

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

AGENDA – REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Wednesday, March 9, 2016 – 8:30 a.m.

CCID Main Office, 1335 West I Street, Los Banos, California

Notice: One or more Directors may attend the meeting by conference call. The speaker phone will be available to the public in the Board meeting room. If a conference call occurs, 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 – February 24, 2016

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. Red Top Area Subsidence

After a Public Hearing, at which those in attendance may offer input as to the draft Environmental Assessment/Initial Study for the 2016-2026 transfer of water from Madera Irrigation District and Chowchilla Water District to the Red Top area, the Board will be asked to adopt Resolution No. 16-04 to adopt the proposed EA/IS.

7. 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.

8. Report on 2015 Well Pumping in CCID

Staff will report on 2015 pumping of deep wells in the CCID service area, covering both District-owned and private wells. No Board action is expected to be requested.

9. 2015 Groundwater Analysis Report

Staff and Groundwater Consultant Ken Schmidt will present an analysis of the 2015 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 in the Los Banos sub-area governing transfers outside of the sub-area. Board action may be requested.

10. Approval of February 2016 Warrants

11. Monthly Financial Report

The Secretary will present figures through February 29 for water sales, revenues and expenses in comparison to the 2016 budget, receivables, investments, and reserve funds for water conservation loans and projects. No Board action is expected to be taken.

12. 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.

13. 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.

14. 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.

14. Closed Session (Continued)

- b. (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.
- c. (Government Code Section 54954.9(b)(1)) – Anticipated Litigation – Discussion of and instructions to the Four Entities’ Transfer Committee for the transfer of water.
- 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 Merced Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO).
- e. (Government Code Section 54954.9(a)) – Litigation – CCID/Firebaugh Canal Water District v. United States (Drainage litigation).
- f. (Government Code Section 54954.9(b)(1)) – Anticipated Litigation – Subsidence in Western Madera County and Merced County east of the San Joaquin River.
- g. (Government Code Section 54954.9(b)(1)) – Anticipated Litigation – San Joaquin River Restoration, including NRDC v. Rodgers, et al.
- h. (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.
- i. (Government Code Section 54954.9(b)(1)) – Anticipated Litigation – Regional Board adoption of upstream salinity TMDL standards.
- j. (Government Code Section 54954.9(b)(1)) – Anticipated Litigation – Litigation of rights to water from San Joaquin River, Kings River and Southern Delta.
- k. (Government Code Section 54954.9(b)(1)) – Anticipated Litigation – Landowner dispute over drainage easement in the Dos Palos area.

15. Adjournment