

Wednesday, July 28, 2021, 2:00 p.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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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-ofinterest may now identify the item(s) and recuse themselves from discussing and voting on the matter(s). FPPC §87105
- III. ACTION ITEMS

None

### IV. <u>REPORT ITEMS</u>

- A. <u>ASSESSMENT RATE / WATER RATE STRUCTURE REVIEW</u> (12/13/2016) Consider potential actions related to restructuring District assessment and water rates. (Min: 02/02/2021)
- B. <u>CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS</u> (07/28/2021) Discuss potential projects

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</u> <u>LITIGATION</u>

4 CASES

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

- A. <u>As Defendant</u>: 3 Cases
  - <u>NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL, ET AL, V BERNHARDT, ET AL</u> U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California Case No. 1:5-CV-01207LJO-GSA



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- 2. <u>MCMULLIN AREA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY VS. JAMES IRRIGATION</u> <u>DISTRICT; JAMES GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY</u> Fresno County Superior Court Case No. 20CECG00507
- 3. <u>CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY, RESTORE THE DELTA AND PLANNING &</u> <u>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. <u>AS PLAINTIFF</u>: 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. 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
  - 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
  - 1. <u>CITY OF FRESNO, ET AL V. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA</u> 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. 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. WATER BANKING & TRANSFERS (04/19/2018)

Negotiating Parties:	James Irrigation District: General Manager/Designee
	<u>San Luis Water District</u> : Lon Martin
	Various CVP Contractors: General Managers or Designees
Under Negotiation:	Price, terms and conditions of possible water supply
	transactions.



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#### **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. <u>ADJOURN</u>

►<u>ADJOURN</u> to next Regular Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, August 10, 2021, unless otherwise decided by the Board.