

WESTLANDS WATER DISTRICT
NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING AND AGENDA

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Notice is hereby given that a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Westlands Water District will be held on October 20, 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.

AGENDA

1. **Approval of the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of September 2, 2015 and Regular Board Meeting of September 15, 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 SFCWA, 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. Resolution No.116-15, Authorizing the Filing of Statutory and Categorical Exemptions Under California Environmental Quality Act for Approval of the Interim Renewal Contract Between the United States of America and Westlands Water District Providing for Project Water Service, and Authorizing the Execution Thereof
 - b. 2015-2016 Groundwater Conditions Update
 - c. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Update
8. **Finance & Administration Committee (Enos)** - The Board will act upon recommendations of the Committee, if any, regarding the following items:

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- a. Budget Transfers and Augmentations
- b. Accounts Payable Reports
- c. Investment and Financial Reports

9. **Resolution No. 117-15, In Commendation of Frank Rodriguez (Peracchi)**
10. **Resolution No. 118-15, Changing the Time for the Regular Meetings of the Board of Directors (Ormonde)**
11. **Sitting as the Board of Directors of Distribution District No. 1 – The Board will act upon the recommendations, if any, regarding the following items:**
 - a. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of September 17, 2013
 - b. Resolution Nos. 101-15, 102-15, 103-15 and 104-15, Authorizing the Filing of Statutory and Categorical Exemptions Under California Environmental Quality Act for Approval of the Interim Renewal Contract Between the United States of America and Westlands Water District Distribution District No. 1 Providing for Project Water Service, and Authorizing the Execution Thereof
 - c. Public Comment – Any member of the public may address the Board concerning any matter not on the Agenda within the Board's jurisdiction.
 - d. Closed Session – The Board will meet in closed session pursuant to the Government Code Sections noted to discuss the following:
CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Paragraph (2) or (3) of subdivision (d) of section 54956.9; one potential case
12. **Sitting as the Board of Directors of Distribution District No. 2 – The Board will act upon the recommendations, if any, regarding the following items:**
 - a. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of September 17, 2013
 - b. Resolution No. 101-15, Authorizing the Filing of Statutory and Categorical Exemptions Under California Environmental Quality Act for Approval of the Interim Renewal Contract Between the United States of America and Westlands Water District Distribution District No. 2 Providing for Project Water Service, and Authorizing the Execution Thereof
 - c. Public Comment – Any member of the public may address the Board concerning any matter not on the Agenda within the Board's jurisdiction.
 - d. Closed Session – The Board will meet in closed session pursuant to the Government Code Sections noted to discuss the following:
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a. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - PENDING LITIGATION**

(Pursuant to Cal. Gov. Code section 54956.9(d)(1))

- 1) *Westlands v. United States* (Drainage)
- 2) *Firebaugh Canal Water District v. United States* (Drainage)
- 3) *SLDMWA, et al. v. Natural Resources Defense Council* (2008 Delta Smelt BiOp)
- 4) *SLDMWA, et al. v. Locke* (2009 Salmon BiOp)
- 5) *Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Assoc., et al., v. US Department of Interior, et al.* (NEPA Interim Renewal Contract)
- 6) *SLDMWA, et al. v. Dept. of Interior* (COA)
- 7) *SLDMWA, et al. v. Jewell* (Trinity River 2014 Releases)
- 8) *Harrington v. Westlands* (Employment)
- 9) *Westlands v. Mireles* (Breach of Contract)
- 10) *Delta Stewardship Council Cases* (Delta Reform Act; CEQA)
- 11) *Modesto Irrigation District, et al, v. Woods Irrigation Company* (Water Rights Enforcement)
- 12) *California Farm Bureau, et al, v. State Water Resources Control Board* (Water Rights Fees)
- 13) *California Sportfishing Alliance, et al, v. United State Bureau of Reclamation* (TUCP)
- 14) *SLDMWA, et al, v. United States Bureau of Reclamation* (Trinity River 2015 Releases)
- 15) *Echeveste, et al, v. Anaya, et al* (Eviction)

b. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

(Pursuant to Cal. Gov. Code section 54956.9(d)(2), (3), or (4))

Number of Potential Cases: Three (3)

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