

# WESTLANDS WATER DISTRICT WATER POLICY COMMITTEE

## NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING AND AGENDA

### NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a regular meeting of the Water Policy Committee of the Board of Directors of Westlands Water District will be held on October 20, 2015 at 11:00 a.m., at the District's Fresno Office, 3130 N. Fresno St., Fresno, California 93703.

#### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Dan Errotabere, Chairman  
Gary Esajian  
Todd Neves  
Don Peracchi, ex-officio

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### AGENDA

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of September 15, 2015.
2. Review/Consider Request for Waiver of Lease Terms.
3. Projections of Water Supply and Use.
4. Consider Board of Directors September 15, 2015 Agenda Items.
  - a. Item 7a - Resolution No. 116-15, Approving the Filing of Statutory and Categorical Exemptions Under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) 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. Item 7b - 2015-2016 Water Contract Year March through August Groundwater Conditions Update
  - c. Item 7c - Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Update
5. Pending Action Items – Staff has been directed to prepare information for the Committee's consideration on various matters. If such information is available before today's meeting, the Committee may consider it.

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- a. Review/Consider Revisions to Article 2, Regulations for the Allocation and Use of Agricultural Water within Westlands Water District.
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  7. Closed Session - The Committee will meet in closed session pursuant to the Government Code section 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)
      - 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 Burea, et. al. v. State Water Resources Control Board* (Water Rights Fees)
      - 13) *California Sportfishing Alliance, et. al. v. United States Bureau of Reclamation, et. al.* (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).
    - c. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS (Pursuant to Cal. Gov. Code section 54956.8)
      - 1) Property: Approximately 1,100 acres of privately – owned land in Fresno County

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Agency Negotiator: General Manager or delagatee  
Negotiating Parties: Panoche Westside Farms  
Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment

2) Property: Approximately 2,560 acres of District - owned land in Fresno County  
Agency Negotiator: General Manager or delagatee  
Negotiating Parties: Panoche Drainage District  
Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment

3) Property: Water Supply  
Agency Negotiator: General Manager or delagatee  
Negotiating Parties: To be determined  
Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment

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