

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
LOWER SAN JOAQUIN LEVEE DISTRICT  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 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, Dos Palos, Merced County, California, on Tuesday, January 13, 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, Bob Kelley, and Case Vlot entered the boardroom at 8:43 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 guest in attendance in the boardroom was Darrell Chism.

**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 about the previous Board minutes, the minutes from the Board's general meetings held on October 14, 2025, and December 9, 2025, were reviewed by the Board members. The minutes from October 14, 2025, were approved following a motion by Director Howard, which was seconded by Director Park. The minutes from December 9, 2025, were approved after a motion by Director Park, and seconded by Director Howard.

**LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT**

Attorney Layne provided a brief update on recent legislation. She informed the Board members that she had sent the amended Brown Act to all Board members via email by S-M Swartz. She also mentioned that her office will conduct mandatory AB1234 and AB1825 training sessions on February 25, 2025, for any District members who need to complete them.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent McClellon reported that the seasonal grading of the levee patrol roadways has been paused for the time being.

Superintendent McClellon stated that the FSRP re-gravelling project has resumed on Unit 17, starting at Avenue 12 and going downstream.

Superintendent McClellon reported that District maintenance employees are addressing levee inspection corrections, which will be an ongoing task over the coming months. Although the District's overall score on the annual inspection improved this year, the required task will take many months to complete due to operational constraints.

Superintendent McClellon stated that the rodent control program is ongoing, using the Burrow Rx and Perc Machine.

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

## **ACTION ITEMS**

2025 California Department of Water Resources Levee Inspections. Review and consider taking action.

S-M Swartz presented the 2025 Fall DWR Levee Inspection Report to the Board for review. After reviewing all of the levee inspections and discussing the matter, the 2025 DWR Fall Levee Inspection Report was accepted on a motion by Director Kelley and seconded by Director Shehadey.

<b>DWR Levee Inspection Report</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
Lower San Joaquin Levee District - 189 miles - Overall	<b>M</b>	<b>M</b>
Unit No. 01 San Joaquin River RB - 22.52 miles	<b>M</b>	<b>M</b>
Unit No. 02A San Joaquin River LB – 7.87 miles	<b>A</b>	<b>M</b>
Unit No. 02B San Joaquin River LB – 5.92 miles	<b>M</b>	<b>A</b>
Unit No. 03 San Joaquin River RB – 2.10 miles	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>
Unit No. 04 San Joaquin River LB – 1.41 miles	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>
Unit No. 05 East Side Bypass RB – 34.85 miles	<b>M</b>	<b>M</b>
Unit No. 06 East Side Bypass LB – 36.47 miles	<b>U</b>	<b>U</b>
Unit No. 07 Bear Creek Bypass RB – 3.62 miles	<b>A</b>	<b>M</b>
Unit No. 08 Bear Creek Bypass LB – 3.63 miles	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>
Unit No. 09 Owens Creek Bypass RB - 0.87 miles	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>
Unit No. 10 Owens Creek Bypass LB – 0.80 miles	<b>A</b>	<b>M</b>
Unit No. 11 Mariposa Bypass RB – 3.31 miles	<b>M</b>	<b>A</b>
Unit No. 12 Mariposa Bypass LB – 3.33 miles	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>
Unit No. 13 Ash Slough RB – 1.27 miles -	<b>M</b>	<b>M</b>
Unit No. 14 Ash Slough LB – 1.28 miles	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>
Unit No. 15 Berenda Slough RB – 2.03 miles	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>
Unit No. 16 Berenda Slough LB – 1.96 miles	<b>M</b>	<b>M</b>
Unit No. 17 Chowchilla Canal Bypass RB – 16.09 miles	<b>A</b>	<b>M</b>
Unit No. 18 Chowchilla Canal Bypass LB – 15.35 miles	<b>U</b>	<b>U</b>
Unit No. 22A East Side Canal LB – 5.51 miles	<b>M</b>	<b>U</b>
Unit No. 23 San Joaquin River RB – 10.24 miles	<b>M</b>	<b>M</b>
Unit No. 24 San Joaquin River LB – 8.36 miles	<b>M</b>	<b>M</b>

Rating Scale

**A:** Acceptable, **M:** Minimally Acceptable, **U:** Unacceptable, **N:** not inspected/rated, **C:** Corrected, **A/W:** Acceptable but Monitor & Maintain

**SECRETARY-MANAGERS’S REPORT**

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

S-M Swartz announced that the Aliso Water District will conduct a site tour to showcase the recharge pipe they are currently working on, scheduled for January 14th at the Chowchilla Bypass.

S-M Swartz reported that the documents for the State property grazing leases have been mailed out to the leasees. District staff are awaiting the return of all required documents for submission to the Central Valley Flood Protection Board.

S-M Swartz stated that District staff has begun the biannual audit with Jolley Financials for the fiscal years 2023-2024 and 2024-2025.

S-M Swartz mentioned that a new residential well has been installed on the District's Shop yard at 12332 Indiana Road. This purchase was approved with this fiscal year's budget.

DWR – Deferred Maintenance Program (DMP) Update

S-M Swartz provided an update on DWR’s Deferred Maintenance Program. He stated that the materials for the repairs to the Deadman gates have been received, and the contractor performing the construction predicts that the work will be finished by the end of January.

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 all of the necessary permits that are required for the FSRP Erosion project are completed. Construction is projected to start this Fall. S-M Swartz also mentioned that an additional 10 miles of levee roads are being re-graveled, on Unit 17, with the use of leftover funds from the FSRP Gravel grant.

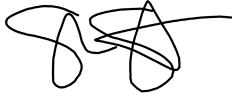
**BUDGET STATUS REPORT**

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

Anthem Blue Cross	Employee Group Insurance	10300	\$12,357.94
Baker Manock & Jensen	Professional services	21800	\$984.00
Big Creek Lumber	Maintenance- equipment, other	21200	\$49.10
CAL NET	Communications	20600	\$78.20
Cool World Enterprises	Communications	20600	\$337.00
CoPower	Employee Group insurance	10300	\$87.40
Company Credit Card (Shane)	Amazon, ParcelQuest		\$2,096.14
Cummins Sales & Service	Maintenance- structures, other	21300	\$3,169.89
Dos Palos Well Drilling	Structures and Improvements	83600	\$32,733.91
Fidelity National Title Company	Professional services	21810	\$2,000.00
Gitton Waste	Household expense-supplies	20900	\$152.07
Henry Miller Rec. (Rent)	Office expenses/supplies	21700	\$1,537.00
Henry Miller Rec. (Propane)	Office expenses/supplies	21700	\$22.58
Henry Miller Rec. (Postage)	Office expenses/supplies	21700	\$27.11
Holt of CA	Maintenance- equipment, other	21200	\$245.58
Humana	Employee Group Insurance	10300	\$439.13
Justin's Tire & Auto	Maintenance- equipment, other	21200	\$1,343.26
Kellogg Supply	Maintenance- equipment, other	21200	\$305.67
Luis Jimenez	FSRP Expense	22388	\$5,700.00
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Marfab Ag	Maintenance- equipment, other	21200	\$358.50
Napa Auto Parts	Maintenance- equipment, other	21200	\$385.85
N&S Tractor	Maintenance- equipment, other	21200	\$287.72
PG&E (Protection)	Utilities	22600	\$14.76
PG&E (Indiana House)	Utilities	22600	\$58.41
Primo Brands (LD Office)	Household expense-supplies	20900	\$109.90
Primo Brands (Shop)	Household expense-supplies	20900	\$144.79
Ronnie Weaver	Transportation and Travel	22500	\$422.97
Shane Swartz	Household expense-supplies	20900	\$76.00
Summers Engineering, Inc.	FSRP Expense- Gravel	22388	\$3,788.40
Summers Engineering, Inc.	DMP Expense	22389	\$14,025.24
Summers Engineering, Inc.	Professional services	21800	\$1,406.20
Tharp's Farm Supply	Maintenance- equipment, other	21200	\$86.97
UniFirst	Clothing & Personal Supply	20500	\$623.04
United Rentals	FSRP Expense	22388	\$7,428.17
Valvoline	Maintenance- equipment, other	21200	\$238.39
Verizon Connect	Communications	20600	\$273.20
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Windecker	Transportation and Travel	22500	\$2,426.79
Zenith	Workmen's Cop. Insurance	10360	\$2,848.00
Sean Howard	Director Reimbursement	22300	\$481.60
Stephen Shehadey	Director Reimbursement	22300	\$414.54
George Park	Director Reimbursement	22300	\$275.52
Case Vlot	Director Reimbursement	22300	\$142.80
Robert Kelley Jr.	Director Reimbursement	22300	\$417.20
Roy Catania	Director Reimbursement	22300	\$302.40
Breanne Vandenberg	Director Reimbursement	22300	\$91.00
Darrell Chism	Special department expense, other	22300	\$400.00

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chairman Catania declared the meeting adjourned at 9:46 a.m.



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Shane Swartz, Secretary-Manager