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October 21, 2026, 1:00 p.m.
San Joaquin County Council of Governments
555 E. Weber Ave. Stockton, CA 95202

AGENDA

I. Roll Call

II. Approval of the May 20, 2026 Minutes

III. Discussion/ Action Items:

A. Spring 2026 Groundwater Monitoring

B. MICUP Update

C. Flood Resilience Ordinance Update

D. Local Floodplain Delineation Project

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

V. Commissioner Comments

VI. Future Agenda Items

VII. Adjournment

Next Regular Meeting
November 18, 2026, 1:00 p.m.
San Joaquin County Robert J. Cabral Agricultural Center
2101 E. Earhart Avenue, Stockton, CA 95206

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Advisory Water Commission of the San Joaquin County
Flood Control and Water Conservation District
Wednesday, May 20, 2026, Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

The Advisory Water Commission (AWC) meeting was held at the San Joaquin Counsel of Governments 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: Richard Atkins, Keith Bussman, Mary Elizabeth, Thomas Gau, George Hartmann, John Holbrook, Travis Kahrs, Regina, Lackey, Scot Moody, Dante Nomellini Sr., Michael Panzer, Will Price, Stephanie Reyna-Hiestand, Steve Schwaubauer, and Charlie Starr.

II. Approval of October 15, 2025, Minutes

Motion: Scot Moody
Second: Richard Atkins
Abstain: Stephanie Reyna-Hiestand
Vote was unanimous

III. Presentations/Discussion Items

A. **Regulatory Fee Proposal for Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Compliance within County Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) No. 1 in the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin-introduced by Deputy Director Alex Chetley, is Seth Wurzel to give the presentation.**

Staff presented information regarding a proposed regulatory fee for groundwater users within GSA No. 1. The proposed fee would fund the County's share of costs associated with the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority (ESJGWA), including groundwater sustainability planning, monitoring, reporting, administration, and related SGMA compliance activities. The presentation outlined the proposed fee methodology, which would utilize acreage, estimated groundwater pumping, and population components. Staff noted that approximately 800 parcels would be subject to the fee, with exemptions generally applying to residential parcels under five acres, vacant properties, utility parcels, and certain properties served exclusively by surface water.

Motion: Steve Schwaubauer
Second: Thomas Gau
Yes Votes: Atkins, Gau, Holbrook, Kahrs, Moody, Nomellini Sr., Schwaubauer, Starr.
No Votes: Lackey and Price.
Abstain: Bussman, Elizabeth, Hartmann, Panzer, and Reyna-Hiestand.
Motion passes.

B. **Regulatory Fee Proposal for SGMA Compliance within the County GSA in the Tracy Subbasin.**

Seth Wurzel presented information regarding a proposed regulatory fee to fund San Joaquin County GSA's share of Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) compliance costs within the Tracy Subbasin. The proposed fee would replace the historical use of Zone 2 funding and would apply to approximately 1,460 properties within the County GSA boundary. The presentation outlined a proposed FY 2026/27 fee budget of approximately $149,600, divided between the Delta Management Area and Non-Delta Management Area.

Motion: Steve Schwaubauer
Second: Travis Kahrs
Yes Votes: Atkins, Bussman, Gau, Holbrook, Kahrs, Moody, Nomellini Sr., Panzer, Schwaubauer, Starr.
No votes: Elizabeth, Lackey, Price, Reyna-Hiestand.
Abstain: George Hartmann.
Motion passes.

C. **San Joaquin County Drought Resilience Plan Update**

Tiffany Cacho, Office of Emergency Services (OES), shared the plan identifies short-term response actions and long-term strategies to support drought preparedness, water supply resilience, emergency drinking water access, groundwater monitoring, conservation outreach, and coordination with local water systems.

Staff reviewed the Plan's four-stage drought response framework, ranging from normal conditions (Green) through early drought indicators (Yellow), active drought conditions (Orange), and imminent or occurring water shortages (Red). Response measures increase by stage and include conservation outreach, water supply coordination, emergency water distribution, interties, and expedited permitting.

D. **Fall 2025 Groundwater Monitoring Report**

Ashley Couch summarized groundwater conditions, monitoring activities, and SGMA compliance efforts. The presentation noted that 2025 was a below-normal water year with significantly reduced precipitation and surface water supplies compared to 2024. Staff also discussed data gaps, ongoing improvements to the monitoring program and reporting process, and the results of data integrity verification efforts, which confirmed that the

groundwater measurements used in the report were consistent with expected historical conditions.

IV. Staff Reports

A. SJAFCA

Executive Director Darren Suen provided an update on several regional flood risk reduction projects. He reported that the Lower San Joaquin River Project Phase 1 continues to advance, with the first construction segment underway, mitigation sites acquired, Shima Tract construction anticipated by 2028, and a design charrette scheduled for May 21. He also noted that the Mossdale Tract Urban Flood Risk Reduction project is progressing toward dry land levee construction in 2027 and is transitioning from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers study process to a Section 203 study led by SJAFCA and the State. Additionally, staff reported that the California Department of Water Resources and SJAFCA are conducting a feasibility study for the expansion and ecosystem restoration of Paradise Cut.

B. San Joaquin County Public Works

Chris Boyer of San Joaquin County Public Works presented an update on the county's Acampo Drainage Innovation Project, which is in its initial stages. The project will intercept floodwater flowing west toward the Acampo area and divert it southward to retention basins or Flood-Managed Aquifer Recharge areas. Tiffany Cacho was also asked to speak on the Golden Mussel Task Force, whom submitted a request to the state to open up funding sources for the San Joaquin County in hopes of more efforts here locally.

V. Public Comments: None

VI. Commissioner Comments

VII. Future Agenda Items: None

VIII. Adjournment: 3:48 pm