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October 15, 2025, 1:00 p.m.

San Joaquin County Robert J. Cabral Agricultural Center
2101 E. Earhart Avenue, Stockton, CA 95206

AGENDA

I. Roll Call

II. Approval of the July 16, 2025, Minutes

III. Discussion/Action Items:

- A. Update on SB 552 Drought Resilience Plan – Presented by Tiffany Cacho, Director, SJC Office of Emergency Services
- B. Presentation of the Spring 2025 Groundwater Report – Presented by C. Ashley Couch, P.E. (AZ), CFM, SJC Water Resources Manager
- C. Presentation on Stockton East Water District's Proposal to Raise Farmington Dam
- D. Presentation on Coastal Cleanup 2025 – Presented by Selinda Centeno, Administrative Assistant II, SJC Water Resources
- E. Discussion on Legislative Efforts to Defeat Any Trailer Bill Intended to Facilitate and Expedite Construction of the State's Delta Conveyance Project – Presented by Alex Chetley, P.E., Deputy Director of Public Works

IV. Staff Reports

F. SJAFCA

G. SJC

- 1. New Flood Resilience Ordinance update by Water Resources Manager C. Ashley Couch, P.E. (AZ), CFM

V. Public Comment: *Please limit comments to three minutes.*

VI. Commissioner Comments

VII. Future Agenda Items

VIII. Adjournment

Next Regular Meeting
November 19, 2025, 1:00 p.m.
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**Advisory Water Commission of the San Joaquin County
Flood Control and Water Conservation District
Wednesday, July 16, 2025, Meeting Minutes**

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

The Advisory Water Commission (AWC) meeting was held at the San Joaquin County Robert J. Cabral Agricultural Center and commenced at approximately 1:00 p.m. Selinda Centeno of San Joaquin County Public Works conducted roll call, which was taken for members only.

Commissioners and Alternates in attendance: Dante Nomellini Jr., Travis Kahrs, Dotty Nygard, Stephanie Reyna-Hiestand, Charlie Starr, Steve Schwabauer, Scot Moody, John Holbrook, Keith Bussman, Mary Elizabeth, Michael Panzar, Will Price, Christopher Neudeck, Dominick Gulli, and Richard Atkins.

II. Approval of February 19, 2025, Minutes:

Commissioner Christopher Neudeck motioned to amend February minutes to recognize Commissioner Mary Elizabeth's comments regarding SB-552.

Second: Scot Moody

The vote was unanimous.

III. Discussion/Action Items

- A. **Mokelumne River Integrated Conjunctive Use Program (MICUP) Update:** Presentation by Robert Granberg from Granberg Associates. He spoke on the update to the groundwater sustainability plan model to include MICUP recharge, the Water Availability Analysis modeling and continuing to support the CEQA and water rights application processes. The Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is scheduled for circulation soon. Additionally, Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) grant activities are on track to be completed by October 2025 and do final grant closeout by the end of the calendar year. Following that, a petition to amend Application 29835 will be submitted to reflect updated water use and storage plans. Coordination between EBMUD and WID remains active to manage the diversion agreement for 48,000 acre-feet between July and October.
- B. **Mossdale Urban Flood Risk Reduction Project Update:** Mr. Prasad introduced the project and thanked the community for their support on the Mossdale Urban Flood Risk Reduction (UFRR) Program (and Lathrop/Manteca Feasibility Study) through passage of the Mossdale Overlay Assessment District. Mr. Curry provided

an overview of the Program, which has a goal of reducing flood risk to the Mossdale Tract area, enhancing resilience to climate change, and improving habitat in the area. The Program safeguards 55,000 people and 45 critical facilities from flooding. The levees will be upgraded to provide 200-year flood protection. SJAFCA and the Department of Water Resources/Central Valley Flood Protection Board will be advancing the Manteca Dryland Levee Extension Project, as the first increment of the Program. Mr. Curry showed three restoration sites which may help achieve restoration objectives of the Program. The Draft EIR will be released in October 2025 for public review and will also be posted on SJAFCA's website (<https://www.sjafca.org/>). The final EIR is tentatively scheduled for May 2026. The Project is currently at the design stage, with construction starting mid-2027.

Mr. Curry discussed the Lathrop and Manteca Feasibility Study conducted by the USACE in partnership with SJAFCA and the CVFPB/DWR. The Feasibility Study is evaluating the Program for potential federal investment in flood risk reduction and ecosystem restoration. Elements of the Mossdale UFRR project that move forward should get cost-share credit under the federal effort. The Floodplain Management Planning effort was described to the Advisory Commission. Mr. Curry advised that interagency planning effort is required as part of the federal feasibility study. Regional planning agencies will need to identify potential measures (including policies) for local implementation that will reduce the impacts of future residual flooding and enhance natural floodplain values in conjunction with the federal project. The FMP will be guided by an interagency group to develop and implement an action plan to achieve the plan's goals. SJAFCA will continue to hold meetings in the region to advance Floodplain Management Planning effort in the region to satisfy the requirements of the Program and guide Program delivery.

- D. **Flood Resilience Ordinance Update:** Ashley Couch provided an update on the Flood Resilience Ordinance modernization project, emphasizing efforts to clarify ordinance language in coordination with attorneys and consultants. The draft language has been reviewed and is now nearly ready for adoption, ensuring alignment with federal and state regulations while maintaining current enforcement practices.
- E. **Fall 2024 Groundwater Report Findings:** Venki Narasimhalu from San Joaquin County Water Resources presented the Fall 2024 Groundwater Monitoring Report, covering 200+ wells across two subbasins and three monitoring areas, including river and reservoir observations. Rainfall varied by location; Camanche Reservoir peaked at 95% capacity, New Hogan at 76%, and New Melones at 87%; with the latter two ending slightly below their starting levels. Groundwater elevations and water quality were assessed, noting acceptable Total Dissolved Solids (TDS), chloride, and nitrate levels.

IV. Staff Reports

- A. **SJAFCA:** Glen Prasad reports progress on multiple flood risk reduction projects. The Smith Canal Gate is nearing completion, with FEMA certification and county transfer underway. TSREL Phase One is under construction, set to finish in 2027. The Paradise Cut Bypass Expansion Project is at the feasibility stage, with the study concluding in May 2026.
- B. **San Joaquin County:** Ashley Couch reports that the SB 552 update, requested by Mary Elizabeth, will be postponed until the next meeting due to the absence of Director of Emergency Operations, Tiffany Cacho, who is on vacation. He also mentioned that stream and precipitation gauges will be replaced and utilized.

V. Public Comment: Brandon Nakagawa commented on AB 1413 being introduced.

VI. Commissioner Comments: Dominick Gulli presented a potential future agenda item on invasive bamboo growth along the Calaveras River, from Pershing Avenue to the San Joaquin River, which could impact channel capacity. Public Works Director and District Flood Control Engineer Fritz Buchman, C.E., T.E., CFM, proposed the county research whether the issue falls under county or state jurisdiction and will report to the chair to determine if it should be added to the agenda. Mary Elizabeth requested updates on the domestic well mitigation program and nonprofit nitrate testing efforts. Mr. Buchman suggested the topic is better suited for the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority and Chair Holbrook noted that the irrigated lands program is outside the committee's purview.

VII. Future Agenda Items:

- A. Calaveras Channel Capacity
- B. Domestic Well Mitigation Program
- C. Irrigated Lands Program

VIII. Adjournment – 2:16 pm