

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

AGENDA – REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Monday, November 20, 2023 – 8:30 a.m.

CCID Main Office
1335 West I Street
Los Banos, California

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 October 25, 2023

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. 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.

7. Approval of October 2023 Warrants

8. Monthly Financial Report

The Secretary will present figures through October 31 for water sales, revenues and expenses in comparison to the 2023 budget, receivables, investments, and reserve funds for water conservation loans and projects. No Board action is expected.

9. Claim

The Board will review and consider rejecting a claim filed by Eagle Loma Farms from the Outside Canal breach causing damage to a cotton field on Merced County parcel 089-300-003 and Fresno County parcel 004-070-014.

10. Del Puerto Canyon Reservoir - Project Participation Agreement

The Board will review and consider authorizing the project participation agreement with San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority for the Del Puerto Canyon Reservoir Project.

11. License Agreement

The Board will review and consider approving a license agreement with Nickel Family LLC for an aboveground irrigation water pipeline within the District's Riverside Canal right-of-way.

12. Award of Contractor – Long Crested Weirs

The Board will review and consider awarding the contractor with the lowest responsible bid for two long crested weirs.

13. Selection of Independent Auditor

The Board will review and consider approving a three-year auditing service for FY 2023, 2024 and 2025.

14. Proposed 2024 Budget for Exchange Contractors

The Executive Director will present two proposed 2024 budgets. The Board will be asked to review the proposals and give a CCID representative direction as to how to vote at the Four Entities' next Board meeting, on December 8.

- a. San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority - GSA
- b. San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority

15. Proposed 2024 CCID Water Rates and Budget

Staff will present the first draft of a Non-Critical Year, and will go over highlights of the proposals. The Board will review the water rates and budget proposal as presented under advisement for consideration at the next Board meeting.

- Proposed 2024 water rates and tier quantities
- Proposed 2024 General District Budget
- Anticipated revenues and expenditures for the CCID Water Conservation Projects Fund in 2024, with a ten-year cash flow projection for the Fund, from 2024 through 2033

16. Legal and Four-Entities Matters

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

17. **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.

18. **Closed Session**

- a. (Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)) – 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 54956.9(d)(1)) – Existing Litigation – California Sportfishing Protection Alliance v. San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority, et al.
- c. (Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)) – Existing Litigation – Sierra Club, et al., v. Del Puerto Water District.
- d. (Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)) – 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 54956.9(d)(2)) – Anticipated Litigation – Discussion of and instructions to the Four Entities’ Transfer Committee for the transfer of water.
- f. (Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)) – Litigation – CCID/Firebaugh Canal Water District v. United States (Drainage litigation).
- g. (Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)) – Anticipated Litigation – Subsidence in Western Madera County and Merced County east of the San Joaquin River.
- h. (Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)) – Anticipated Litigation – Consideration of Claims.
- i. (Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(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. **Adjournment**

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