

WESTLANDS WATER DISTRICT

NOTICE OF HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING AND AGENDA

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a hearing and a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Westlands Water District will be held on April 15, 2014 at 1:30 p.m. at the District's Fresno Office, 3130 N. Fresno Street, Fresno, California 93703.

Public Comment - Any member of the public may address the Board concerning any matter on the agenda before or during its consideration of that matter.

HEARING

1. **Hearing on Proposed Water Rates, Charges and Land-Based Charges (Ormonde)** - The Board will hear comments and consider Resolution No. 108-14, adopting water rates, charges and land-based charges, to be effective March 1, 2014.

AGENDA

1. **Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 18, 2014**
2. **General Manager's Report (Birmingham)**
 - a. Water supply, drainage, energy and other resources activities
 - b. Federal affairs
 - c. Other District activities
3. **Outside Agency Activities (Board)** - Reports on activities of outside agencies (FFA, SLDMWA and SFWCA, etc.) will be presented.
4. **Legal Affairs Committee (Coelho)** - The Board will act upon recommendations of the Committee, if any, regarding District legal issues.
5. **Operations & Maintenance Committee (Coelho)** - The Board will act upon recommendations of the Committee, if any, regarding District maintenance issues.
6. **Personnel Committee (Sano)** - The Board will act upon recommendations of the Committee, if any, regarding District personnel issues.
7. **Water Policy Committee (Errotabere)** - The Board will act upon recommendations of the Committee, if any, regarding the following items:
 - a. Coalinga Canal Integration Program and Resolution No. 109-14, Authorizing Execution of a Warren Act Contract With the United States Bureau of Reclamation for Conveyance and Storage of Non-Project Water in Federally-Owned Facilities, and Related Actions
8. **Finance & Administration Committee (Enos)** - The Board will act upon recommendations of the Committee, if any, regarding the following items:
 - a. 2014-2015 Revised Water Rates and Charges
 - b. Set 2014 Benefit Assessment Equalization Hearing Date

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- c. Budget Transfers and Augmentations
 - d. Accounts Payable Reports
 - e. Investment and Financial Reports
9. **Public Comment** - Any member of the public may address the Board concerning any matter not on the Agenda within the Board's jurisdiction.
10. **Closed Session** - The Board will meet in closed session pursuant to the Government Code sections noted to discuss the following:
- a. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION**
Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of section 54956.9;
 - 1) Westlands v. United States (US Ct. of Fed. Cl., Washington DC)
 - 2) San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority, et al., v. Natural Resources Defense Council (US Ct of Appeals, 9th Cir.)
 - 3) Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Assoc., et al., v. US Department of Interior, et al. (US Dist. Ct., N.D. Calif)
 - 4) San Joaquin County RCD, et al., v. Central Valley Regional Board (Superior Court, Sacramento)
 - 5) North Coast Rivers Alliance, et al., v. Westlands (Superior Court, Fresno)
 - 6) San Luis Delta Mendota Water Authority v. Salazar (US Ct of Appeals, 9th Cir.)
 - b. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**
Paragraph (2) or (3) of subdivision (d) of section 54956.9; one potential case
 - c. **CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS**
Section 54956.8
Property; Land, water entitlement, and/or supplemental water
Agency Negotiator: Thomas W. Birmingham, General Manager, or delegatee
Negotiating Parties: Unknown
Under Negotiation: Instructions to Negotiator will concern price and payment terms

Written materials related to an item on this agenda to be considered in open session that are public records and that are distributed less than 72 hours prior to the meeting will be made available for public inspection, (1) when distributed if said materials were prepared by the District or a member of the Board of Directors or (2) after the meeting if said materials were prepared by others, at the District's Fresno office, 3130 N. Fresno St., Fresno, California during normal business hours.

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