPPC §87105

MINUTES III.

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

- ➤ REGULAR MEETING: JANUARY 12, 2021 A.
- В. ➤ SPECIAL MEETING: FEBRUARY 2, 2021

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

- <u>FINANCIAL REPORTS</u> Reports reflecting the financial status of the District will be presented.
 - 1. ► <u>Interim Warrants: January 13-February 9, 2021</u> - Presented for review/approval.
 - 2. ➤ Accounts Payable - Review invoices submitted for approval.
 - 3. Payroll Certification: Pay Periods Ending January, 2021 - President, General Manager & Secretary-Treasurer to certify listing of payroll checks issued.
 - 4. <u>Income Statements (Budget-to-Actual): January 31, 2021</u> (*Unaudited*)
 - 5. Cash Position Report: January 31, 2021 (Water Code §24273)
 - 6. Accounts Receivable Activity Report: January 31, 2021

٧. DIRECTORS' REPORTS (Gov. Code §53232.3)

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

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



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VIII. ACTION ITEMS

- A. <u>RESOLUTION 2021-01 CORPORATE AUTHORIZATION RESOLUTION</u> (02/09/2021) Consider approving Resolution updating authorized bank and/or financial institution signatories.
- B. ► FEE WAIVER: APN 040-040-30S / ULRICI (02/09/2021) Consider granting waiver of fees and/or costs for delinquent payment first installment 2020-2021 Assessments.
- C. ► FISCAL BUDGET: MARCH 1, 2021-FEBRUARY 28, 2022 Consider approval of budget forecast.
- D. <u>SOLAR INSTALLATION</u> (02/02/2021) Discuss landowner request to serve Fresno County APN #030-080-36 with solar installations on District's property, Fresno County APN #030-080-17T, #030-080-13T

IX. REPORT ITEMS

- A. <u>SEXUAL HARASSMENT TRAINING & EDUCATION</u> (01/12/2021) Discuss scheduling of biennial training (2 hours) for Board members as required by State law (SB1343).
- B. <u>ANNUAL FILING OF STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTEREST FORMS</u> (02/09/2021) 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, 2021.

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

CLOSED SESSION

X. <u>CLOSED SESSION: GOVERNMENT CODE §54957 - PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT</u>

- A. <u>TITLE: OFFICE MANAGER</u> (1)
- B. TITLE: IN-HOUSE COUNSEL (1)
- XI. <u>CLOSED SESSION: GOVERNMENT CODE §54956.9 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-ANTICIPATED LITIGATION</u>

1 CASE

XII. CLOSED SESSION: GOVERNMENT CODE §54956.9 - CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION

- 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
 - 3. <u>AMY BEZERA VS. JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT</u>
 Fresno County Superior Court Case No. 20CECG00572



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- 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 V. 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

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

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. CENTRAL VALLEY PROJECT (CVP) REPAYMENT CONTRACT (06/11/2019)

Negotiating Parties: James Irrigation District: General Manager/Designee

Scott K. Kuney, Esq., Alan F. Doud, Esq.

U.S. Bureau of Reclamation: Michael Jackson, P.E.

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

C. BURFORD FARMS (03/10/2020)

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

Burford Farms: Jill Burford Minnick

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

transactions.

D. <u>Fresno County APN 035-060-64 PTN</u> (10/14/2014)

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

Landowner: Abrahamian Trust, Kenneth Abrahamian, Jr.

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

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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, March 9, 2021, unless otherwise decided by the Board.