

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
LOWER SAN JOAQUIN LEVEE DISTRICT**

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2025

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, December 9, 2025, 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, Steve Shehadey, and Bob Kelley. Directors Case Vlot and Breanne Vandenberg were 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 guest in attendance in the boardroom was Darrell Chism.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS

No corrections or additions.

BOARD MINUTES

During a discussion about the previous Board minutes, S-M Swartz requested to postpone the approval of the minutes from the Board's general meeting held on October 14, 2025, until the January Board meeting in order to correct minor grammatical errors.

LEGAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

Attorney Layne provided a brief update on recent developments in legislation. She mentioned that she has sent out a detailed memo regarding these legislative updates. Additionally, SB707 amended the Brown Act, and Attorney Layne will provide a physical copy of the amended act to all Board members.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent McClellon reported that the grading of the levee roadway has started.

Superintendent McClellon stated that the latest round of levee re-gravelling began on October 20th and finished on November 6th. The maintenance crew re-graveled 10 miles of levee.

Superintendent McClellon reported that the Fall levee inspection was concluded on October 31st. He also mentioned that S-M Swartz created a work list from the preliminary levee report, and the District's maintenance crew is currently working on correcting issues cited in that report by the District's levee inspector.

Superintendent McClellon stated that the rodent control program is ongoing, utilizing the P.E.R.C. and Burrow RX machines to fumigate burrows.

Superintendent McClellon reported that the removal of sapling trees in the Bypass and on the right-of-way has been paused for now, but will continue after the new year.

Superintendent McClellon reported that gate replacement and repairs are ongoing. Several gates in the District have been replaced with new heavy-duty gates, and there will be several new gate locations added soon.

Superintendent McClellon stated that fence repairs continue as needed.

ACTION ITEMS

Resolution 743-25; DWR installation of new stream gauges in Ash Slough, Eastside Bypass, and Berenda Slough. Review and consider taking action.

S-M Swartz presented Resolution 743-25 for consideration. This resolution proposes installing stream gauges at three additional sites: Ash Slough, Eastside Bypass, and Berenda Slough near Road 9 in Madera County. This project is fully funded by the DWR.

**LOWER SAN JOAQUIN LEVEE DISTRICT
DOS PALOS, CALIFORNIA**

RESOLUTION NO. 743-25

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
STATING NO OBJECTION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES'
INSTALLATION OF NEW STREAM GAUGES IN
ASH SLOUGH, EASTSIDE BYPASS, AND BERENDA SLOUGH**

WHEREAS, the Lower San Joaquin Levee District (the "District") is a levee district formed, organized, and operating pursuant to the Lower San Joaquin Levee District Act, California Water Code Appendix Chapter 75 (the "Act"); and

WHEREAS, the Levee District is responsible for the repair, operation, and maintenance of levees, works, structures, and other facilities constructed as a part of the plan of improvement for flood control made by the United States Army Corps of Engineers, the Department of Water Resources ("DWR") and the Central Valley Flood Protection Board ("CVFPB"); and

WHEREAS, the District, in order to accomplish this purpose, serves as the Local Maintaining Agency ("LMA") for CVFPB and operates and maintains, among other infrastructure, the Ash Slough, the Eastside Bypass, and the Berenda Slough; and

WHEREAS, DWR contacted the District for the purpose of installing new stream gauges, including within the Ash Slough, the Eastside Bypass, and Berenda Slough, to monitor water quality and flow to support DWR in flood protection and prediction activities (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, DWR has previously installed and operated similar stream gauges within the State Plan of Flood Control; and

WHEREAS, DWR prepared a Biological Study for the Project; and

WHEREAS, on January 18, 2025, DWR filed an application package for the Project with the CVFPB for installation of a modernized temporary stream gauge within an existing stream gauge station housed in the Eastside Bypass, and for installation of a temporary stream gauge in the Ash Slough and the Berenda Slough; and

WHEREAS, on June 10, 2025, DWR received authorization from the CVFPB for minor alterations within the Adopted Plan of Flood Control for the Project (the "Authorization Letters"); and

WHEREAS, the District will not provide or fund operation, maintenance, repair, or removal of the Project, nor will the District be liable to obtain any required permits for installation under the Adopted Plan of Flood Control; and

WHEREAS, the District and DWR will enter into an access agreement for the Project, which, among other provisions, will hold the District harmless from any liability associated with the Project; and

WHEREAS, District staff has reviewed the CVFPB Authorization Letters and the Biological Study, and determined that the Project will not adversely impact the District's operation and maintenance ("O&M") of the flood control project, and that the monitoring of water quality and water flow aligns with the District's interest in mitigating its effects on flood control infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the District's Engineer has reviewed the CVFPB Authorization Letters and the Biological Study, and finds that the Project is consistent with the District's goals of supporting floodwater monitoring and ensuring the integrity of the flood control system.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Lower San Joaquin Levee District, as follows:

1. The foregoing Recitals are true and correct and are hereby adopted as findings of the Board.
2. The Board has no objection to DWR's installation of new stream gauges within the Ash Slough, the Eastside Bypass, and Berenda Slough, to monitor water quality and flow, subject to execution of an access agreement with the District.
3. The Board authorizes District staff/consultants and the Secretary to take such other and additional actions as may be reasonably necessary to implement the purpose of this Resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 9th day of December, 2025 by the following vote:

AYES:	<u>5</u>
NAYS:	<u>0</u>
ABSTAIN:	<u>0</u>
ABSENT:	<u>2</u>



Roy Catania, Chair
Lower San Joaquin Levee District

Attest:



Shane Swartz, Secretary-Manager
Lower San Joaquin Levee District

SECRETARY-MANAGER'S REPORT

S-M Swartz provided an update on flood operations and Friant Dam flows.

S-M Swartz mentioned that Attorney Layne's office will conduct a training session for the mandatory AB1234 and AB1825 courses. These sessions are open to anyone who needs to complete either training. The date for the training will be determined and shared with the Board members once more information is available.

S-M Swartz reported an increase in trespassing incidents just north of Sandy Mush and along the San Joaquin River between Fresno and Madera. The District is working with the California Highway Patrol (CHP) to enhance support in hopes of managing and reducing the trespassing activity.

DWR – Deferred Maintenance Program (DMP) Update

S-M Swartz provided an update on DWR's Deferred Maintenance Program. He mentioned that they are currently awaiting the delivery of the Deadman Creek drain and gates, which Fresno Valve is projected to deliver by the end of December. Wood Bros., Inc. has been contracted to handle the construction for this project. S-M Swartz stated that Package C of the DMP project is currently ongoing. There are five pipes under review, and one of these will require complete removal. District Engineer Scott Jacobson is also involved in this project and is reviewing the five pipes. The District is awaiting his approval and hopes to have a bid package completed by Spring 2026.

DWR – Flood System Repair Program (FSRP) Update

S-M Swartz provided an update on DWR's Flood System Repair Program. He stated that 55 miles of levee roads were completed. He also mentioned that there is \$250,000 left over from the grant that was awarded to the District. S-M Swartz has requested a 3-month extension from DWR is awaiting confirmation of the extension. S-M Swartz stated that the FSRP Erosion project is also still ongoing. He is currently waiting to hear from the Water Board and the Army Corps of Engineers to determine how much mitigation will cost the state to place riprap on the flood control levee. Construction for this project is projected to start in Fall 2026.

DWR – Regional Flood Management Plan (RFMP) Update

S-M Swartz provided an update on DWR's Regional Flood Management Plan. He stated that he met with the coordination committee to understand the new 2027 flood plan. He also mentioned that he meets with the coordination committee monthly to stay up to date.

BUDGET STATUS REPORT

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

October 2025

Anthem Blue Cross	Employee Group Insurance	10300	\$10,976.30
Aanonson Sprinkler Company	FSRP Expense	22388	\$4,875.69
Baker Manock & Jensen	Professional services	21800	\$4,665.46
Bettencourt Flying Sevice	FSRP Expense	22388	\$2,160.00
Big Creek Lumber	Maintenance- equipment, other	21200	\$233.86
CalPERS	Professional services	21800	\$100.00
CAL NET	Communications	20600	\$78.20
Cool World Enterprises	Communications	20600	\$337.00
CoPower	Employee Group insurance	10300	\$87.40
Drugtech Toxicology	Professional services	21800	\$44.00
Elite Credit Card (Shane)	ParcelQuest, Tactacam, FMA Conf.		\$1,438.63
Elite Credit Card (Jody)	Harbor Freight, Home Depot		\$461.86
FS Rod, Inc.	FSRP Expense	22388	\$61,720.43
Gilton Waste	Household expense-supplies	20900	\$152.07
Henry Miller Rec. (rent)	Office expenses/supplies	21700	\$1,537.00
Holt of CA	FSRP Expense	22388	\$5,526.57
Holt of CA	Maintenance- equipment, other	21200	\$319.45
Humana	Employee Group Insurance	10300	\$399.26
Hunt Equipmet LLC	Maintenance- structures, other	21300	\$1,019.37
Jody McClellon	Clothing & Personal Supply	20500	\$248.29
Kellogg Supply	Maintenance- equipment, other	21200	\$916.42
KSN Engineering	FSRP Expense	22388	\$45,005.74
Kimball Midwest	Maintenance- structures, other	21300	\$939.69
Manuels Tire Service	Maintenance- equipment, other	21200	\$499.88
Marfab Ag	Maintenance- equipment, other	21200	\$9.38
Mid-Valley Pipe & Steel	Maintenance- equipment, other	21200	\$327.49
Municipal Maintenance Equip.	Maintenance- equipment, other	21200	\$149.98
PG&E (Office)	Utilities	22600	\$45.80
PG&E (Shop)	Utilities	22600	\$571.18
PG&E (Protection)	Utilities	22600	\$14.76
PG&E (Structures)	Utilities	22600	\$170.57
PG&E (Indiana House)	Utilities	22600	\$338.30
Primo Brands (LD office)	Household expense-supplies	20900	\$130.28
Primo Brands (Shop)	Household expense-supplies	20900	\$53.95
Rene Torres	Clothing & Personal Supply	20500	\$132.38
San Joaquin Sand & Gravel	FSRP Expensexse	22388	\$11,259.39
Summers Engineering, Inc.	FSRP Expense- Gravel	22388	\$2,300.68
Summers Engineering, Inc.	DMP Expense	22389	\$16,487.52
Summers Engineering, Inc.	Professional services	21800	\$3,226.72
Target Specialty Products	Maintenance- structures, other	21300	\$70,381.42
Tharp's Farm Supply	Maintenance- equipment, other	21200	\$75.94
Tucci Machine Shop	Maintenance- equipment, other	21200	\$221.23
UniFirst	Clothing & Personal Supply	20500	\$471.52
Valvoline	Maintenance- equipment, other	21200	\$86.38
Valley Wide Cooperativce	FSRP Expense	22388	\$12,588.39
Verizon Connect	Communications	20600	\$273.20
Verizon	Communications	20600	\$176.81
Windecker	Transportation and Travel	22500	\$15,309.15
Wood Bros, Inc.	Progress Payments #6 & 7	22389	\$404,241.60
Zenith	Workmen's Comp. Insurance	10360	\$2,484.00

November 2025

Anthem Blue Cross	Employee Group Insurance	10300	\$12,357.94
Allied Storage Containers	FSRP Expense	22388	\$14,427.73
Baker Manock & Jensen	Professional services	21800	\$1,210.00
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		\$489.08
Company Credit Card (Jody)	Tractor Supply		\$184.86
DWR	Maintenance- structures, other	21300	\$1,488.00
Drugtech Toxicology	Professional services	21800	\$22.00
Elite Credit Card (Shane)	ParcelQuest, Tactacam, FMA Conf.		\$208.95
Elite Credit Card (Jody)	Harbor Freight, Home Depot		\$87.62
Garton Tractor	FSRP Expense	22388	\$40,420.26
Gilton 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	\$5.42
Henry Miller Rec. (Postage)	Office expenses/supplies	21700	\$36.42
Holt of CA	FSRP Expense	22388	\$8,558.22
Holt of CA	Maintenance- equipment, other	21200	\$3,518.72
Humana	Employee Group Insurance	10300	\$439.13
Justin's Tire & Auto	Maintenance- equipment, other	21200	\$355.55
Kellogg Supply	Maintenance- equipment, other	21200	\$453.30
Kellogg Supply	FSRP Expense	22388	\$8,006.17
Linde Gas & Equipment	Maintenance- equipment, other	21200	\$48.92
Manuels Tire Service	Maintenance- equipment, other	21200	\$29.26
Manuels Tire Service	FSRP Expense	22388	\$9,641.43
Merced County Enviro. Health	Maintenance- structures, other	21300	\$1,439.00
Napa Auto Parts	Maintenance- equipment, other	21200	\$608.28
PG&E (Office)	Utilities	22600	\$67.99
PG&E (Shop)	Utilities	22600	\$433.38
PG&E (Protection)	Utilities	22600	\$14.76
PG&E (Structures)	Utilities	22600	\$223.11
Santos Ford	Maintenance- equipment, other	21200	\$4,173.45
San Joaquin Sand & Gravel	FSRP Expense	22388	\$257,306.25
Shane Swartz	RFMP Expense	22387	\$255.72
Summers Engineering, Inc.	FSRP Expense- Gravel	22388	\$7,980.23
Summers Engineering, Inc.	DMP Expense	22389	\$8,718.39
Summers Engineering, Inc.	Professional services	21800	\$218.08
Target Specialty Products	Maintenance- structures, other	21300	\$1,805.03
Tharp's Farm Supply	Maintenance- equipment, other	21200	\$829.47
UniFirst	Clothing & Personal Supply	20500	\$490.91
United Rentals	FSRP Expense	22388	\$2,297.38
Valvoline	Maintenance- equipment, other	21200	\$86.38
Verizon Connect	Communications	20600	\$273.20
Verizon	Communications	20600	\$176.81
Windecker	Transportation and Travel	22500	\$8,267.39
Zenith	Workmen's Comp. Insurance	10360	\$2,848.00

OTHER BUSINESS

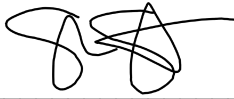
No other business.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairman Catania declared the meeting adjourned at 9:34 a.m.



Shane Swartz, Secretary-Manager