

BOARD OF DIRECTORS - SPECIAL MEETING

AGENDA

Thursday, October 17, 2024, 1:00 p.m.
8749 9th Street, San Joaquin, California 93660

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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.

1. **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**

a. **MOMENT OF SILENCE** to honor the passing of FRANK ELLSWORTH "BUCKY" MORROW III (1947-2024), husband of landowner, Beverly Niboli Morrow.

6. **BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING**

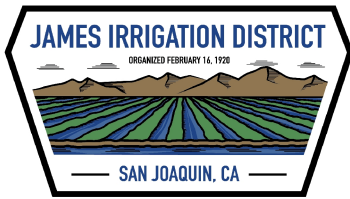
The Board of Directors will convene as a Board of Equalization to hear public comments regarding the 2024-2025 District Assessments. Action will be taken at the end of the meeting to levy annual assessments against lands within the District pursuant to landowner vote and Board Resolution 2021-05 adopted October 12, 2021 in accordance with California Water Code §25650.

7. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

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

8. **DIRECTORS' REPORTS** (Gov. Code §53232.3)

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



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9. **► 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.

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

CLOSED SESSION

10. **CLOSED SESSION: GOVERNMENT CODE §54956.9 - CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

a. SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OR (3) OF SUBDIVISION (D):

4 CASES

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

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. 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

c. MCMULLIN AREA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY V JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT

Fresno County Superior Court Case No. 24CECG03049 (08/13/2024)

AS PLAINTIFF: 2 CASES

d. KINGS RIVER WATER ASSOCIATION ET AL V. JAMES VERBOON ET AL

Kings County Superior Court, Case No. 15 C0304

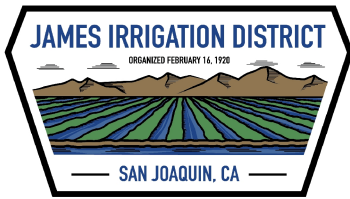
e. JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT V. MCMULLIN AREA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

Santa Clara County Superior Court, Case No. 23CV417565

AS INTERVENOR: 1 CASE

f. CITY OF FRESNO, ET AL V. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

United States Court of Federal Claims, Case No. 1:16-CV-01276-MCW



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12. 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, operations & maintenance.

c. WATER BANKING & TRANSFERS (04/19/2018)

Negotiating Parties: James Irrigation District: 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

13. 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.

14. ADJOURN

➤ ADJOURN to next Regular Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 12, 2024, unless otherwise decided by the Board.