



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SAN JOAQUIN TRIBUTARIES AUTHORITY**

**MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2026 – 10:00 A.M.
MEETING AGENDA**

**TURLOCK IRRIGATION DISTRICT
333 E. CANAL DRIVE
BOARD ROOM 105
TURLOCK, CA 95380**

**4333 CLAUS ROAD
MODESTO, CA 95357**

**SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
525 GOLDEN GATE AVENUE, 13TH FLOOR
CONFERENCE ROOM 1329
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94102**

**FRANTZ WHOLESALE NURSERY, LLC
12161 DELAWARE ROAD
OAK ROOM
HICKMAN, CA 95323**

**WINDMILL ORCHARDS
17092 MELLO ROAD
RIPON, CA 95366**

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Meeting ID: 918 8871 8722

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

3. ROLL CALL OF COMMISSIONERS

4. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (5 minutes per speaker)

This time is provided for the public to address the Commissioners on matters within the Authority's jurisdiction that are not on the agenda. Speakers are encouraged to consult Member Management or Directors prior to agenda preparation regarding any Authority operation or responsibility, as no action will be taken on non-agenda issues.

Members of the public will have the opportunity to provide public comment in-person, through Zoom, or by using the phone option. If you wish to speak, please click the "Raise Hand" button in Zoom or press *9 on your phone, and wait until your name (or other identifying information) is called by the Commission Secretary.

5. MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 11, 2026

6. MOTION TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER'S REPORT

Presentation and acceptance of the Treasurer's Report through June 30, 2026.

- Ashley Millsap, SJTA Treasurer

7. PHASE 2 STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS PROGRAM

Update on the SJTA Phase 2 Strategic Communications Program.

- Andree Lee, SJTA Executive Director

8. OUTREACH AND EDUCATION PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

Update on the SJTA Outreach and Education Program development and next steps.

- Andree Lee, SJTA Executive Director

9. RIVER CLEANUP EVENT

Update on the SJTA River Cleanup event partnership.

- Andree Lee, SJTA Executive Director

10. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Update on the Strategic Plan implementation and SJTA activities.

- Andree Lee, SJTA Executive Director

11. MOTION TO ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

A. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation

California Government Code Section 54956.9

San Joaquin Tributaries Authority, et al vs. California State Water Resources Control Board

Tuolumne County Superior Court – Case Number CV62094

Judicial Council Coordinated Proceeding No.5013

- Valerie Kincaid, Legal Counsel

- B. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation**
California Government Code Section 54956.9
San Joaquin Tributaries Authority vs. California State Water Resources Control Board
Fresno County Superior Court – Case No. 21CECG02632
Judicial Council Coordinated Proceeding No. 5229
- Valerie Kincaid, Legal Counsel
- C. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation**
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San Joaquin Tributaries Authority, et al vs. California State Water Resources Control Board
Fresno County Superior Court – Case No. 23CECG04201
- Valerie Kincaid, Legal Counsel
- D. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation**
California Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)-(3)
Anticipated Litigation – one potential case
Potential future State Water Board Action
- Valerie Kincaid, Legal Counsel
- 12. RECONVENE – REPORT OF ANY ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**
- 13. MATTERS TOO LATE FOR THE AGENDA**
- 14. NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE – MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2026 AT 10:00 A.M.**
- 15. MOTION TO ADJOURN**



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING OF THE SAN JOAQUIN TRIBUTARIES AUTHORITY

Turlock, California
11 May 2026

The Commission Meeting of the San Joaquin Tributaries Authority was called to order at 10:02 a.m. in regular session on the 11th day of May 2026, conducted in-person from the Turlock Irrigation District located at 333 E. Canal Drive, Turlock, CA and via Zoom Webinar.

Present were the following representatives of the member agencies:

Glenn Spyksma – South San Joaquin Irrigation District
Michael Frantz – Turlock Irrigation District
Robert Frobose – Modesto Irrigation District, Chair

Absent was the following representative of the member agencies:

Kate Stacy – City and County of San Francisco, Vice Chair

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from the public.

Chair Frobose expressed thanks to fellow Commissioners Frantz and Spyksma for their leadership on the SJTA.

MOTION APPROVING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Moved by Commissioner Frantz, seconded by Commissioner Spyksma, that the minutes of the regular meeting of February 9, 2026, be approved as presented.

All voted in favor with none opposed. The Chair declared the motion carried.

MOTION APPROVING TREASURER'S REPORT

SJTA Treasurer Ashley Millsap presented the Treasurer's Report with activity through April 30, 2026, including interest earned, total expenditures, carryover, and cash reconciliations for the money market and checking accounts.

Commissioner Spyksma inquired about the \$2,500.00 disbursement to CSU Fresno, to which Executive Director Lee clarified it is for SJTA's sponsorship of the San Joaquin Valley Water Resilience Summit.

Moved by Commissioner Frantz, seconded by Commissioner Spyksma, that the Treasurer's Report with activity through April 30, 2026, be approved as presented.

All voted in favor with none opposed. The Chair declared the motion carried.

PHASE 2 STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS PROGRAM UPDATE

SJTA Executive Director Andree Lee presented an update regarding the Strategic Communications Program Phase 2, providing a refresher of the program background, scope of work, and progress. She also provided an overview of the initial campaign rollout, including the strategy, creative content, spokesperson categories and topics, and the planned schedule, noting that all materials will be shared with the agencies before being released to the public.

Commissioners and Ms. Lee discussed support for the plan, the importance of representing and reaching urban customers, the positive coordination among agencies under Ms. Lee's leadership, the value of education and outreach, early alignment on messaging and trust building, and the importance of communicating the recreation and flood control benefits of the dams.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

SJTA Executive Director Andree Lee provided additional information about SJTA's sponsorship and partnership in the upcoming San Joaquin Valley Water Resilience Summit, noting that TID's Michael Cooke will be speaking at the event. She also shared updates on efforts to develop project concepts, including initial brainstorming and a broader workshop scheduled for this Friday, and noted she will provide an update at the next Commission meeting.

MOTION ADJOURNING TO CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Commissioner Spyksma, seconded by Commissioner Frantz, that the Commission meeting be adjourned to closed session at 10:20 a.m.:

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RECOVENE – REPORT OF ANY ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

The Commission meeting was reconvened in open session at 10:41 a.m. with all Commissioners present as per the previous open session. At the request of Chair Frobose, Legal Counsel Valerie Kincaid announced there were no reportable action items from closed session.

DRAFT
MATTERS TOO LATE FOR THE AGENDA

There were none.

FUTURE MEETING

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 10, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, moved by Commissioner Spyksma, seconded by Commissioner Frantz, that the meeting be adjourned at 10:41 a.m.

All voted in favor with none opposed. The Chair declared the motion carried.

Secretary to the Commission of the
SAN JOAQUIN TRIBUTARIES AUTHORITY



MEMORANDUM

To: San Joaquin Tributaries Authority
From: SJTA Treasurer, Ashley Millsap
Issue: **Motion to Accept Treasurer's Report**
Date: August 10, 2026

Attached (or below) please find the Treasurer's Report with activity through June 30, 2026.



2026 Actual v. Budget

YTD as of June 30, 2026

	2026 Budget	2026 YTD Actual	Budget Variance	% of 2026 Budget YTD
Revenue				
Agencies Cash Call	\$ 1,412,000.00	\$ 1,412,000.00	\$ -	
Interest Earned/Received	\$ -	\$ 6,380.78	\$ 6,380.78	
Carryover	\$ 817,256.03	\$ 817,256.03	\$ -	
Total Revenue	\$ 2,229,256.03	\$ 2,235,636.81	\$ 6,380.78	
Expenditures				
Executive Director	\$ 298,288.00	\$ 111,460.09	\$ (186,827.91)	37%
Administrative Costs	\$ 418,600.00	\$ 126,621.28	\$ (291,978.72)	30%
Legal Costs	\$ 935,125.00	\$ 371,806.22	\$ (563,318.78)	40%
Total Expenditures	\$ 1,652,013.00	\$ 609,887.59	\$ (1,042,125.41)	37%
Revenue over Expenditures	\$ 577,243.03	\$ 1,625,749.22	\$ 1,048,506.19	
		\$ -		



Cash Reconciliation for Money Market Account

Balance as of 04/30/26: \$ 532,641.15

Receipts:

\$	-	Cash Call ()	
\$	1,915.57	Interest	
\$	1,915.57		\$ 1,915.57

Disbursements:

\$	-	Transfer	
\$	-		\$ -

Balance as of 06/30/26:

Total Cash Balance:

\$ 534,556.72



Cash Reconciliation for Checking Account

Balance as of 04/30/26: \$ 1,569,931.66

Receipts:

\$	-	Cash Call ()	
\$	-	Transfer	
\$	-		\$ -

Disbursements:

\$	35.00	Bank Fee	
\$	2,500.00	CSU Fresno	
\$	26,485.42	EKI Environment & Water	
\$	242,155.22	Paris Kincaid Wasiewski LLP	
\$	34,955.00	EVOQUE	
\$	6,000.00	Tegna	
\$	14,000.00	Outfront Media	
\$	326,130.64		\$ (326,130.64)

Checking Balance as of 06/30/2026: \$ 1,243,801.02

Outstanding Disbursements

\$	19,225.37	EKI Environment & Water	
\$	25,920.48	Paris Kincaid Wasiewski LLP	
\$	32,517.00	EVOQUE	
\$	77,662.85		\$ (77,662.85)

Total Adjusted Checking Balance: \$ 1,166,138.17

Total Money Market Balance: \$ 534,556.72

Total Cash Balance as of 06/30/2026: \$ 1,700,694.89

MEMORANDUM

To: San Joaquin Tributaries Authority
From: SJTA Executive Director, Andree Lee
Issue: **Outreach and Education Program Development**
Date: August 10, 2026

This memorandum provides an update on the San Joaquin Tributaries Authority (SJTA) Outreach and Education program, including development of web-based educational content on Watershed Stewardship, Science, and Collaborative Management.

Background

SJTA's 2026 Work Plan includes development of an educational outreach program, aligned with SJTA's Strategic Plan goal to "Tell the Story." SJTA's Executive Director has engaged a Technical Working Group (TWG) comprised of water resources and external affairs staff from member agencies to review a draft framework for an education program on Watershed Stewardship, Science, and Collaborative Management (outline in Attachment A). Based on feedback from the TWG, the educational program will be developed as digital content for SJTA's website and may subsequently serve as the basis for future in-person engagements (e.g., SJTA or member-led workshops or tours).

Status

As authorized by the SJTA General Managers, the Executive Director has initiated development of digital content on Watershed Stewardship, Science, and Collaborative Management. New modules will build upon existing information on SJTA's website (e.g., the San Joaquin Tributaries Story Map) and focus on the following topics:

- **Watershed Science in Action** – Understanding how watershed health is evaluated and improved.
- **Collaborative Watershed Stewardship** – Examples of watershed-scale partnerships and restoration efforts.

SJTA is currently negotiating task orders with Evoque Communications, SJTA's current communications consultant, and Planetaria, SJTA's web developer, to support development and implementation of the interactive web content.

Proposed Budget

Technical content will be developed by SJTA within the existing FY 2026 Executive Director budget and build upon existing materials and references from member agencies. Task orders for the interactive web content are anticipated to be within SJTA's adopted 2026 budget for Other Consultant Expenses and within the approval authority of the SJTA General Managers.

Schedule

Watershed Stewardship, Science, and Collaborative Management interactive web content development is anticipated to be completed by the end of 2026.

ATTACHMENT A

Draft Educational Program Outline: Watershed Stewardship, Science, and Collaborative Management

Purpose

The objective of this educational program is to develop watershed literacy by providing participants a foundational understanding of the Tuolumne and Stanislaus River systems, the collaborative stewardship efforts that support healthy rivers, and the science used to evaluate watershed conditions and guide future management. Participants will gain an appreciation for how multiple agencies, organizations, and stakeholders work together to sustain watershed health while supporting water supplies and uses.

This educational program is designed in a modular format. Key modules are intended to be developed into Story Map content for SJTA's website. Modules can be further leveraged as base materials for SJTA or Member-led tours, workshops, etc.

Draft Outline

1. Introduction
 - Program objectives and overview of topics.
2. SJTA at a Glance
 - Understanding SJTA's role within the broader watershed. Topics include:
 - SJTA's mission, members, and collaborative role.
 - Coordination among member agencies.
 - Environmental policy and programmatic initiatives.
 - Current priorities and future watershed objectives.
 - Opportunities for continued engagement, education, and resources.
3. Understanding the San Joaquin Tributaries
 - Providing the foundation for the remainder of the program. Topics include:
 - Watershed geography, headwaters, and river systems (starting with the San Joaquin River and then narrowing in on Stanislaus and Tuolumne Rivers).
 - Historical development of the rivers and reservoirs.
 - Multi-benefit water management (water supply, recreation, fisheries, and environmental stewardship).
 - River operations and management responsibilities.
 - Historic water rights and institutional framework.
 - Watershed habitats, ecosystems, and landscape features.
 - Evolution of environmental stewardship and river restoration efforts.

4. Statewide Water Management Context
Connecting the Stanislaus and Tuolumne River Watersheds to broader California and federal water management. Topics include:
 - The San Joaquin River and Bay-Delta connection.
 - Major regulatory and policy initiatives (e.g., Bay-Delta WQCP).
 - Healthy Rivers & Landscapes (HRL) initiatives.
 - State and federal agency roles.
 - Why watershed-scale collaboration is increasingly important – key conclusion.
5. Watershed Science in Action
Understanding how watershed health is evaluated and improved. Topics include:
 - Adaptive management: measuring progress and informing future decisions.
 - Fisheries monitoring and population assessments.
 - Habitat monitoring and restoration evaluation.
 - River temperature, flow, and ecological monitoring.
 - Current scientific investigations (e.g., predation research, gravel management, habitat improvements).
 - Scientific uncertainty and managing complex watershed systems.
 - Emerging science and future research priorities.
6. Collaborative Watershed Stewardship
Examples of watershed-scale partnerships and restoration efforts. Topics include:
 - Tuolumne River Partners, “Save the Stan” initiatives, fish passage and habitat restoration, spawning gravel and river enhancement, other specific actions.
 - Long-term monitoring and adaptive management.
 - Coordination among local, regional, state, and federal partners.
 - Lessons learned from collaborative watershed stewardship.
 - Documented improvements in habitat, fisheries, and ecosystem conditions.
7. Looking Ahead
Future opportunities for watershed stewardship. Topics include:
 - Why the Stanislaus and Tuolumne Rivers are unique within the San Joaquin Tributaries.
 - Emerging watershed challenges and opportunities.
 - Future restoration and stewardship priorities.
 - Opportunities for collaboration, education, and public engagement.

MEMORANDUM

To: San Joaquin Tributaries Authority
From: SJTA Executive Director, Andree Lee
Issue: **River Cleanup Event**
Date: August 10, 2026

This memorandum provides an update on a river cleanup event to be sponsored by the San Joaquin Tributaries Authority (SJTA) in Fall 2026.

Background

In alignment with SJTA's Strategic Goals to "Collaborate" and "Cultivate Relationships," SJTA has been exploring opportunities to partner with existing river cleanup efforts, including Operation 9-2-99, a Tuolumne River Cleanup group based in Modesto. Operation 9-2-99 hosts river cleanups on the second Saturday of the month and would welcome SJTA's participation in one or more of these monthly cleanup events, or a standalone event.

At the July SJTA General Managers (GMs) meeting, the GMs authorized \$1,500 for sponsorship of a river cleanup event in partnership with Operation 9-2-99, targeting a date in Fall 2026 based on member agency availability.

Next Steps

SJTA's Executive Director will survey member agencies and Commissioners to identify a workable date for the river cleanup event. The goal is to secure participation from each agency, including STJA Commissioners, and provide SJTA-branded apparel or giveaway items.

Following the initial cleanup event, SJTA will consider the potential for expanded partnership with Operation 9-2-99 (e.g., to sponsor standalone river cleanup events on the Tuolumne and/or Stanislaus Rivers and incorporate more educational components) and/or participation in other organized river cleanup events (e.g., as part of "Love Our Cities" day in April).