

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
LOWER SAN JOAQUIN LEVEE DISTRICT
TUESDAY, JULY 14, 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, July 14, 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: George Park, Case Vlot, Breanne Vandenberg, Steve Shehadey, and Bob Kelley. Director Sean Howard 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 Matthew Shehadey and Sarah Woolf.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS

S-M Swartz requested the removal of agenda item “6b,” and stated the scheduling of the public hearing for the Miscellaneous Fee schedule will be postponed until the August Board meeting.

BOARD MINUTES

Following a discussion on the previous Board minutes and making minor grammar corrections, the minutes of the general meeting held on June 9, 2026, were approved as corrected, with a motion by Director Vlot and seconded by Director Park.

LEGAL COUNSEL’S REPORT

Attorney Layne stated that the Public Hearing will be postponed until the August Board meeting, and she has no further updates on legislation.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Superintendent McClellon stated that the District maintenance crew has completed mowing of the levee roadway and slope. It took 37 business days to complete the mowing this year; it started on May 15th and finished on July 9th.

Superintendent McClellon announced that chemical applications on trees and woody brush in the channel along the levee right-of-way have begun and will continue throughout the summer.

Superintendent McClellon stated that the District's rodent control program is ongoing.

Superintendent McClellon reported that the refacing of levee slopes has temporarily stopped. The District's maintenance crew will return to this project after spraying of the channel ends.

Superintendent McClellon stated that the cleaning of flap gate channels around culverts is ongoing.

Superintendent McClellon reported that the repair or replacement of roadway gates and fencing continues as needed.

ACTION ITEM

Review and consider taking action to award bids for work pursuant to the DWR Flood System Repair Project Grant, Erosion project in Merced County

S-M Swartz informed the Board that on June 30, 2026, KSN Engineering accepted bids for the FSRP Erosion Repair project. Six bids were received; the lowest bid was from George Reed Inc., with a bid amount of \$1,291,604.00. Based on KSN Engineering's review, they recommend awarding the contract to George Reed Inc. for \$1,291,604.00. On a motion by Director Kelley and seconded by Director Park, the contract was awarded to George Reed Inc.

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 reported that he spoke with the engineer at Merced County regarding the Washington Bridge project. They are currently waiting for permits from CDFW to proceed. Construction is scheduled to begin by the end of summer 2026.

S-M Swartz reported that the landowners on Dan Macnamara Road in Merced County have closed the road due to frequent trespassing on private property. Newly installed gates have been installed on both ends of the road between the Eastside Bypass.

S-M Swartz stated that the District received another encroachment permit from David's Engineering, which is part of Madera County's GSA, involving a fish screen project on Road 18 ½. This project is being reviewed by District Engineer Scott Jacobson.

DWR – Deferred Maintenance Program (DMP) Update

S-M Swartz stated that there are no current updates regarding the Deferred Maintenance Program.

DWR – Flood System Repair Program (FSRP) Update

S-M Swartz gave an update on DWR's Flood System Repair Program. S-M Swartz announced that construction for the FSRP Erosion project is set to begin on September 1st. He also provided an update on the FSRP wave-wash repair project, noting that the District has received a \$10,000,000 grant to repair a four-mile stretch in Merced County. S-M Swartz mentioned that he will meet with District Engineer Scott Jacobson at the beginning of August to discuss the finalized design and the bid package, which will then be presented to the Board.

BUDGET STATUS REPORT

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

Anthem Blue Cross	Employee Group Insurance	31200	\$10,554.11
Baker Manock & Jensen	Professional services	21800	\$3,934.58
Baker Supplies and Repairs	Maintenance- equipment, other	21200	\$38.63
CAL NET	Communications	20600	\$78.20
Cool World Enterprises	Communications	20600	\$337.00
CoPower	Employee Group insurance	31200	\$87.40
Copy Shipping Solutions	Office expenses/supplies	21700	\$849.31
Company Credit Card (Shane)	Amazon, ParcelQuest		\$1,097.58
Company Credit Card (Jody)	Pesticide License, Maint. equip.		\$2,638.69
Drugtech Toxicology	Professional services	21800	\$46.00
Garton Tractor	Maintenance- equipment, other	21200	\$1,538.47
Gilton Waste	Household expense-supplies	20900	\$177.50
Henry Miller Rec. (Rent)	Office expenses/supplies	21700	\$1,577.00
Henry Miller Rec. (Propane)	Office expenses/supplies	21700	\$5.81
Holt of CA	Maintenance- equipment, other	21200	\$4,936.18
Humana	Employee Group Insurance	10300	\$474.12
Jacobs Engineering, Inc.	RFMP Expense	22387	\$35,627.09
Joel Valencia	Clothing & Personal Supply	20500	\$216.45
Justin's Tire & Auto	Maintenance- equipment, other	21200	\$1,161.44
Kellogg Supply	Maintenance- equipment, other	21200	\$2,682.66
Kimball Midwest	Maintenance- equipment, other	21200	\$156.97
Marfab Ag	Maintenance- equipment, other	21200	\$130.92
Merced Truck & Trailer	Maintenance- equipment, other	21200	\$499.23
Napa Auto Parts	Maintenance- equipment, other	21200	\$980.95
N&S Tractor	Maintenance- equipment, other	21200	\$879.69
Office Supply Express	Office expenses/supplies	21700	\$2,694.73
PG&E (Protection)	Utilities	22600	\$14.76
PG&E (Structures)	Utilities	22600	\$209.82
PG&E (LD Office)	Utilities	22600	\$200.68
PG&E (LD Shop)	Utilities	22600	\$350.77
Provost & Pritchard	Professional services	21810	\$315.02
Primo Brands (LD Office)	Household expense-supplies	20900	\$46.95
Primo Brands (Shop)	Household expense-supplies	20900	\$24.76
Santos Ford	Maintenance- equipment, other	21200	\$1,049.55
San Joaquin Sand & Gravel	FSRP Expense- Gravel	22388	\$73,159.30
Shane Swartz	RFMP Expense	22387	\$410.39
Summers Engineering, Inc.	FSRP Expense- Gravel	22388	\$1,351.99
Summers Engineering, Inc.	FSRP Expense- Erosion	22388	\$1,050.00
Summers Engineering, Inc.	DMP Expense	22389	\$10,678.55
Summers Engineering, Inc.	Professional services	21800	\$4,455.71
Tharp's Farm Supply	Maintenance- equipment, other	21200	\$862.65
Tucci Machine Shop	Maintenance- equipment, other	21200	\$27.41
UniFirst	Clothing & Personal Supply	20500	\$751.27
Verizon Connect	Communications	20600	\$273.20
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Windecker	Transportation and Travel	22500	\$21,886.63
Zenith	Workmen's Comp. Insurance	10360	\$1,457.00

PUBLIC COMMENT

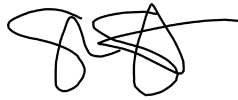
No public comment.

OTHER BUSINESS

No other business.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, Chairman Catania declared the meeting adjourned at 9:30
A.M.



Shane Swartz, Secretary-Manager