

**REVISED 3/11/2016**

**WESTLANDS WATER DISTRICT  
WATER POLICY COMMITTEE**

**NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING AND AGENDA**

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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 March 15, 2016 at 9:00 a.m., at the District's Five Point Office, 23050 W. Mt. Whitney, Five Points, California 93624.

**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 February 16, 2016.
2. Review/Consider Participation in the San Luis Low Point Improvement Project
3. Projections of Water Supply and Use.
4. 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.
5. Consider Board of Directors March 15, 2016 Agenda Items.
  - a. Item 8a – Resolution No. 107-16, Certifying a Mitigated Negative Declaration Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act for the Groundwater Pumping and Conveyance Project.
  - b. Item 8b – Resolution No. 108-16, Authorizing Execution of Warren Act Contracts and Exchange Agreements with the United States Bureau of Reclamation for

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Conveyance and Storage of Non-Project Water in Federally-Owned Facilities, and Related Actions.

- c. Item 8c - Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Update.
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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) *Westlands v. Mireles* (Breach of Contract)
      - 9) *Delta Stewardship Council Cases* (Delta Reform Act; CEQA)
      - 10) *Modesto Irrigation District, et al, v. Woods Irrigation Company* (Water Rights Enforcement)
      - 11) *California Farm Bureau, et al, v. State Water Resources Control Board* (Water Rights Fees)
      - 12) *SLDMWA, et al, v. United States Bureau of Reclamation* (Trinity River 2015 Releases)
      - 13) *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: Water Supply  
Agency Negotiator: General Manager or delagatee

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Negotiating Parties: To be determined  
Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment

- 2) Property: Approximately 9,400 acres of land consisting of:
- a. Sections 10 and 15, in T13S, R13E, M.D.B&M.; and
  - b. Sections 19, 20, 21, 29, in T13S, R14E, M.D.B&M.; and
  - c. E ½ and S ½ of SW ¼ of Section 23, Sections 25, 26, SE ¼ of Section 32, N ½ and SW ¼ of Section 33, Sections 34, 35, N ½ and N ½ of SW ¼ of Section 36, in T15S, R15E, M.D.B&M.; and
  - d. W ½ Section 31, in T15S, R16E, M.D.B&M.; and
  - e. N ½ of Section 4, E ½ of Section 5 in T16S, R15E, M.D.B&M.; and
  - f. Sections 33 and 34 in T17S, R16E, M.D.B&M.

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Negotiating Parties: Frontier Renewables

Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment

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