



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

Turlock, California
9 February 2026

The Commission Meeting of the San Joaquin Tributaries Authority was called to order at 10:02 a.m. in regular session on the 9th day of February 2026, conducted in-person from the Turlock Irrigation District located at 333 E. Canal Drive, Turlock, CA, via Zoom Webinar, and the remote teleconference location as described on the agenda.

Present were the following representatives of the member agencies:

Michael Frantz – Turlock Irrigation District
Kate Stacy – City and County of San Francisco
Robert Frobose – Modesto Irrigation District, Vice Chair (*remote teleconference*)
Glenn Spyksma – South San Joaquin Irrigation District, Chair

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from the public.

MOTION APPOINTING THE CHAIR

Commissioner Spyksma expressed appreciation for his time serving as Chair, provided information regarding the rotation of officers noting that Commissioner Frobose is next in line for the Chair role, and thanked Executive Director Lee and the General Managers for their work. Commissioners thanked Commissioner Spyksma for his leadership and service as Chair.

Moved by Commissioner Stacy, seconded by Commissioner Frantz, that the Modesto Irrigation District member Robert Frobose is hereby appointed as Chair of the San Joaquin Tributaries Authority for a term of two (2) years.

Upon roll call the following vote was had:

Ayes:	Commissioners Frantz, Stacy, Frobose, and Spyksma
Noes:	None
Absent:	None

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

MOTION APPOINTING THE VICE CHAIR

Moved by Commissioner Frantz, seconded by Commissioner Frobose, that the City & County of San Francisco member Kate Stacy is hereby appointed as Vice Chair of the San Joaquin Tributaries Authority for a term of two (2) years,

Upon roll call the following vote was had:

Ayes:	Commissioners Frantz, Stacy, Frobose, and Spyksma
Noes:	None
Absent:	None

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

MOTION APPOINTING THE SECRETARY

Commissioners Frantz and Stacy spoke favorably about Turlock Irrigation District employee Jennifer Land serving as Secretary.

Moved by Commissioner Frantz, seconded by Commissioner Stacy, that the Turlock Irrigation District employee Jennifer Land is hereby appointed as Secretary of the San Joaquin Tributaries Authority for a term of two (2) years.

Upon roll call the following vote was had:

Ayes:	Commissioners Frantz, Stacy, Frobose, and Spyksma
Noes:	None
Absent:	None

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

MOTION APPOINTING THE TREASURER

Commissioner Frantz spoke favorably about Turlock Irrigation District employee Ashley Millsap serving as Treasurer.

Moved by Commissioner Frantz, seconded by Commissioner Stacy, that the Turlock Irrigation District employee Ashley Millsap is hereby appointed as Treasurer of the San Joaquin Tributaries Authority for a term of two (2) years.

Upon roll call the following vote was had:

Ayes:	Commissioners Frantz, Stacy, Frobose, and Spyksma
Noes:	None
Absent:	None

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

MOTION APPROVING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Moved by Commissioner Stacy, seconded by Commissioner Frobose, that the minutes of the regular meeting of November 3, 2025, be approved as presented.

Upon roll call the following vote was had:

Ayes:	Commissioners Frantz, Stacy, Frobose, and Spyksma
Noes:	None
Absent:	None

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 December 31, 2025, including interest earned, total expenditures, carryover, and cash reconciliations for the money market and checking accounts.

Moved by Commissioner Frantz, seconded by Commissioner Stacy, that the Treasurer's Report with activity through December 31, 2025, be approved as presented.

Upon roll call the following vote was had:

Ayes:	Commissioners Frantz, Stacy, Frobose, and Spyksma
Noes:	None
Absent:	None

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

MOTION ADJOURNING TO CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Commissioner Frantz, seconded by Commissioner Stacy, that the Commission meeting be adjourned to closed session at 10:13 a.m.:

- 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

California Government Code Section 54956.9

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

RECONVENE – REPORT OF ANY ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

The Commission meeting was reconvened in open session at 11:27 a.m. with all Commissioners present as per the previous open session. Legal Counsel Valerie Kincaid reported that the Commission provided direction to file an Amicus Brief in the matter of Bring Back the Kern. This action was approved by a 3/1 vote with the Modesto Irrigation District absent during this portion of the meeting.

MOTION AUTHORIZING PHASE 2 STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION

SJTA Executive Director Andree Lee presented an overview of the Strategic Communications Program Phase 2, including the background and approach, scope of work, and the consultant selection process. She reported that the Communications Working Group recommends selecting Evoque Communications, reviewed the proposed 11-month schedule, and noted the recommendation is consistent with the approved budget.

Commissioners expressed support and appreciation for the work completed to date and commented that potentially conducting a follow-up survey would be valuable to determine whether the efforts moved the needle and that the analytics would help measure success.

Hearing no further comments, the Commission took the following action:

Moved by Commissioner Frobose, seconded by Commissioner Frantz, authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute contracts with Evoque Communications and media

vendors for an amount not to exceed \$249,990 for Phase 2 Strategic Communications Program implementation.

Upon roll call the following vote was had:

Ayes:	Commissioners Frantz, Stacy, Frobose, and Spyksma
Noes:	None
Absent:	None

All voted in favor with none opposed. The Chair declared the resolution adopted.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

SJTA Executive Director Andree Lee reported that the new branding has been completed and the new website has launched. She also noted that they have been coordinating closely with the Department of Water Resources on watershed studies for the San Joaquin River System, whose overall goals align with the work being done by the SJTA agencies. The goal is to identify partnerships on shared objectives and to leverage potential funding opportunities for pilot projects.

MATTERS TOO LATE FOR THE AGENDA

There were none.

FUTURE MEETING

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 11, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, moved by Commissioner Stacy, seconded by Commissioner Frantz, that the meeting be adjourned at 11:34 a.m.

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

_____*Jennifer Land*

Secretary to the Commission of the
SAN JOAQUIN TRIBUTARIES AUTHORITY