

Regular Meeting of the Policy and Legislative Committee
of the Friant Water Authority

January 13, 2012 – 9:00 a.m.
Lindsay Conference Room
854 N. Harvard Ave.
Lindsay, CA 93247

Agenda

- 1) Call to Order/Roll Call.
- 2) Additions to and Approval of the Agenda.
- 3) Public Comment (Government Code Section 54954.3 (Brown Act)) – This is the time set aside on the agenda where members of the public may provide input and comment on any matter within the jurisdiction of the Committee, excluding items on the agenda, unless a public hearing on the item has previously been held. Comments shall be limited to 3 minutes per speaker, 15 minutes per subject and 30 minutes overall for the entire public comment period, unless otherwise approved by the conducting officer, to insure that all interested parties have an opportunity to speak. The Committee cannot take action on items not on the agenda; and therefore comments on such items may be taken under advisement, referred to the appropriate staff for response or directed to be placed on a future agenda. Public comment on items on the agenda shall be allowed at the time the Committee considers the item.
- 4) Assignment to FWA Committees – Discuss Assignment to current FWA Committees.
- 5) Consideration of combining PLC and AC meetings – Discuss combining PLC and AC meetings.
- 6) Section 215 contracts for Long-Term Friant Contractors – Review USBR proposed changes to Section 215 contracts and develop comments and alternative language.
- 7) 2011-2012 Friant Division Rescheduling Guidelines – Discussion of USBR’s proposed changes of the Rescheduling Guidelines.
- 8) USBR water contracting and related policy revisions – Discussion of USBR’s proposed water contracting and related policy revisions.
- 9) San Joaquin River Settlement – Discussion of Settlement implementation issues, including the Water Management Goal, Restoration Flow Guidelines, Restoration Goal and environmental review documents.
- 10) San Joaquin River Group Authority – Update on San Joaquin River Group Authority activities.
- 11) Westlands Settlement Agreement – Implementation of projects, programs and legislative efforts outlined in the Westlands Settlement Agreement will be addressed including East/West Water

Transfers, the Westside Drainage Proposal and the pending area of origin application on the San Joaquin River.

- 12) State and Federal Legislation – Review of and possible recommendation to the Board of Directors on pending and proposed state and federal legislation.
 - A) State legislation review and recommendations.
 - B) Update on water project financing issues.
 - C) Status of federal legislation developments.
 - D) Information and Education Efforts – support and involvement by the Authority at the State and Federal levels.
 - E) "Clean Water and Jobs for California" Coalition – Discuss the Coalitions public education beginning efforts on teaching the importance of water and infrastructure.
 - F) ACWA Activities:
 - o ACWA Finance Task Force – Discuss on-going ACWA Finance Task Force activities.
 - o ACWA Washington DC trip or possible alternate trip with Fresno County of Governments.
- 13) Delta Issues
 - A) Delta Stewardship Council Update.
 - B) Status of BDCP and other key Delta issues.
 - C) SWRCB San Joaquin River Flows and South Delta Salinity Standards Review.
- 14) Report on California Water Commission.
- 15) Report on SBX7 Ag Stakeholder Committee.
- 16) Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9(a)) - The Committee will meet in closed session to confer with counsel on NRDC v. Rodgers.
- 17) Conference With Legal Counsel - Potential Initiation of Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9(c)) - Potential Adjudication of SLDMWA Intertie O&M Cost Dispute. Number of Potential Cases: 1
- 18) Conference With Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9(b)) – Anticipated commencement of proceedings by an administrative body exercising its adjudicatory authority, the State Water Resources Control Board and/or the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board, related to the San Joaquin River Basin Plan Amendment and related water rights proceedings. Number of Potential Cases: 2.
- 19) Announce reportable action taken during closed session as required by Government Code Section 54957.1.
- 20) Other matters.

21) Adjournment

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