

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
LOWER SAN JOAQUIN LEVEE DISTRICT
TUESDAY, APRIL 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, April 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, and Bob Kelley. Directors Sean Howard, Breanne Vandenberg, and Steve Shehadey 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 guests in attendance were Scott Jacobson, Paul Gosselin, Omar Erekat, Alexis Philips-Dowell, Michael Wright, Sarah Woolf, Moises Ortiz, and Marc Garcia.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director Park 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 and minor grammar corrections, the minutes of the general meeting held on March 10, 2026, were approved as corrected, with a motion by Director Park and a second by Director Vlot.

PRESENTATION

Presentation briefing to the Board from the Department of Water Resources on the proposed construction modification of the Eastside Bypass Control Structure under the San Joaquin River Restoration Program Project

Alexis Philips-Dowell, representing the Department of Water Resources, was present in the boardroom to deliver a presentation on the proposed construction of a fish passage on the Eastside Bypass Control Structure. After the presentation, Alexis invited board members to share their questions and suggestions.

LEGAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

Attorney Layne provided a brief update on State Assembly Bill AB2026, which relates to floodwater diversion and groundwater recharge. This bill allows for applications for floodwater diversion when rivers, specifically the San Joaquin River, meet specific conditions.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent McClellon reported that the spraying of the levee slope, roadway, surrounding structures, and gates has been completed.

Superintendent McClellon reported that cleaning and repairs of flap gates and corrugated metal pipes for the DWR Deferred Maintenance Program and the Utility Crossing Inventory Program (UCIP) are ongoing as needed.

Superintendent McClellon stated that the vertebrate management program is ongoing, utilizing Diphacinone bait and carbon monoxide machines.

Superintendent McClellon reported that the District's maintenance crew has begun refacing the levee slope on Unit 6 near Avenue 21. The crew is using the District's D5K Dozer to reposition the soil that has eroded from the slope.

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

ACTION ITEM

Resolution 745-26; Reaffirming the Lower San Joaquin Levee District's authority to manage the Lower San Joaquin River Flood Project in accordance with the operation and maintenance manual for the Lower San Joaquin River Flood Control Project, dated 1967.

S-M Swartz presented to the Board Resolution 745-26 for consideration. This resolution reaffirms the Lower San Joaquin Levee District's operation and maintenance manual for flood flow purposes. After a discussion, on a motion by Director Park, and seconded by Director Kelley, the resolution was adopted.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 745-26

**REAFFIRMING THE LOWER SAN JOAQUIN LEVEE DISTRICT'S AUTHORITY TO
MANAGE THE LOWER SAN JOAQUIN RIVER FLOOD PROJECT
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE MANUAL FOR
THE LOWER SAN JOAQUIN RIVER FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT, DATED 1967**

WHEREAS, the Lower San Joaquin Levee District (the "District") was created by the State Legislature in 1955 to operate, maintain, and repair levees, bypasses, channels, control structures, and other facilities in connection with the Lower San Joaquin River Flood Control Project; and

WHEREAS, the Lower San Joaquin River Flood Control Project's purpose is to provide flood protection along the San Joaquin River and tributaries in Merced, Madera, and Fresno Counties by diverting flood flows into the Chowchilla and Eastside Bypasses; and

WHEREAS, the District implements the Operations and Maintenance Manual (the "O&M Manual") in response to the flood releases from upstream reservoirs, as dictated by the United States Bureau of Reclamation (the "Bureau") and the United States Army Corps of Engineers (the "USACE"), and responded to by the District; and

WHEREAS, the District does not determine the rate of release nor operations of flood releases from upstream reservoirs; and

WHEREAS, the flood releases made by the Bureau and/or USACE may result in flows that exceed the available channel capacity in the San Joaquin River; and

WHEREAS, when flood releases may exceed available channel capacity, the San Joaquin River Flood Control Project O&M Manual, Part 3, section 5100 authorizes the District to open the Chowchilla Canal Bypass Control Structure to alleviate downstream flooding affecting the local disadvantaged communities of Mendota, Firebaugh, Dos Palos, and Los Banos to protect life and property; and

WHEREAS, the District is the local maintaining agency ("LMA") for a state-owned flood control facility; and

WHEREAS, the opening of the Chowchilla Canal Bypass Structure to route flood flows is critical for the protection of downstream communities when upstream releases from Friant Dam and Pine Flat Dam have the potential to exceed channel capacity in the San Joaquin River; and

WHEREAS, during flood control operations, the District coordinates with local communities and the Central Valley Flood Protection Board regarding the District's actions and

efforts to route flood waters and to assure the safety of the public and protect property in the local area; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Lower San Joaquin Levee District (the “Board”) has reviewed the O&M Manual and determined that the District has the jurisdictional authority as the local flood control agency to declare a flood event to protect life and property and implement the O&M Manual as needed.

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 reaffirms that the San Joaquin River Flood Control Project O&M Manual authorizes the District to manage the San Joaquin River Flood Control Project, which includes, but is not limited to, the ability to:

(a) Opening the Chowchilla Canal Bypass Control Structure to alleviate downstream flooding affecting the local disadvantaged communities of Mendota, Firebaugh, Dos Palos, and Los Banos to protect life and property, in accordance with O&M Manual, Part 3, section 5100.

(b) Coordinating with local communities and the Central Valley Flood Protection Board regarding the District’s actions and efforts to route flood waters.

(c) Declaring a flood event to protect life and property, and implement the O&M Manual.

(d) Any and all other actions as are required to implement the purpose of the O&M Manual.

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.

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PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 14 day of April, 2026 by the following vote:

AYES: 4

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 3



Roy Catania, Chair
Lower San Joaquin Levee District

Attest:



Shane Swartz, Secretary-Manager
Lower San Joaquin Levee District

Director Division 2 reappoint George Park: Review and consider taking action.

S-M Swartz informed the Board that George Park's role as Director is due for reappointment. On a motion by Director Vlot and seconded by Director Kelley, the recommendation for George Park's Director position was approved to forward the recommendation of appointment to the Clerk of the Merced County Board of Supervisors.

Director Division 4 reappoint Roy Catania: Review and consider taking action.

S-M Swartz informed the Board that Roy Catania's role as Director is due for reappointment. On a motion by Director Vlot and seconded by Director Kelley, the recommendation for Roy Catania's Director position was approved to forward the recommendation of appointment to the Clerk of the Madera County Board of Supervisors.

Director Division 7 reappoint Sean Howard: Review and consider taking action.

S-M Swartz informed the Board that Sean Howard's role as Director is due for reappointment. On a motion by Director Vlot and seconded by Director Kelley, the recommendation for Sean Howard's position was approved to forward the recommendation of appointment to the Clerk of the Fresno County Board of Supervisors.

Director Division 6 reappoint Stephen Shehadey: Review and consider taking action.

S-M Swartz informed the Board that Stephen Shehadey's role as Director is due for reappointment. On a motion by Director Vlot and seconded by Director Kelley, the recommendation for Stephen Shehadey's Director position was approved to forward the recommendation of appointment to the Clerk of the Fresno County Board of Supervisors.

SECRETARY-MANAGER'S REPORT

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

S-M Swartz provided an update on the Verquin GPS monitoring systems. Their encroachment permit has been completed, and they plan to install the system in Madera County, near the Bifurcation, at the end of June.

DWR – Deferred Maintenance Program (DMP) Update

S-M Swartz provided an update on DWR's Deferred Maintenance Program. S-M Swartz noted that the District is progressing with Package C for the DMP project. District Engineer Scott Jacobson has been reviewing AECOM's designs and has been in communication with the contractor to extend the contract, which has been approved by DWR.

DWR – Flood System Repair Program (FSRP) Update

S-M Swartz provided an update on DWR’s Flood System Repair Program. S-M Swartz reported that the FSRP gravel project report has been finalized and is currently awaiting DWR's approval. S-M Swartz will share the report with the Board once DWR accepts it. S-M Swartz also mentioned that the FSRP Erosion project is ongoing, they are still working on the permit process, and hope to start construction in the Fall of 2026.

DWR – Regional Flood Management Plan (RFMP) Update

S-M Swartz provided an update on DWR’s Regional Flood Management Plan. S-M Swartz stated that he is working with Jacobs Engineering to finalize the Lower San Joaquin Flood Control Project System Assessment that was presented to the Board at last month’s meeting. S-M Swartz stated that he will present it back to the Board once it is finalized.

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.

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| Anthem Blue Cross | Employee Group Insurance | 10300 | \$12,357.94 |
| Affinity Trucking Center | Maintenance- equipment, other | 21200 | \$2,567.17 |
| AJ Painting | Structures and Improvements | 83600 | \$6,800.00 |
| Baker Manock & Jensen | Professional services | 21800 | \$3,040.53 |
| 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 | | \$1,767.56 |
| Company Credit Card (Jody) | Pesticide License, Maint. equip. | | \$408.70 |
| Drugtech Toxicology | Professional services | 21800 | \$22.00 |
| Gilton Waste | Household expense-supplies | 20900 | |
| Henry Miller Rec. (Rent) | Office expenses/supplies | 21700 | \$1,537.00 |
| Henry Miller Rec. (Propane) | Office expenses/supplies | 21700 | \$65.05 |
| Henry Miller Rec. (Postage) | Office expenses/supplies | 21700 | \$10.44 |
| Hunt Equipment LLC | Maintenance- structures, other | 21300 | \$676.57 |
| Humana | Employee Group Insurance | 10300 | \$439.13 |
| Kellogg Supply | Maintenance- equipment, other | 21200 | \$1,267.49 |
| Kellogg Supply | Small tools and instuments | 22200 | \$243.28 |
| Napa Auto Parts | Maintenance- equipment, other | 21200 | \$333.74 |
| N&S Tractor | Maintenance- equipment, other | 21200 | \$2,437.55 |
| Office Supply Express | Office expenses/supplies | 21700 | \$1,444.34 |
| PG&E (Protection) | Utilities | 22600 | \$14.76 |
| PG&E(Structures) | Utilities | 22600 | \$230.40 |
| PG&E(LD Office) | Utilities | 22600 | \$174.52 |
| PG&E(LD Shop) | Utilies | 22600 | \$439.49 |
| Primo Brands (LD Office) | Household expense-supplies | 20900 | \$29.97 |
| Primo Brands (Shop) | Household expense-supplies | 20900 | \$51.35 |
| Raegan Huff | Household expense-supplies | 20900 | \$86.60 |
| Stocking & Cozzi Insurance | Insurance - Other | 21000 | \$170,966.00 |
| Summers Engineering, Inc. | FSRP Expense- Gravel | 22388 | \$1,758.16 |
| Summers Engineering, Inc. | DMP Expense | 22389 | \$5,732.63 |
| Summers Engineering, Inc. | Professional services | 21800 | \$1,199.80 |
| Target Specialty Products | Maintenance- structures, other | 21300 | \$18,754.33 |
| Tharp's Farm Supply | Small tools and instuments | 22200 | \$42.41 |
| UniFirst | Clothing & Personal Supply | 20500 | \$536.12 |
| Verizon Connect | Communications | 20600 | \$273.20 |
| Verizon | Communications | 20600 | \$176.81 |
| Windecker | Transportation and Travel | 22500 | \$7,060.41 |

PUBLIC COMMENT

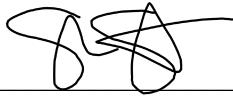
No public comment.

OTHER BUSINESS

No other business.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairman Catania declared the meeting adjourned at 10:26 A.M.



Shane Swartz, Secretary-Manager