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## WESTLANDS WATER DISTRICT

### NOTICE OF HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING AND AGENDA

#### NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a hearing and regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Westlands Water District will be held on July 19, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. at the District's Fresno Office, 3130 N. Fresno Street, Fresno, California 93703. Teleconference participation will be available at Quicken Loans Arena, 1 Center Ct., Cleveland, OH 44115.

**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 to Consider Formation of a Groundwater Sustainability Agency Pursuant to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (Gutierrez)** - The Board will hear comments and consider Resolution No. 111-16, electing for the District to serve as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Westside Groundwater Subbasin.

#### AGENDA

1. **Approval of the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of June 16, 2016 and Regular Board Meeting of June 21, 2016**
2. **General Manager's Report (Birmingham)**
  - a. Water supply, drainage, energy and other resources activities
  - b. Federal affairs
  - c. Other District activities
  - d. Operations & Maintenance Division Update
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 (Enos)** - The Board will act upon recommendations of the Committee, if any, regarding District personnel issues.

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7. **Water Policy Committee (Errotabere)** - The Board will act upon recommendations of the Committee, if any, regarding the following items:
  - a. 2016-2017 Groundwater Conditions Update
  - b. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Update
  - c. Consider Retention of Consultant to Prepare Strategic Plan
  
8. **Finance & Administration Committee (Enos)** - The Board will act upon recommendations of the Committee, if any, regarding the following items:
  - a. Amendment of District Rules and Regulations, Article 13. Conflict of Interest Code for Westlands Water District
  - b. Budget Transfers and Augmentations
  - c. Accounts Payable Reports
  - d. Investment and Financial Reports
  
9. **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.
  
10. **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) *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)
    - 14) *SLDMWA, Westlands v. State Water Resources Control Board* (2015 TUCP Extension)

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15) *Westside Irrigation District v. State Water Resources Control Board* (2015 Draft Cease and Desist Order)

b. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

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

Number of Potential Cases: Seven (7)

c. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

(Pursuant to Cal. Gov. Code section 54956.8)

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, 33-290-05, 33-380-03, 33-380-02, and 33-380-07

Agency Negotiator: General Manager/General Counsel or delegate

Negotiating Parties: Hallmark and CA Dept. of Water Resources

Under Negotiation: Price and terms of performance

d. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT

(Pursuant to Cal. Gov. Code section 54957(b)(1))

Title: General Counsel

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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