

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
LOWER SAN JOAQUIN LEVEE DISTRICT
TUESDAY, MAY 12, 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, Dos Palos, Merced County, California, on Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at the hour of 8:30 A.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Catania presided over the meeting and called it to order, with the following Directors present in the boardroom: Sean Howard, George Park, Breanne Vandenberg, Steve Shehadey, and Bob Kelley. Director Case Vlot entered the boardroom at 8:50 A.M. 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 Scott Jacobson and Rachel Alstrom.

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 minutes of the general meeting held on April 14, 2026, were approved on a motion by Director Park and seconded by Director Kelley.

LEGAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

Attorney Layne provided an update on legislation. She mentioned that she attended the ACWA conference at the beginning of May. Additionally, her staff has been reviewing the websites of various districts. She inquired whether S-M Swartz would like her staff to also review the LSJLD website, and he confirmed that he would.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent McClellon reported that the rodent abatement program is ongoing, utilizing Diphacinone bait. He also mentioned that the Burrow RX machine has been stored for the season and will be used again later in the year when the rain returns.

Superintendent McClellon stated that the refacing of the levee slopes in Unit 6 near Road 4 in Madera County is ongoing.

Superintendent McClellon reported that the District maintenance crew has fabricated an electrical panel for use on the Deadman overflow structure near the Eastside Bypass Control Structure. He also mentioned that the District collaborated with Electric Drives to design the panel, which will house a transformer and a phase converter. This setup will allow the use of a single-phase 220V generator to operate the 3-phase 480V Rotork actuators at that location. The wiring installation is ongoing with Gill from Electric Drives from Dos Palos. Once completed the District will contact Sierra Controllers to calibrate the gates with the electrical motors.

Superintendent McClellon stated that the District maintenance crew has begun preparing for the upcoming mowing season. He also mentioned that they are currently replacing worn skids and blades and hopes to begin mowing by May 18th.

Superintendent McClellon reported that five new gates have been installed. Four of them are in Unit 1, and the fifth is in Unit 5 near Avenue 12.

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

ACTION ITEM

Lower San Joaquin River Flood Control Project System Assessment – CA DWR Regional Flood Management Planning

Last month, S-M Swartz presented the Lower San Joaquin Flood Control Project System Assessment to the Board for review. The report has been completed, and S-M Swartz stated that the next step is to send it to the Central Valley Flood Protection Board. On a motion by Director Howard, seconded by Director Kelley, the Board accepted the system assessment and agreed to forward the report to the Flood Board.

O&M Budget Proposal Fiscal Year 2026-2027. Review and consider taking action.

S-M Swartz presented the District O&M Budget Proposal to the Board for the 2026-2027 fiscal year. Changes to be made for this fiscal year of operations include a 3% wage increase for all District employees and a budgeted line of \$30,000 for an incentive bonus for District employees. Budget proposal includes shop yard upgrades, 1/2 -ton pickup truck, a wheel loader, a used dozer, and a Burrow Rx Rodent machine. Following a discussion on the proposed budget for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, a motion by Director Park and seconded by Director Shehadey, the Board unanimously voted to approve the 2026-2027 budget for the District.

Salaries & Employee Benefits		
10110	Salaries & wages - permanent employees	\$655,500.00
10111	Overtime - permanent employees	\$50,000.00
10150	Salaries & wages - temporary employees	\$20,000.00
10151	Overtime - temporary employees	\$0.00
10220	F. I. C. A.	\$39,500.00
10230	Medicare Tax	\$8,900.00
10300	Employee group insurance	\$160,000.00
10350	Unemployment Insurance	\$2,000.00
10360	Workmen's compensation insurance	\$21,000.00
	Deferred Compensation Plan (retirement)	\$35,000.00
Ending Balance (Salaries & Employee Benefits)		\$991,900.00

Services & Supplies		
20500	Clothing & Personal Supplies	\$9,000.00
20600	Communications	\$17,000.00
20900	Household expense - supplies	\$7,500.00
21000	Insurance - other	\$180,000.00
21200	Maintenance - equipment, other	\$90,000.00
21300	Maintenance - structures, improvements, grounds	\$129,000.00
21500	Memberships	\$3,400.00
21600	Miscellaneous expense	\$500.00
21700	Office expenses	\$28,000.00
21800	Professional services	\$60,000.00
21810	Professional services - Contractual Agreements	\$45,000.00
21900	Publications and legal notices	\$500.00
22000	Rents and leases - equipment	\$5,000.00
22100	Rents and leases - structures, improvements, grounds	\$500.00
22200	Small tools and instruments	\$3,000.00
22300	Special department expense, other	\$6,000.00
22500	Transportation and travel	\$87,000.00
22600	Utilities	\$13,000.00
Ending Balance (Services & Supplies)		\$684,400.00

Fixed Assets		
83600	Structures, improvements, grounds	\$10,000.00
83700	Equipment	\$365,000.00
Ending Balance (Fixed Assets)		\$375,000.00

Total Budgeted Expense	\$2,051,300.00
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Account	Revenue	REVENUE	
		FY 2025-2026	
		Forecast	Actual
94200	Interest	\$40,000.00	
96924	Benefit Assessments Merced	\$578,533.33	
96929	Benefit Assessments Madera & Fresno CO.	\$1,007,179.50	
94210	Rent	\$2,400.00	
97900	Encroachment Applications & Other	\$0.00	
97990	Other	\$0.00	
97990	Grazing Leases	\$2,000.00	
97993	Misc Revenue	\$0.00	
	PY DMP payback Carry-over	\$60,000.00	
	PY Revenue Carry-over	\$361,591.91	
	Ending Balance	\$2,051,704.74	

LSJLD Patrol Repair (FSRP) Agreement No. 4600015540 Amendment 2, adding eight million dollars to repair the SDER Wave wash that occurred during the 2023 storms.

S-M Swartz presented the LSJLD Patrol Repair Agreement to the Board, which is part of the Flood System Repair Program (FSRP) in collaboration with the Department of Water Resources. DWR is proposing to amend the existing agreement with the District by adding an additional \$8 million to the contract to address repairs needed in the Storm Damage Emergency Repair (“SDER”) wave wash area that resulted from the storms in 2023. The damage extended for approximately four miles on the NA0010 Unit 05 of the East Side Bypass, between El Nido road and Sandy Mush Road. After a discussion, the Board voted on a motion by Director Vandenberg, seconded by Director Howard, to accept the additional funds and proceed with the necessary repairs.

Declaring Excess Property: 2014 Polaris Ranger 4XATH76A3E2308427, 2014 4XATH76A3E2308428. Review and consider taking action.

S-M Swartz informed the Board that the District possesses two 2014 Polaris Rangers and requested approval to declare them as excess property, allowing the District to dispose of them. 8427 Ranger was declared at \$2,000 and the 8428 Ranger was declared at \$1,000 by Garton

Tractor out of Merced. On a motion made by Director Vlot and seconded by Director Howard, the Board approved the declaration of the two 2014 Polaris Rangers as excess property.

Fresno County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Review and consider taking action.

S-M Swartz presented the 2024 Fresno County Hazard Mitigation Plan, Annex N of the Lower San Joaquin Levee District. Following a discussion by the Board, a motion by Director Shehadey and seconded by Director Kelley, the Board unanimously voted to adopt the 2024 Fresno County Hazard Mitigation Plan, Annex N, Lower San Joaquin Levee District.

SECRETARY-MANAGER’S REPORT

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

S-M Swartz reported that the District held an Ad Hoc committee meeting with some of the Board members to discuss the Department of Water Resources' proposal for constructing a fish passage on the Eastside Bypass Control Structure (EBCS). S-M Swartz stated that DWR has submitted an encroachment permit for this project. The District has expressed concerns regarding certain modifications they would like to implement on the EBCS. District Engineer Scott Jacobson was present in the boardroom and provided recommendations for the best approach to handling the structure. Attorney Layne suggested that the District include very specific language in the application outlining its concerns, along with Scott Jacobson's recommendations.

S-M Swartz mentioned that there are a couple of pipes being considered for removal on the Eastside Canal. He also stated that he has a meeting scheduled with the landowner to discuss this matter.

DWR – Deferred Maintenance Program (DMP) Update

S-M Swartz provided an update on DWR’s Deferred Maintenance Program. S-M Swartz stated that he and District Engineer Scott Jacobson are currently working on Packages C and D of the DMP project. This summer, a pipe will be removed on the San Joaquin River for Package C. DMP has agreed to extend funding for this project and to extend the Wood Bros construction contract to complete the pipe replacement. For Package D, two additional pipe replacements will take place: one behind the District’s shop and the other on Unit 2, located on the refuge along the San Joaquin River. These two pipes are scheduled to be replaced in 2027.

DWR – Flood System Repair Program (FSRP) Update

S-M Swartz provided an update on DWR's Flood System Repair Program. S-M Swartz stated that the three erosion sites on Bear Creek in the Eastside Bypass Control Structure will be going out to bid on June 30th.

DWR – Regional Flood Management Plan (RFMP) Update

S-M Swartz provided an update on DWR's Regional Flood Management Plan. S-M Swartz stated he would contact DWR to inform them that the Board has approved Jacob's Engineering's Lower San Joaquin River Control Project System Assessment and that the process will move forward.

BUDGET STATUS REPORT

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

Anthem Blue Cross	Employee Group Insurance	31200	\$7,715.60
Agile Occupational Medicine	Professional services	21810	\$170.00
Baker Manock & Jensen	Professional services	21800	\$7,011.01
CAL NET	Communications	20600	\$78.20
Caardio Partners	Professional services	21810	\$3,167.84
Cool World Enterprises	Communications	20600	\$337.00
CoPower	Employee Group insurance	31200	\$70.20
Company Credit Card (Shane)	Amazon, ParcelQuest		\$2,102.52
Company Credit Card (Jody)	Pesticide License, Maint. equip.		\$1,799.45
Drugtech Toxicology	Professional services	21800	\$107.00
Fresno Wire Rope & Rigging	Maintenance- equipment, other	21200	\$1,477.42
Garton Tractor	Maintenance- equipment, other	21200	\$976.65
Gilton Waste	Household expense-supplies	20900	\$355.00
Henry Miller Rec. (Rent)	Office expenses/supplies	21700	\$1,537.00
Henry Miller Rec. (Propane)	Office expenses/supplies	21700	\$23.05
Henry Miller Rec. (Postage)	Office expenses/supplies	21700	\$10.44
Holt of CA	Maintenance- equipment, other	21200	\$319.45
Humana	Employee Group Insurance	10300	\$439.13
Jacobs Engineering Group	RFMP Expense	22387	\$14,031.08
Kellogg Supply	Maintenance- equipment, other	21200	\$1,424.55
Marfab Ag	Maintenance- equipment, other	21200	\$139.58
Napa Auto Parts	Maintenance- equipment, other	21200	\$724.94
PG&E (Protection)	Utilities	22600	\$14.76
PG&E(Structures)	Utilities	22600	\$215.01
PG&E(LD Office)	Utilities	22600	\$91.89
PG&E(LD Shop)	Utilies	22600	\$456.64
Provost & Pritchard	Professional services	21810	\$4,585.40
Primo Brands (LD Office)	Household expense-supplies	20900	\$44.95
Primo Brands (Shop)	Household expense-supplies	20900	\$83.34
Raegan Huff	Transportation and Travel	22500	\$314.32
Shane Swartz	Office expenses/supplies	21700	\$239.88
Santos Ford	Maintenance- equipment, other	21200	\$672.98
Sky Blue Mobile Glass	Maintenance- equipment, other	21200	\$1,680.00
Summers Engineering, Inc.	FSRP Expense- Gravel	22388	\$5,250.45
Summers Engineering, Inc.	DMP Expense	22389	\$8,390.76
Summers Engineering, Inc.	Professional services	21800	\$4,969.79
Tharp's Farm Supply	Maintenance- equipment, other	21200	\$300.76
UniFirst	Clothing & Personal Supply	20500	\$630.00
UniFirst First Aid + Safety	Professional services	21810	\$1,394.14
Valvoline	Maintenance- equipment, other	21200	\$173.13
Verizon Connect	Communications	20600	\$273.20
Verizon	Communications	20600	\$1,592.51
WestAir Gases & Equipment	Maintenance- equipment, other	21200	\$850.24
Windecker	Transportation and Travel	22500	\$5,628.02

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

OTHER BUSINESS

No other business.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairman Catania declared the meeting adjourned at 10:20 A.M.



Shane Swartz, Secretary-Manager