

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS - REGULAR MEETING

## **AGENDA**

Tuesday, October 8, 2024, 10:00 a.m. 8749 9th Street, San Joaquin, California 93660

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### **Americans With Disabilities Act**

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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.

## CALL TO ORDER (CHANEY / MOTTE)

## 2. ►ADDITIONS / CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

Consider additions/corrections to the Agenda.

## 3. 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)

## 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Members of the public may directly address the Board on any item of interest before or during the Board's consideration of the item but may be limited to the time allowed for comment. The Board is prohibited by law from taking any action on matters discussed that are not on the Agenda.

## 5. OTHER BUSINESS

## 6. BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING

The Board of Directors will convene as a Board of Equalization from the hours of 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. to hear public comments regarding the 2024-2025 District Assessments. The Board will recognize members of the public between Agenda items throughout the course of the meeting. Action will be taken at the end of the meeting to levy annual assessments against lands within the District in accordance with California Water Code §25650.

## 7. MINUTES

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

- a. REGULAR MEETING: SEPTEMBER 10, 2024
- b. ➤ SPECIAL MEETING: SEPTEMBER 12, 2024
- c. ➤ SPECIAL MEETING: SEPTEMBER 19, 2024



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#### 8. TREASURER'S REPORT (Water Code §24273)

Reports reflecting the financial status of the District will be presented as follows:

- ► Interim Warrants: September 11-October 8, 2024 Review warrants and supporting invoices paid since last meeting; presented for approval.
- ➤ Accounts Payable Examine unpaid invoices presented for approval/authorization to b. issue payment.
- Payroll Certification: Pay Periods Ending September, 2024 President, General Manager c. & Office Manager to certify listing of payroll checks issued.
- d. Income Statements (Budget-to-Actual): September 30, 2024 (Unaudited)
- Quarterly Report of Investments: September 30, 2024 [Gov.Code §53646(b)(1)] e.
- f. Cash Position Report: September 30, 2024 (Water Code §24273)
- Schedule of Long-Term Debt/Notes Payable: September 30, 2024 Quarterly report g.
- Accounts Receivable Activity Report: September 30, 2024 h.

#### 9. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

The General Manager will report on operations, maintenance, projects and other District matters.

#### 10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

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

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

#### 12. **ACTION ITEMS**

- ► WINTER DELIVERIES (08/13/2019) Discussion/possible action evaluating potential for 2024-2025 a. winter deliveries, coordination of maintenance activities; establish billing rate.
- b. ► RATHMANN ON-FARM RECHARGE PROJECT (10/08/2024) - Discussion/possible action regarding solicitation of bids for an Agricultural Lease.
- ► TERMINATION OF 2024 DISTRICT DELIVERIES (010/08/2024) Determine termination date for c. deliveries to allow for annual canal maintenance/repair.

#### 13. REPORT ITEMS

ETHICS TRAINING (06/20/2006) - Most biennial training certificates December, 2024; discuss a. scheduling class.

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

### **CLOSED SESSION**

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

a. <u>Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) or (3) of subdivision (d):</u>
4 Cases

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

AS DEFENDANT: 3 CASES

- a. 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
- b. <u>CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY, RESTORE THE DELTA AND PLANNING & CONSERVATION LEAGUE V UNITED STATES BUREAU OF RECLAMATION ET AL (06/08/2021)</u>
  United States District Court, Eastern District of California
  Case No. 1:20-CV-00706 DAD-EPG
- c. <u>MCMULLIN AREA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY V JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT</u> Fresno County Superior Court Case No. 24CECG03049 (08/13/2024)

## AS PLAINTIFF: 2 CASES

- d. <u>Kings River Water Association et al v. James Verboon et al</u> Kings County Superior Court, Case No. 15 C0304
- e. <u>JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT V. MCMULLIN AREA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY</u> Santa Clara County Superior Court, Case No. 23CV417565

## AS INTERVENOR: 1 CASE

f. <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



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## CLOSED SESSION: GOVERNMENT CODE \$54956.8 - CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR

a. JAMES & TRANQUILLITY NEGOTIATIONS

Negotiating Parties: James Irrigation District: General Manager/Designee

<u>Tranquillity Irrigation District</u>: 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: <u>James Irrigation District</u>: General Manager/Designee

Fresno Irrigation District: Bill Stretch

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

water supply transactions, operations & maintenance.

c. Water Banking & Transfers (04/19/2018)

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

To Be Determined

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

transactions.

d. WATER BANKING & TRANSFERS: MCMULLIN AREA GSA (06/22/2021)

Negotiating Parties: James Irrigation District: General Manager/Designee

McMullin GSA: Matthew Hurley, General Manager

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

transactions.

## **OPEN SESSION**

## 17. 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.

## 18. ►BOARD OF EQUALIZATION - CLOSE MEETING

Action will be taken to levy 2024-2025 annual assessments against lands within the District pursuant to landowner vote and Board Resolution 2021-05 adopted October 12, 2021, in accordance with California Water Code §25650.

## 19. ADJOURN

► <u>ADJOURN</u> to next Regular Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 12, 2024, unless otherwise decided by the Board.