

# 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 16, 2016 at 1:00 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 2016 Repayment Contract Benefit Assessment (Ormonde)** – The Board will hear comments and consider Resolution No. 104-16, Adopting the Schedule of Per Acre Valuations for the Benefit Assessment Collection of 2016 Repayment Contract Obligations.
2. **Hearing on Proposed Water Rates, Charges and Land-Based Charges (Ormonde)** - The Board will hear comments and consider Resolution No. 105-16, adopting water rates, charges and land-based charges, to be effective March 1, 2016.

### AGENDA

1. **Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 19, 2016**
2. **President's Report (Peracchi)**
3. **General Manager's Report (Birmingham)**
  - a. Water supply, drainage, energy and other resources activities
  - b. Federal affairs
  - c. Other District activities
4. **Outside Agency Activities (Board)** - Reports on activities of outside agencies (FFA, SLDMWA and SFCWA, etc.) will be presented.
5. **Legal Affairs Committee (Coelho)** - The Board will act upon recommendations of the Committee, if any, regarding District legal issues.
6. **Operations & Maintenance Committee (Coelho)** - The Board will act upon recommendations of the Committee, if any, regarding District maintenance issues.
7. **Personnel Committee (Enos)** - The Board will act upon recommendations of the Committee, if any, regarding the following items:

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- a. Agreement with Westlands Office & Clerical Employee Association
  - b. Agreement with Operating Engineers Local #3
8. **Water Policy Committee (Errotabere)** - The Board will act upon recommendations of the Committee, if any, regarding the following items:
- a. Ratify Grant of Easement to Pacific Gas and Electric Company
  - b. Resolution No. 106-16, Approving the Submission of a Basin Boundary Modification Request to the Department of Water Resources Pursuant to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act
  - c. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Update
9. **Finance & Administration Committee (Enos)** - The Board will act upon recommendations of the Committee, if any, regarding the following items:
- a. Proposal for Public Education Program
  - b. 2016-2017 Recommended Budget, Water Rates and Charges, Estimate of Obligations and Revenues, and Salary Schedule
  - c. Budget Transfers and Augmentations
  - d. Accounts Payable Reports
  - e. Investment and Financial Reports
10. **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.
11. **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 - 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)

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- 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) *SLDMWA, et al, v. United States Bureau of Reclamation* (Trinity River 2015 Releases)
  - 14) *California Sportfishing Protection Alliance, et al, v. State Water Resources Control Board, Westlands Water District, et al.* (2015 TUCP Orders)
- 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 1,650 acres on APNs 33-280-02, 33-270-01, 33-270-03, 33-370-01, 33-370-02, 33-390-01, 33-390-05, 33-380-03, 33-380-02, and 33-380-07  
Agency Negotiator: General Manager/General Counsel or delagatee  
Negotiating Parties: Hallmark and CA Department of Water Resources  
Under negotiation: Price and terms of performance

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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