

WESTLANDS WATER DISTRICT

NOTICE OF HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING AND AGENDA

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that hearings and a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Westlands Water District will be held on February 17, 2015 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. Public comment is limited to three minutes per person and no more than fifteen minutes per topic. For good cause, the Board President may waive these limitations.

HEARING

1. **Hearing on the Schedule of Per Acre Valuations for the 2015 Repayment Contract Benefit Assessment (Ormonde)** – The Board will hear comments and consider Resolution No. 103-15, Adopting the Schedule of Per Acre Valuations for the Benefit Assessment Collection of 2015 Repayment Contract Obligations
2. **Hearing on Proposed Water Rates, Charges and Land-Based Charges (Ormonde)** - The Board will hear comments and consider Resolution No. 104-15, adopting water rates, charges and land-based charges, to be effective March 1, 2015

AGENDA

1. **Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 20, 2015**
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:

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- a. Resolution No. 105-15, Authorizing Execution of Warren Act Contracts and Exchange Agreements 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. 2015-2016 Recommended Budget, Water Rates and Charges, Estimate of Obligations and Revenues, and Salary Schedule
 - b. Budget Transfers and Augmentations
 - c. Accounts Payable Reports
 - d. 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. Public comment is limited to three minutes per person and no more than fifteen minutes per topic. For good cause, the Board President may waive these limitations.
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
(Pursuant to Cal. Gov. Code section 54956.9(d)(1))
 - 1) *Westlands v. United States* (Drainage) (US Ct. of Fed. Cl., Washington DC)
 - 2) *SLDMWA, et al. v. Natural Resources Defense Council* (2008 Delta Smelt BiOp) (Petition for Certiorari Pending before USSC)
 - 3) *SLDMWA, et al. v. Locke* (2009 Salmon BiOp) (US Court of Appeals, 9th Cir.)
 - 4) *Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Assoc., et al., v. US Department of Interior, et al.* (NEPA Interim Renewal Contract) (US Dist. Ct., N.D. Calif)
 - 5) *SLDMWA, et al. v. Dept. of Interior* (COA) (E.D. California)
 - 6) *SLDMWA, et al. v. Jewell* (Trinity River) (US Dist. Ct., E.D. Calif)
 - 7) *Harrington v. Westlands* (Employment) (Fresno County Superior Court)
 - 8) *Westlands v. Mireles* (Breach of Contract) (Kings County Superior Court)
 - 9) *Delta Stewardship Council Cases* (Delta Reform Act; CEQA) (Sacramento County Superior Court)
 - 10) *Modesto Irrigation District, et. al. v. Woods Irrigation Company* (Water Rights Enforcement) (Sacramento County Superior Court)
 - b. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
(Pursuant to Cal. Gov. Code section 54956.9(d)(2) or (3))
 - c. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS
(Pursuant to Cal. Gov. Code section 54956.8)

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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

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