

WESTLANDS WATER DISTRICT

NOTICE OF HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING AND AGENDA

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a hearing and regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Westlands Water District will be held on April 21, 2009 at 1:00 p.m., at the District's Five Points Office, 23050 W. Mt Whitney, Five Points, California 93624.

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.

HEARING

1. **Hearing on Proposed Water Rates, Charges and Land-Based Charges (Ciapponi)** - The Board will hear comments and consider Resolution No. 109-09, adopting water rates, charges and land-based charges, to be effective March 1, 2009.

AGENDA

1. **Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 17, 2009**
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, ACWA and SJVDA, etc.) will be presented.
4. **Legal Affairs Committee (Devine)** - The Board will act upon recommendations of the Committee, if any, regarding District legal issues.
5. **Operations & Maintenance Committee (Coelho)** - The Board will act upon recommendations of the Committee, if any, regarding District operations & maintenance issues.
6. **Personnel Committee (Devine)** - 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 regarding the following items:
 - a. Principles for 21st Century Water Solutions
8. **Finance & Administration Committee (Sheely)** - The Board will act upon the recommendations of the Committee, if any, regarding the following items:
 - a. Budget Transfers and Augmentations
 - b. Accounts Payable Reports
 - c. Investment and Financial Reports

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9. **Resolution No. 110-09, Appointment of Assessor-Tax Collector and Assistant Secretary (Birmingham)**
10. **Resolution No. 111-09, Calling the 2009 District General Election and Authorizing Required Actions (Ciapponi)**
11. **Appointments to Boards and Committees (Sagouspe)**
12. **Sitting as the Board of Directors of Distribution District No. 2** – The Board will act upon the recommendations, if any, regarding the following items:
 - a. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 20, 2009
 - b. Resolution No. 102-09, Authorizing Execution of a Warren Act Agreement with the United States Bureau of Reclamation for Conveyance of Non-Project Water Through Federally Owned Facilities, and Related Actions
 - c. Public Comment – Any member of the public may address the Board concerning any matter not on the Agenda within the Board's jurisdiction.
 - d. Closed Session – The Board will meet in closed session pursuant to the Government Code Sections noted to discuss the following:
CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
 - 1) Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9; two potential cases
13. **Public Comment** - Any member of the public may address the Board concerning any matter not on the Agenda within the Board's jurisdiction.
14. **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 - EXISTING LITIGATION
 - 1) Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9; Westlands v. U.S.
 - 2) Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9; Westlands v. State Water Resources Control Board (D-1641)
 - 3) Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9; Application to Appropriate Water from San Joaquin River

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- 4) Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9; Firebaugh & CCID v. U.S.
- b. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
 - 1) Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9; two potential cases
- c. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS
 - 1) Section 54956.8
 - Property: Land and/or water entitlement
 - Agency Negotiator: Thomas W. Birmingham, General Manager/General Counsel
 - Negotiating Parties: Unknown
 - Under negotiation: Instruction to negotiator will concern price and terms of payment

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