

WESTLANDS WATER DISTRICT

NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING AND AGENDA

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Notice is hereby given that a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Westlands Water District will be held on January 17, 2017 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.

AGENDA

1. **Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of December 20, 2016**
2. **General Manager's Report (Birmingham)**
 - a. Water supply, drainage, energy and other resources activities
 - b. Federal affairs
 - c. Other District activities
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 the following items:
 - a. Consider Appointment for General Counsel
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.
7. **Water Policy Committee (Errotabere)** - The Board will act upon recommendations of the Committee, if any, regarding the following items:
 - a. Summary of Comments Received on Proposed Sale of District Land
 - b. 2016-2017 Groundwater Conditions Update
 - c. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Update

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8. **Finance & Administration Committee (Enos)** - The Board will act upon recommendations of the Committee, if any, regarding the following items:
 - a. Voting Process and Assessment Methodology
 - b. 2016-2017 Power Programs Rate Adjustments
 - c. Set Benefit Valuation Hearing Date to Establish the 2017 Repayment Contract Benefit Assessment Valuation Schedule
 - d. Revised 2016-2017 Salary Schedule
 - e. Disposition of Remaining DHCCP Bond Funds
 - f. Budget Transfers and Augmentations
 - g. Accounts Payable Reports
 - h. 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.; Westlands, Intervenor* (2012-2014 Interim Renewal Contract EA)
 - 6) *SLDMWA & Westlands 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, Intervenor* (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)

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- 15) *Natural Resources Defense Council v. Environmental Protection Agency; Westlands, Intervenor* (Clean Water Act and TUCPs)
- 16) *North Coast Rivers Alliance, et al, v. U.S. Dept. of Interior; Westlands, Intervenor* (2016-2018 Interim Renewal Contract EA)

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 4,640 acres of land, consisting of Sections 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28 and SE ¼ of Section 29, in T.14S., R.14E., M.D.B.&M.
Agency Negotiator: General Manager or delagatee
Negotiating Parties: Energiya USA
Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment
- 2) Property: Approximately 5,000 acres of land, consisting of Sections 19, 20 and portions of Sections 21, 25, 27, 34, 35 and 36, in T14S, R13E, M.D.B&M.; and E ½ of Section 2, W ½ of Section 11 and Section 15, in T.18S., R.16E., M.D.B&M.
Agency Negotiator: General Manager or delagatee
Negotiating Parties: Solar Frontier
Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment
- 3) Property: Less than 1 acre of land, consisting of a 10' wide easement along the east side of the NE ¼ of Section 24, in T.13S., R.13E., M.D.B.&M.
Agency Negotiator: General Manager or delagatee
Negotiating Parties: Horizon Nut Company
Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment

d. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT
(Pursuant to Cal. Gov. Code section 54957(b)(1))
Title: General Counsel

e. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT
(Pursuant to Cal. Gov. Code section 54957(b)(1))
Title: General Manager

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