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 May 17, 2016 at 11:00 a.m., at the District's Fresno Office, 3130 N. Fresno Street, 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 April 19, 2016.
2. Review/Consider Groundwater Sustainability Agency Formation.
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.
    a. Review/Consider Revisions to Article 2, Regulations for the Allocation and Use of Agricultural Water within Westlands Water District.
5. Consider Board of Directors May 17, 2016 Agenda Items.
    a. Item 7 - 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 2014 and 2015 Releases)
      13) *California Sportfishing Protection Alliance, et al, v. State Water Resources Control Board, Westlands Water District, et al.* (2015 TUCP Orders)
      14) *SLDMWA, Westlands v. State Water Resources Control Board* (2015 TUCP Extension)

   b. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (Pursuant to Cal. Gov. Code section 54956.9(d)(2), (3), or (4))
      Number of Potential Cases: Eight (8).

   c. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS (Pursuant to Cal. Gov. Code section 54956.8)

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

      2) Property: Approximately 3,250 acres of land, consisting of:
         a. Portions of Sections 25, 27, 34, 35 and 36, in T14S, R13E, M.D.B&M.; and
         b. E ½ of Section 2, W ½ of Section 11 and Section 15, in T18S, R16E, M.D.B&M.

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Agency Negotiator: General Manager or delagatee
Negotiating Parties: Solar Frontier
Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment

3) Property: Approximately 630 acres of land in Section 13, T14S, R14E, M.D.B.&M.
Agency Negotiator: General Manager or delagatee
Negotiating Parties: First Solar Development
Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment

4) Property: Approximately 460 acres of land consisting of portions of Sections 28, 34, and 35 in T19S, R19E, M.D.B.&M.
Agency Negotiator: General Manager or delagatee
Negotiating Parties: Recurrent Energy
Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment

5) Property: Approximately 2,500 acres of land, consisting of Sections 4, 8, 9, and 16 in T13S, R13E, M.D.B.&M.
Agency Negotiator: General Manager or delagatee
Negotiating Parties: Panoche Drainage District
Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment

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