MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
LOWER SAN JOAQUIN LEVEE DISTRICT
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2026

Pursuant to the Call of the Chairman, a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Lower San Joaquin Levee District was held in the office of the San Luis Canal Company at 11704 W Henry Miller Avenue, Merced County, California, on Tuesday, October 13, 2026, at the hour of 8:30 A.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairman George Park presided over the meeting and called it to order, with the following Directors present in the boardroom: Sean Howard, Case Vlot, Breanne Vandenberg, Steve Shehadey, and Bob Kelley. Chairman Roy Catania was absent. The following staff were present in the boardroom: Legal Counsel Lauren Layne, Secretary-Manager Shane Swartz, Superintendent Jody McClellon, and Office Administrator Raegan Huff. The guests in attendance were Eduardo Ocegueda and Emalie Brasil.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director Howard led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS

No corrections or additions.

BOARD MINUTES

Following a discussion of the previous Board minutes, the Board reviewed the minutes from the general meeting held on August 11, 2026. On a motion by Director Kelley, seconded by Director Shehadey, the Board approved the minutes.

LEGAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

Attorney Layne provided a legislative update and discussed several State Assembly and Senate Bills, including SB 1153, which addresses limitations on water supply and pressure during wildfires and their relationship to liability for damages. She also discussed AB 2180, which concerns how water agencies comply with Proposition 218 requirements when establishing water rates. Attorney Layne further reported that the Governor vetoed AB 1181 and AB 2218, which relate to Tribal Religious Freedom. Additionally, she discussed the Governor's proclamation declaring a state of emergency in preparation for the upcoming flood season. She stated that she has been in contact with S-M Swartz regarding what the proclamation means for

landowners within the District. Attorney Layne also noted that a public hearing would be held later in the meeting as an agenda action item.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent McClellon reported that spraying of the levee right-of-way is ongoing.

Superintendent McClellon stated that the District's rodent abatement program continues, using Diphacinone bait.

Superintendent McClellon reported that the District's DWR Structure Inspection identified a few repairs needed at the Bear Creek Diversion Structure and the Mariposa Drop Structure. The District's maintenance crew addressed the issues by repairing a small area of erosion at the Bear Creek Diversion Structure and resealing the monolith joints at the Mariposa Drop Structure.

Superintendent McClellon reported that the District's maintenance crew has replaced several gates throughout the District, as many of the existing gates were in poor condition and needed replacement.

Superintendent McClellon reported that the FSRP Erosion Repair Project is complete. The District's maintenance crew assisted with various tasks throughout the project to help ensure its successful completion.

Superintendent McClellon reported that the maintenance crew is currently mowing and cleaning around flap gates that were identified by the Deferred Maintenance Program for upcoming cured-in-place piping (CIPP) repairs. The first work order on the contract is for 30 pipes, mostly on the lower end, and is contracted out by DWR to SAK Pipeline in Rocklin, CA. This program is 100% directly funded by the CA DWR.

Superintendent McClellon stated that fence and gate repairs continue as needed.

ACTION ITEMS

Resolution 750-26, Adoption of the District's Miscellaneous Fee Schedule

S-M Swartz presented Resolution 750-26 to the Board for consideration. Attorney Layne explained that the District is updating its Miscellaneous Fee Schedule, and a public hearing was required. The public hearing was opened at 8:52 a.m. and closed at 8:55 a.m. Following discussion, a motion was made by Director Shehadey and seconded by Director Howard; the resolution was adopted.

Review and consider taking action to award bids for work pursuant to the CW DWR Flood System Repair Project, Wave Wash Repair.

S-M Swartz reported to the Board that on October 6th, 2026, the District accepted bids for the FSRP Wave Wash Levee Repair. The District received two bids, and the lowest bidder was George Reed, Inc., with a bid amount of $3,765,500.00. Following a discussion, on a motion by Director Kelley and seconded by Director Vlot, the Board accepted the bids and awarded the contract to George Reed, Inc.

District Employee Health Coverage Renewal: Review and consider taking action

S-M Swartz presented to the Board the renewal rates for the District's employees starting December 1, 2026. Under the current policy, the District pays 100% of the coverage for employees and their spouses' elected medical and dental plans, but there is no coverage for other dependents. The District is currently enrolled in the Anthem Gold 1500 medical plan, with a monthly premium of $7,622.70. The renewal premium will increase to $8,670.29 per month. The District is also enrolled in Humana Dental, with 2027 renewal rates remaining unchanged at $39.00 per employee and $69.00 for employee and spouse coverage. The estimated total annual cost of the Anthem renewal plan for 2027 is $104,043.48. District staff requested Board approval of the Anthem Gold 1500 medical and Humana Dental renewal rates. Following a discussion, on a motion by Director Howard and seconded by Director Vandenberg, the Board accepted the District employee health insurance renewal of Anthem Gold 1500 presented by Graveline Financials.

SECRETARY-MANAGER'S REPORT

Flood Operations and District Updates

S-M Swartz presented current updates on flood operations and Friant Dam flows.

S-M Swartz stated that he has been in communication with the Flood Board regarding the River Restoration encroachment permit for the proposed rock ramp modification for fish passage on the East Side Bypass Control Structure. He advised the Board that he would provide updates as additional information becomes available.

DWR – Deferred Maintenance Program

S-M Swartz provided an update on DWR's Deferred Maintenance Program. S-M Swartz stated that construction of the full pipe replacement on the San Joaquin River, near the Eastside Bypass, is scheduled to begin in early November.

DWR – Flood System Repair Program

S-M Swartz provided an update on DWR's Flood System Repair Program. S-M Swartz mentioned that bids were received for the FSRP Wave Wash Repair Project on October 6th, 2026, and the contract is being awarded to George Reed, Inc.

BUDGET STATUS REPORT

Following a discussion of the claims presented, on a motion by Director Vlot and seconded by Director Kelley, the following claims were unanimously acknowledged and approved for payment.

August 2026

Anthem Blue Cross	Employee Group Insurance	31200	$10,554.11
Baker Supplies and Repairs	Maintenance- equipment, other	21200	$70.67
CAL NET	Communications	20600	$78.20
CivicPlus LLC(Streamline)	Communications	20600	$3,000.00
Cool World Enterprises	Communications	20600	$337.00
CoPower	Employee Group insurance	31200	$87.40
Company Credit Card (Shane)	Amazon, ParcelQuest		$4,980.62
Company Credit Card (Jody)	Harbor Freight		$549.87
Copy Shipping Solutions	Office expenses/supplies	21700	$81.05
Drugtech Toxicology	Professional services	21800	$46.00
Garton Tractor	Maintenance- equipment, other	21200	$1,034.02
Gilton Waste	Household expense-supplies	20900	$184.63
Henry Miller Rec. (Rent)	Office expenses/supplies	21700	$1,577.00
Henry Miller Rec. (Postage)	Office expenses/supplies	21700	$4.02
Holt of CA	Maintenance- equipment, other	21200	$598.47
Humana	Employee Group Insurance	10300	$474.12
Jacob's Engineering Group	RFMP Expense	22387	$30,018.37
Justin's Tire and Auto	Maintenance- equipment, other	21200	$85.35
KSN Engineering	FSRP Expense	22388	$64,240.25
Kellogg Supply	Maintenance- equipment, other	21200	$1,227.58
Marfab Ag	Maintenance- equipment, other	21200	$267.96
Manuels Tire Service	Maintenance- equipment, other	21200	$387.99
Merced Truck & Trailer	Maintenance- equipment, other	21200	$26.30
Napa Auto Parts	Maintenance- equipment, other	21200	$913.54
N&S Tractor	Maintenance- equipment, other	21200	$58.91
Office Supply Express	Office expenses/supplies	21700	$136.10
PG&E (Protection)	Utilities	22600	$14.76
PG&E(Structures)	Utilities	22600	$213.51
PG&E(LD Office)	Utilities	22600	$231.87
PG&E(LD Shop)	Utilies	22600	$347.37
Primo Brands (LD Office)	Household expense-supplies	20900	$46.95
Primo Brands (Shop)	Household expense-supplies	20900	$51.35
Shane Swartz	RFMP Expense	22387	$303.79
Shane Swartz	Maintenance- equipment, other	21200	$1,261.99
Summers Engineering, Inc.	FSRP Expense- Gravel	22388	$888.13
Summers Engineering, Inc.	FSRP Expense- Erosion	22388	$1,619.91
Summers Engineering, Inc.	DMP Expense	22389	$6,086.88
Summers Engineering, Inc.	Professional services	21800	$9,767.58
Target Specialty Products	Maintenance- structures, other	21300	$595.38
Tharp's Farm Supply	Maintenance- equipment, other	21200	$239.59
UniFirst First Aid + Safety	Maintenance- equipment, other	21200	$115.35
UniFirst	Clothing & Personal Supply	20500	$756.52
Valvoline	Maintenance- equipment, other	21200	$593.74
Verizon Connect	Communications	20600	$273.20
Verizon	Communications	20600	$176.81
WestAir Gases & Equipment	Maintenance- equipment, other	21200	$283.02
Windecker	Transportation and Travel	22500	$6,956.62
Zenith	Workemen's Comp. Insurance	10360	$2,880.00

September 2026

Anthem Blue Cross	Employee Group Insurance	31200	$9,219.25
Baker Supplies and Repairs	Maintenance- equipment, other	21200	$125.06
Baker Manock & Jensen	Professional services	21800	$2,774.70
Big Creek Lumber	Maintenance- equipment, other	21200	$149.05
Bravo Labor Management	Professional services	21810	$849.28
CAL NET	Communications	20600	$197.24
California Embroidery	Clothing & Personal Supply	20500	$1,514.60
Central Valley Flood Protection Boa	Professional services	21800	$1,000.00
CH2M Hill Engineers	Professional services	21810	$637.50
Cool World Enterprises	Communications	20600	$337.00
CoPower	Employee Group insurance	31200	$87.40
Company Credit Card (Shane)	Amazon, ParcelQuest		$5,662.48
Company Credit Card (Jody)	Harbor Freight		$2,168.07
Drugtech Toxicology	Professional services	21800	$46.00
Garton Tractor	Equipment	83700	$193,957.00
Garton Tractor	Maintenance- equipment, other	21200	$184.63
Gilton Waste	Household expense-supplies	20900	$184.63
Henry Miller Rec. (Rent)	Office expenses/supplies	21700	$1,577.00
Henry Miller Rec. (Postage)	Office expenses/supplies	21700	$1.69
Humana	Employee Group Insurance	10300	$474.12
Jacob's Engineering Group	RFMP Expense	22387	$17,635.50
Justin's Tire and Auto	Maintenance- equipment, other	21200	$169.74
Kellogg Supply	Maintenance- equipment, other	21200	$401.81
Marfab Ag	Maintenance- equipment, other	21200	$491.96
Napa Auto Parts	Maintenance- equipment, other	21200	$353.58
Office Supply Express	Office expenses/supplies	21700	$65.94
PG&E (Protection)	Utilities	22600	$14.76
PG&E(Structures)	Utilities	22600	$191.43
PG&E(LD Shop)	Utilies	22600	$406.32
Primo Brands (LD Office)	Household expense-supplies	20900	$98.70
Primo Brands (Shop)	Household expense-supplies	20900	$51.35
Ryan P. Jolley, CPA Inc.	Professional services	21810	$16,000.00
Shane Swartz	RFMP Expense	22387	$809.44
Summers Engineering, Inc.	DMP Expense	22389	$6,619.11
Summers Engineering, Inc.	Professional services	21800	$3,774.25
Target Specialty Products	Maintenance- structures, other	21300	$4,409.94
Tharp's Farm Supply	Maintenance- equipment, other	21200	$2,385.19
Tucci Machine	Maintenance- equipment, other	21200	$119.17
UniFirst	Clothing & Personal Supply	20500	$616.68
Valvoline	Maintenance- equipment, other	21200	$127.04
Verizon Connect	Communications	20600	$285.43
Verizon	Communications	20600	$177.11
White Cap	Maintenance- structures, other	21300	$768.72
Windecker	Transportation and Travel	22500	$6,295.41
Zenith	Workemen's Comp. Insurance	10360	$3,365.00

PUBLIC COMMENT

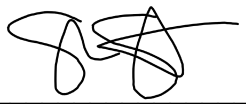
No public comment.

OTHER BUSINESS

No other business.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, Vice Chairman Park declared the meeting adjourned at 9:38 A.M.



Shane Swartz, Secretary-Manager