

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

AGENDA – REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Wednesday, March 24, 2021 – 8:30 a.m.

*Los Banos Elks Lodge No. 2510, 565 “E” Street, Los Banos, California\**

*\*Please note location change of meeting.*

NOTE: In accordance with the Governor’s Executive Order (N-29-20) and the declared State of Emergency as a result of the threat of COVID-19, members of the Board of Directors, and CCID staff will be participating in this meeting remotely from multiple locations. This meeting will occur exclusively through gotomeeting. If members of the public have any problems using the call-in number during the meeting, please contact the District office at (209) 826-1421.

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*Notice: All Directors and members of the public are asked to attend the meeting by conference call. During the conference call, all votes will be conducted by roll call.*

**1. Call to Order – Pledge of Allegiance**

**2. Review of Agenda**

The Board will consider corrections or additions to the agenda of items requiring immediate action that have come to the attention of the District following the posting of the agenda.

**3. Approval of Minutes**

- a. Regular meeting of February 24, 2021
- b. Special meeting of March 15, 2021

**4. Water Report and Informational Items**

- a. Four Entities Watermaster's report on reservoir storage and water supply outlook
- b. CCID water operations
- c. Report on individual water use by CCID consumers
- d. Update of various studies and water supply issues

**5. Public Participation**

At this time, members of the public may address the Board on matters that are not on the agenda, which affect the operations of the District and are within the jurisdiction of the Board. The President may limit the time allowed for comment. (Members of the public may also address the Board on any matter on the agenda, when that item is brought up.)

**6. Report on 2020 Well Pumping in CCID**

Staff will report on the 2020 pumping of deep wells in the CCID service area, covering both District-owned and private wells. No Board action is expected to be requested.

**7. 2020 Groundwater Analysis Report**

Staff and Groundwater Consultant Ken Schmidt will present an analysis of the 2020 well pumping program and the current condition of the area's groundwater aquifers. The analysis will cover conditions in the various sub-areas within the District's boundaries and will address the groundwater triggers that have restricted water transfers from within the sub-areas. Board action may be requested.

**8. Pumping of Private Wells for Water Credits in Federal Districts in 2021**

The Board will be asked to review and approve requests from one or more CCID landowners who wish to pump private wells for water credits for their own properties in neighboring Federal districts in 2021.

**9. Fallowing Transfers for Water Credits in Federal Districts in 2021**

The Board will be asked to review and approve requests from one or more CCID landowners who wish to fallow their land and transfer water to their own properties in neighboring Federal districts in 2021.

**10. Approval of February 2021 Warrants**

11. **Monthly Financial Report**

The Secretary will present figures through February 28 for water sales, revenues and expenses in comparison to the 2021 budget, receivables, investments, and reserve funds for water conservation loans and projects. No Board action is expected.

12. **On-Farm Water Conservation Program**

One or more conservation projects that have previously received preliminary approval from the Water Conservation Policy Committee will be described and the Board will be asked to approve incentive grants and/or loans for the projects, and to authorize the execution of the loan documents.

13. **Proposed Policies**

The Drainage Committee has reviewed the proposed policies at a meeting held on March 10, 2021. The Board will be asked to adopt the following:

- a. Abatement of Nuisance
- b. Drainage

14. **Accept Proposition 218 Water Rate Analysis and Direction to Staff Concerning Water Rates and Changes**

Staff will present a Technical Memorandum and supporting documentation prepared by NBS Consultants concerning CCID water rates and charges. Following consideration, the Board will be asked to provide direction to staff and Legal Counsel concerning Proposition 218 proceedings relating to a water rate increase.

15. **Funding Agreement for State Board Grant – Resolution No. 21-03**

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution 21-03 authorizing entering into a funding agreement with the State Water Resources Control Board and authorizing and designating a representative for the Orestimba Creek Recharge Project. This is a requirement for the District to receive the \$5.6 million Storm Water Grant. Board action will be requested.

16. **Proposed License Agreement with Betty Swehla**

A request has been submitted for an aboveground irrigation pipeline across the San Luis Canal in the Los Banos area with 12” steel pipe. The request meets District engineering standards and the proposed license agreement is in line with District legal and insurance requirements. The Board will be asked to approve the request, and to authorize the President and Secretary to execute the license agreement.

**17. Legal and Four-Entities Matters**

General Counsel, the Executive Director and the Manager will discuss with the Board current issues affecting the Exchange Contractors and CCID. Board action may be requested on any of these matters.

**18. Miscellaneous Business**

At this time, Board members and staff may discuss matters that are not on the agenda which may affect operations of the District. No Board action is expected to be taken.

**19. Closed Session**

- a. (Government Code Section 54954.9(a)) – Existing Litigation – Discussion of and instructions to Management and General Counsel with regard to Friant Water Authority, et al. v. United States Department of the Interior, et al.
- b. (Government Code Section 54954.9(a)) – Existing Litigation – California Sportfishing Protection Alliance v. San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority, et al.
- c. (Government Code Section 54954.9(a)) – Existing Litigation – Sierra Club, et al., v. Del Puerto Water District.
- d. (Government Code Section 54954.9(b)(1)) – Anticipated Litigation – Discussion of and instructions to Management and General Counsel with regard to actions expected to be taken by the State Water Resources Control Board.
- e. (Government Code Section 54954.9(b)(1)) – Anticipated Litigation – Discussion of and instructions to the Four Entities’ Transfer Committee for the transfer of water.
- f. (Government Code Section 54954.9(a)) – Litigation – CCID/Firebaugh Canal Water District v. United States (Drainage litigation).
- g. (Government Code Section 54954.9(b)(1)) – Anticipated Litigation – Subsidence in Western Madera County and Merced County east of the San Joaquin River.
- h. (Government Code Section 54954.9(b)(1)) – Anticipated Litigation – San Joaquin River Restoration, including NRDC v. Rodgers, et al.
- i. (Government Code Section 54954.9(b)(1)) – Anticipated Litigation – SWRCB proceedings regarding salinity, San Joaquin River flows, State and Federal ESA as applied to Delta smelt, longfin smelt, steelhead and salmon.

19. **Closed Session** (Continued)

- j. (Government Code Section 54954.9(b)(1)) – Anticipated Litigation – Regional Board adoption of upstream salinity TMDL standards.
- k. (Government Code Section 54954.9(b)(1)) – Anticipated Litigation – Litigation of rights to water from San Joaquin River, Kings River and Southern Delta.

20. **Adjournment**

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