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# SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY

## WATER INFRASTRUCTURE AUTHORITY

### NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING AND AGENDA

#### Meeting

Notice is hereby given that a regular meeting of the San Joaquin Valley Water Infrastructure Authority will be held on February 5, 2016, at 3:00 pm at the Fresno Irrigation District Office, [2907 S Maple Ave, Fresno, California 93725](#).

#### AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER
  - a. Roll Call of Board Members
  - b. Pledge of Allegiance
  - c. **Approval** of Agenda
  - d. **Approval** of January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Meeting Minutes
2. PUBLIC COMMENTS
  - a. At this time, members of the public may speak about any subject of concern not appearing on the agenda, provided it is within the jurisdiction of the San Joaquin Valley Water Infrastructure Authority. The total amount of time allocated for this Public Comment Period shall be determined by the Authority President and each individual will be limited to 3 minutes each. **Note:** The matters presented during this Public Comment Period may not be discussed or acted upon by the Board at this time.
3. ORGANIZATIONAL
  - a. **Approval** of following Board seats:
    - i. City Member (Eastern Portion)—Mayor Victor Lopez—City of Orange Cove
    - ii. City Member Alternate (Eastern Portion)—City of Clovis
    - iii. City Member (Western Portion)—Mayor Pro Tem Alvaro M. Preciado—City of Avenal
    - iv. City Member Alternate (Western Portion)—City of Mendota
    - v. Water Agency Member (Western Portion) Steve Chedester--- San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority
  - b. Receive status report by staff on other Board seats to be filled
  - c. Receive status report by Tulare County Counsel of circulation of final copy of the JPA Agreement and registration with Secretary of the State.
  - d. **Approve** Tulare County Administration address as primary address for JPA
  - e. **Approve** Tulare County's existing website as primary source for JPA meeting notices and meeting materials for public until JPA website can be established
  - f. The Board to re-consider a regular meeting schedule and location/s

4. TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- a. **Approve** formation of a Technical Advisory Committee
  - 1. Consider committee structure options (refer to attachment)
    - a. Kings River Basin Water Authority presentation by Gary Serrato, General Manager Fresno Irrigation District

5. FINANCIAL

- a. Receive status report by Alan Cade (Fresno County Deputy Auditor-Controller) of JPA bank account, transfer of funds and service agreement for fiscal activities by JPA Auditor-Treasurer (Fresno County Auditor-Controller's Office).
- b. The Board to **designate** Board Member/s or management staff for the following responsibility:
  - i. Review of JPA bills and authorization to approve payments.
    - 1. Establish appropriate approval limits if assigned to staff
- c. **Authorize** JPA Treasurer to take action on the following:
  - i. Establish JPA fiscal year to be consistent with Fresno County fiscal year
  - ii. Purchase a fidelity bond/s to covering all officers and staff of the Authority, and all officers and staff who are authorized to have charge of, handle, and have access to property of the Authority. Per JPA agreement Article 14 (d). (see attachment)
  - iii. Purchase of liability insurance as per JPA agreement Article 17 if necessary (see attachment)
- d. Receive status report from staff on Independent Contractor agreement between Interim Executive Director and County of Tulare.
  - i. **Approve** addition of reimbursement for IRS mileage, travel costs and purchase/service plan for JPA phone.
- e. **Approve** service contract for media communications consultant.
  - i. J.R. McFarland Communications (see attachment)

6. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. **Approve** JPA letter to the Bureau of Reclamation and the State Water Resources Control Board in support of the State Legislators letter dated Jan. 25, 2016 (see attachment)
- b. Consider a position on "The Water Priorities Public Interest & Public Trust Constitutional Amendment & the New Surface Water & Groundwater Storage Facilities Bond Act of 2016"

7. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

- a. This time is set aside to give the Directors an opportunity for report on any issues, meetings or activities with stakeholders or general public to advance the goals of the Authority

## 8. INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT

- a. California Water Commission/ Prop 1-Chapter 8
  - i. Meeting with MWH Engineering regarding Prop 1 funding application service proposal
  - ii. Scheduling meeting with Water Commission Staff-- Sacramento
    - 1. Request Available dates by interested Board Members
  - iii. Scheduling meeting with US Bureau of Reclamation Staff-- Sacramento
    - 1. Same date as above
- b. Outreach /Engagement
  - i. **Authorize** staff and media consultant to draft OpEds, letters to editor, press releases and schedule press conference
  - ii. Presentation to San Joaquin Valley Policy Council (Eight Counties)
    - 1. Water Policy Position requesting Federal and State support for Temperance Flat Project and SJVWA related activities (refer to attachment)
    - 2. **Approve** staff participation in Sacramento trip
  - iii. Presentation to Tulare Farm Bureau
    - 1. Formation and mission priorities of JPA
  - iv. Preparing "Water Policy Position" for Fresno Council of Governments Washington D.C. Trip
    - 1. Same as SJV Policy Council
    - 2. **Approve** Staff participation DC trip (April)
  - v. JPA briefings with State and Federal legislators
    - 1. Jan 29<sup>th</sup>,2016 meeting with Congressman Valadao
    - 2. Scheduling meeting with Senator Feinstein and Secretary of Interior (Early March)
      - a. **Approve** JPA DC trip for Board members and staff
    - 3. Scheduling meeting with Valley State Legislators- Sacramento
      - a. **Approve** JPA Sacramento trip for Board members and staff

## 9. NEXT MEETING

## 10. ADJOURNMENT

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