

# 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 January 17, 2017 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 December 20, 2016.
2. Review/Consider Requested 2017-18 Budget for Dues, Subscriptions, and Contributions to Outside Agencies, Representation in Sacramento and Washington D.C., and Public Affairs/Communications.
3. Review/Consider Requested 2017-18 Budgets for Resources and Bollibokka Divisions.
4. Review/Consider Application for Grant Funding from the Bureau of Reclamation for Drought Resiliency Projects.
5. Projections of Water Supply and Use.
6. 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 Solar Following Proposal.
7. Consider Board of Directors January 17, 2017 Agenda Items.

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- a. Item 7a – 2016-17 Groundwater Conditions Update.
  - b. Item 7b - Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Update.
  - c. Item 7c – Review/Consider Comments Received Pursuant to Land Disposition Policy; re: Proposed Solar Developments.
8. Public Comment - Any member of the public may address the Committee concerning any matter not on the agenda within the Committee’s jurisdiction. Public comment is limited to three minutes per person and no more than fifteen minutes per topic. For good cause, the Committee Chairman may waive these limitations.
9. 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.; Westlands Intervenors* (2012-2014 Interim Renewal Contract EA)
    - 6) *SLDMWA, et al. v. Jewell* (Trinity River 2012 and 2013 Releases)
    - 7) *Westlands v. Mireles* (Breach of Contract)
    - 8) *Delta Stewardship Council Cases* (Delta Reform Act; CEQA)
    - 9) *Modesto Irrigation District, et al, v. Woods Irrigation Company* (Water Rights Enforcement)
    - 10) *California Farm Bureau, et al, v. State Water Resources Control Board* (Water Rights Fees)
    - 11) *SLDMWA & Westlands v. United States Bureau of Reclamation* (Trinity River 2014 and 2015 Releases)
    - 12) *California Sportfishing Protection Alliance, et al, v. State Water Resources Control Board; Westlands, Intervenors* (2015 TUCP Orders)
    - 13) *SLDMWA & Westlands v. State Water Resources Control Board* (2015 TUCP Extension)
    - 14) *SLDMWA & Westlands v. U.S. Dept. of Interior* (OCAP EIS)
    - 15) *Natural Resources Defense Council v. Environmental Protection Agency; Westlands, Intervenors* (Clean Water Act and TUCPs)
    - 16) *North Coast Rivers Alliance, et al v. Dept. of Interior; Westlands, Intervenors* (2016-2018 Interim Renewal Contract EA)

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17) *In re DWR and Bureau of Reclamation Change Petition for California Water Fix*

- 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  
Negotiating Parties: To be determined  
Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment
  
  - 2) Property: Approximately 1,280 acres of land, consisting of
    - a. Sections 25 and 26 in T.15S., R.15E., M.D.B.&M.  
Agency Negotiator: General Manager or delagatee  
Negotiating Parties: Next Era Energy Resources, LLC  
Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment

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