

BOARD OF DIRECTORS - REGULAR MEETING

AGENDA

Tuesday, March 8, 2022, 10:05 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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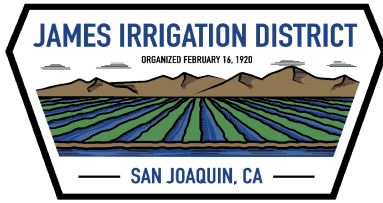
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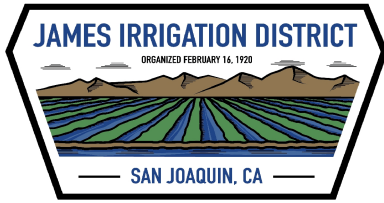
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- I. **CALL TO ORDER** (R.CHANEY / J.HUGHES)
- II. **► RESOLUTION RENEWING USE OF REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS UNDER AB361**
Consider renewing findings made in Resolution 2022-01 (01/11/2022) to enable remote teleconference and/or internet meetings 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. **MOMENT OF SILENCE** to honor the passing of MARY MILLER (01/09/1921-01/31/2022), long-time resident, landowner/grower.
- C. **► ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA** - Consider approving additions/corrections as necessary
- D. **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: FEBRUARY 8, 2022**
- V. **TREASURER'S REPORT** (Water Code §24273)
- A. **FINANCIAL REPORTS** - Reports reflecting the financial status of the District will be presented.
- Interim Warrants: February 9-March 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 February, 2022** - President, General Manager, Secretary-Treasurer & Office Manager to certify listing of payroll checks issued.
 - Income Statements (Budget-to-Actual): February 28, 2022** (Unaudited)
 - Cash Position Report: February 28, 2022** (Water Code §24273)
 - Accounts Receivable Activity Report: February 28, 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. ► GRANT OF EASEMENT: HEDMAN RANCHES, INC., APN #030-381-10S PTN (03/08/2022)
Discussion/possible action accepting Grant of Easement from District landowner.
- B. ► RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT OF EASEMENT FROM HEDMAN RANCHES, INC., TO JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT, FRESNO COUNTY APN 030-381-10S PTN (03/08/2022)
Discussion/possible action approving Resolution.
- C. ► ANNUAL MEETING (01/11/2022) - Discussion/possible action setting date for 2022 Annual Meeting, arrangements, agenda items, etc.
- D. ► STRATEGIC PLANNING (02/08/2022) - Discussion/possible action setting June, 2022, date for initial offsite meeting for long-term planning, designate attendees, arrangements.
- E. ► DISTRICT EQUIPMENT: PICKUP TRUCKS/HEAVY EQUIPMENT (02/08/2022) - Discussion/possible action on potential purchase of used wheel wheeled excavator, etc.

X. REPORT ITEMS

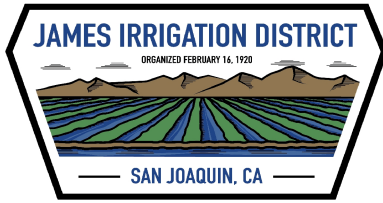
None

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

3 CASES



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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 §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

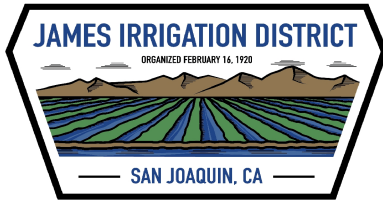
Under Negotiation: Price, terms & conditions of possible real property and/or water supply transactions

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



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

Negotiating Parties: James Irrigation District: General Manager/Designee
McMullin Groundwater Sustainability Agency

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

D. FRESNO COUNTY APN #030-381-10S, SAN JOAQUIN, CA

Negotiating Parties: James Irrigation District: General Manager/Designee
Landowner: Hedman Ranches, Inc.

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

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**

► ADJOURN to next Regular Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 12, 2022, unless otherwise decided by the Board.