

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
LOWER SAN JOAQUIN LEVEE DISTRICT
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 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, September 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: George Park, Case Vlot, Breanne Vandenberg, Steve Shehdaey, 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. There were no guests in attendance in the boardroom.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS

No corrections or additions.

BOARD MINUTES

Following a discussion regarding the previous Board minutes, after making minor grammar corrections, the minutes of the Board's general meeting, held on August 12, 2025, were approved on a motion by Director Park and seconded by Director Vandenberg.

LEGAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

Attorney Layne provided a brief update on the current developments in legislation, focusing on several State Assembly Bills: SB707, SB601, AB1466, and AB1413. SB707 amends the Brown Act to introduce new telephone conferencing requirements, which may require Board meetings to have an actual phone line. SB601 addresses water and waste discharges and has now been designated as a two-year bill. AB1466 mandates that a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) determine sustainable yield, a figure that courts can use during adjudication. AB1413 is

undergoing amendments; it now specifies that courts must use sustainable yield to make safe yield determinations.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent McClellon reported that the cleanout at the Chowchilla Canal Bypass Structure and San Joaquin River Structure has now been completed.

Superintendent McClellon stated that the mowing of the levee slopes continues. The District maintenance employees have covered the entire District once, and are now circling back to touch up some areas that have regrown.

Superintendent McClellon reported that the Kubota Skid Steer with the masticator attachment is currently working in the Eastside Bypass near the El Nido crossing, downstream of Washington Road, to remove sapling tree growth.

Superintendent McClellon stated that the removal of dead tree branches on levee slopes and in the right-of-way is ongoing by the crew.

Superintendent McClellon reported that the rodent control program is continuing, utilizing Diphacinone bait and carbon monoxide machines.

Superintendent McClellon stated that the cleanout of corrugated metal pipes for the Deferred Maintenance Program continues as needed.

Superintendent McClellon reported that the lightning storm on September 2nd knocked out power to the shop for about 30 hours. He also mentioned that PG&E replaced two transformers that were damaged by the lightning strikes located next to the shop.

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

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 mentioned that the San Joaquin River Restoration Program is planning a tour on September 16th and 17th, with Friant Water Authority, to visit the Bifurcation, Eastside Bypass Control Structure, and the Mariposa Drop Structure.

S-M Swartz stated that the Assessment rolls for all three counties have been completed.

S-M Swartz stated that the DWR inspector will be present the last week of October.

DWR- Deferred Maintenance Program (DMP) Update

S-M Swartz provided an update on DWR's Deferred Maintenance Program. He mentioned that DWR reached out to him and District Engineer Scott Jacobson to discuss if there was any additional work needed to be done within the program. After their discussion, DWR agreed to upgrade the Deadman Creek Drain Structures along the left bank of the Eastside Bypass just north of Sandy Mush Rd. Scott Jacobson is currently working on the designs for this project, which will be fully funded by DWR.

DWR – Flood Maintenance Assistance Program (FMAP) Update

S-M Swartz provided an update on DWR's Flood Maintenance Assistance Program. S-M Swartz stated that there is no update on the FMAP program and that it will not be funded for the 2026 calendar year.

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 nearly 50 miles of levees within the District have been re-graveled, a project made possible with the assistance of the \$4,600,000 grant from the FSRP program that was awarded to the District. S-M Swartz also mentioned that there is \$750,000 remaining from the grant, and DWR has agreed to additional gravel work of ten miles on Units 17 and 18, located near Avenue 7 and Firebaugh Road. This project is scheduled to resume in mid-October.

S-M Swartz also mentioned that the FSRP Erosion project has begun the permit process and anticipates starting construction in the summer of 2026.

BUDGET STATUS REPORT

Following a discussion on 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	10300	\$10,192.06
Baker Manock & Jensen	Professional services	21800	\$1,805.00
CAL NET	Communications	20600	\$78.20
Cool World Enterprises	Communications	20600	\$337.00
CoPower	Employee Group insurance	10300	\$96.00
Drugtech Toxicology	Professional services	21800	\$88.00
Elite Credit Card (Shane)	ParcelQuest		\$805.47
Elite Credit Card (Jody)	Indiana house		\$721.10
Garton Tractor	Maintenance- equipment, other	21200	\$335.26
Gilton Waste	Household expense-supplies	20900	\$152.07
Henry Miller Rec. (rent)	Office expenses/supplies	21700	\$1,537.00
Holt of CA	Maintenance- equipment, other	21200	\$424.75
Humana	Employee Group Insurance	10300	\$398.23
Jacob's Engineering	RFMP Expense	22387	\$25,999.91
Jody McClellon	Transportation and Travel	22500	\$708.00
Justin's Tire and Auto	Maintenance- equipment, other	21200	\$1,419.87
Kellogg Supply	Maintenance- equipment, other	21200	\$207.87
KSN Engineering	FSRP Expense	22388	\$45,342.45
Napa Auto Parts	Maintenance- equipment, other	21200	\$220.68
N&S Tractor	Maintenance- equipment, other	21200	\$255.91
PG&E (Office)	Utilities	22600	\$209.15
PG&E (Shop)	Utilities	22600	\$663.01
PG&E (Protection)	Utilities	22600	\$14.76
PG&E (Structures)	Utilities	22600	\$222.50
PG&E (Indiana House)	Utilities	22600	\$362.22
Primo Brands (LD office)	Household expense-supplies	20900	\$49.95
Primo Brands (Shop)	Household expense-supplies	20900	\$169.54
Ronnie Weaver	Clothing & Personal Supply	20500	\$250.00
Real Electric, Inc.	Structures and Improvements	83600	\$8,812.00
Summers Engineering, Inc.	FSRP Expense- Gravel	22388	\$24,813.94
Summers Engineering, Inc.	FSRP Expense- Erosion	22388	\$1,296.80
Summers Engineering, Inc.	DMP Expense	22389	\$17,850.01
Tharp's Farm Supply	Maintenance- equipment, other	21200	\$550.52
UniFirst	Clothing & Personal Supply	20500	\$406.58
Valvoline	Maintenance- equipment, other	21200	\$237.44
Verizon Connect	Communications	20600	\$273.20
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Windecker	Transportation and Travel	22500	\$11,874.88
Zenith	Workmen's Comp. Insurance	10360	\$2,848.00

CLOSED SESSION

Chairman Catania dismissed the public, and Attorney Layne opened the closed session at 9:10 a.m. The Board came out of closed session at 9:30 a.m., with no reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairman Catania declared the meeting adjourned at 9:32 a.m.



Shane Swartz, Secretary-Manager