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**COMMISSION MEETING OF THE
SAN JOAQUIN TRIBUTARIES AUTHORITY
TURLOCK IRRIGATION DISTRICT
Board Room, Main Office Building
333 East Canal Drive
Turlock, CA**

10:00 a.m., Monday, August 8, 2022

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order

Members of the Commission and the public have the opportunity to participate in person or via webinar. Please see the attached Addendum with instructions on how to join the Commission meeting via Zoom or phone.

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Meeting ID: 958 2311 5999

2. Salute to the Flag

3. Roll Call of Commissioners

4. Public Comment (5 minutes per speaker maximum)

This time is provided for the public to address the Commissioners of the Authority on matters of concern that fall within the jurisdiction of the Authority 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.

5. **Motion Approving Commission Special Meeting Minutes of July 11, 2022**
6. **Motion Approving the Treasurer's Report**
Presentation and acceptance of the Treasurer's Report through July 31, 2022.
- Michael Clipper, Treasurer
7. **Resolution Adopting the 2022 SJTA Strategic Visioning Plan**
Presentation and adoption of the 2022 SJTA Strategic Visioning Plan which was created as an actionable, multi-year roadmap designed to guide the Commission in continuing to advocate for the effective development, management, and delivery of water and power supplies to member agency customers while also serving as a voice for wise statewide water resources investments and management.
- District Manager's
8. **Discussion on Future Planning for the SJTA**
- Commissioner Frantz
9. **Matters Too Late for the Agenda**
10. **Next Regular SJTA Meeting – November 14, 2022**
11. **Motion to Adjourn**

**MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION
OF THE SAN JOAQUIN TRIBUTARIES AUTHORITY**

The Commission of the San Joaquin Tributaries Authority met in special session on the 11th day of July, 2022 at 11:00 a.m., conducted in-person and via Zoom Webinar from Turlock, California.

Attending were the following representatives of the member agencies:

Michael Frantz – Turlock Irrigation District (Chair)
Mike Weststeyn – South San Joaquin Irrigation District (Vice-Chair)
John Mensinger – Modesto Irrigation District
Anson Moran – City and County of San Francisco (via Zoom)

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

MOTION APPROVING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Moved by Commissioner Weststeyn, seconded by Commissioner Mensinger, that the meeting minutes of February 14, 2022 and April 11, 2022, be approved as presented.

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

MOTION ADJOURNING TO CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Mensinger, that the meeting be adjourned 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 Number 21CECG02632
- 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

Court of Appeals 6th District – Case No. H047270

- Valerie Kincaid, Legal Counsel

D. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation

California Government Code Section 54956.9

Anticipated Litigation: two potential cases

- Art Godwin, General Counsel
- Valerie Kincaid, Legal Counsel

REPORT OF ANY ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

The Chair reported the Commissioners of the SJTA authorized Legal Counsel to pursue a legal filing against the California State Water Resources Control Board regarding the updated 2022 curtailment order.

MATTERS TOO LATE FOR THE AGENDA

There were none.

FUTURE MEETING

The next regular meeting is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on August 8, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, moved by Commissioner Weststeyn, seconded by Commissioner Mensinger, that the meeting be adjourned.

All voted in favor with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Secretary to the Commission

MOTION APPROVING TREASURER'S REPORT

Moved by Commissioner _____, seconded by Commissioner _____, that the Treasurer's Report through July 31, 2022, be approved as presented.

The Chairman declared the motion _____.

I, Tami Wallenburg, Secretary of the Commission of the SAN JOAQUIN TRIBUTARIES AUTHORITY, do hereby CERTIFY that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a motion duly adopted at a regular meeting of said Commission held the 8th day of August, 2022.

Secretary of the Commission of the
San Joaquin Tributaries Authority



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San Joaquin Tributaries Authority Cash Reconciliation

Balance as of 7/1/22: **\$814,251.37**

Receipts for the month:

0.00	Cash Call	
0.00	Miscellaneous - MeID / CCSF	
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0.00		\$0.00

Disbursements for the month:

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0.00		\$0.00

Bank Account Balance: **\$814,251.37**

Balance as of 7/31/22: **Total Cash Balance: \$814,251.37**

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Account Number **[REDACTED]** Page 1

ACCOUNT SUMMARY

ACCOUNT NUMBER	STARTING BALANCE	TOTAL NO	DEBITS AMOUNT	TOTAL NO	CREDITS AMOUNT	TOTAL CHGS	INT PD	NEW BALANCE
[REDACTED]	CHECKING 814,251.37	0	.00	0	.00	.00	.00	814,251.37

PUBLIC FUNDS DDA

ACCOUNT	DATE	TRANSACTIONS	DEBITS	CREDITS	BALANCE
[REDACTED]		*** NO ACTIVITY ***			
		Average Daily Balance			814,251.37



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Comparison of Revenue and Expenditures to Budget

Year-to-Date July 2022

	Month of <u>July</u>	2022 <u>YTD Activity</u>	2022 <u>Budget</u>	Budget <u>Variance</u>
Revenue				
2022 Cash Call	0.00	760,000.00	1,375,000.00	(615,000.00)
Carryover	<u>0.00</u>	<u>531,127.11</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>531,127.11</u>
	0.00	1,291,127.11	1,375,000.00	(83,872.89)
Expenditures				
Administration	943.00	12,035.74	100,000.00	(87,964.26)
General Legal				
Paris Kincaid	106,247.50	572,030.50	750,000.00	(177,969.50)
Strategic Visioning Plan	0.00	0.00	350,000.00	(350,000.00)
Miscellaneous				
Contingency	0.00	0.00	175,000.00	(175,000.00)
Total Expenditures	<u>107,190.50</u>	<u>584,066.24</u>	<u>1,375,000.00</u>	<u>(790,933.76)</u>
Revenue Over Expenditures	<u>(107,190.50)</u>	<u>707,060.87</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>707,060.87</u>

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RESOLUTION NO. 2022 - ____

RESOLUTION ADOPTING A STRATEGIC VISIONING PLAN FOR THE SAN JOAQUIN TRIBUTARIES AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the San Joaquin Tributaries Authority (“SJTA”) is a Joint Powers Authority formed and existing pursuant to the California Government Code, and comprised of Modesto Irrigation District, Turlock Irrigation District, South San Joaquin Irrigation District, and the City and County of San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, the SJTA recognizes the importance of regional collaboration to protect water resources in the San Joaquin River watershed, and to ensure reliable water supplies for farms, industries, businesses, institutions, and communities reliant on those water resources and served by the SJTA member agencies; and

WHEREAS, the SJTA member agencies have collectively developed a Strategic Visioning Plan to, among other things, guide the SJTA in protecting water supplies and advocating for the effective development, management, and delivery of water and power to SJTA member agency customers and constituents; and

WHEREAS, the Strategic Visioning Plan includes, among other things, a vision, mission, values, goals, and indicators of success and strategies that will provide direction and purpose to the SJTA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the SJTA that the attached 2022 Strategic Visioning Plan is hereby adopted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 2022 Strategic Visioning Plan will be implemented through SJTA actions and collaboration with other governmental entities within the San Joaquin River watershed as appropriate for the purpose of coordinating activities and sharing the SJTA’s vision.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Commission of the SJTA this 8th day of August 2022, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Michael Frantz, President

Tami Wallenburg, Secretary



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Strategic Visioning Plan

(last revised 10-26-21 07-18-22)

INTRODUCTION

For more than a quarter century, water suppliers within the San Joaquin River watershed have recognized the importance of working together to protect resources, collaborate on water solutions, and ensure that the farms, industries, businesses, institutions, and communities they serve have adequate, reliable water supplies.

In recent years, this collaborative work has been advanced by the San Joaquin Tributaries Authority (SJTA).¹ The SJTA's coalition of water agencies includes Modesto Irrigation District, Turlock Irrigation District, ~~Oakdale Irrigation District~~, South San Joaquin Irrigation District, and the City and County of San Francisco.

In 2021, these agencies collectively embarked on a thoughtful strategic journey – both reflective and forward-looking – to develop a fresh vision for the future. That effort has culminated in this [2022] Strategic Visioning Plan for the San Joaquin Tributaries Authority. The visioning plan is a carefully constructed, actionable, multi-year roadmap designed to guide the SJTA in continuing to advocate for the effective development, management, and delivery of water and power supplies to member agency customers while also serving as a voice for wise statewide water resources investments and management.

The San Joaquin River is a unique and life-sustaining river system in California. Along with the Sacramento River, the San Joaquin River converges within the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, which serves as a major water supply hub for the entire state. This Strategic Plan recognizes the vital water and natural resources that flow from the San Joaquin River and its tributaries, including the Tuolumne and Stanislaus Rivers, which are a source of water for hundreds of thousands of acres of farmland and several million people in both rural and urban communities.

The Vision, Mission, Values, Goals, and Strategies set out in the first section of this Strategic Plan reflect the collective vision and organizational priorities of the member agencies of the SJTA, who intend to incorporate these guiding elements into the decision-making and day-to-day work and activities of the SJTA for the next five years.

[NOTE: Final version of this draft visioning plan may include pullout-graphic element with thumbnail description of each member agency and possible map in introduction.]

¹ The group's original name when formed in [year] was the San Joaquin River Group Authority. Membership has changed over the years.

OUR VISION

Strengthening the resilience and reliability of the San Joaquin River and its tributaries.

OUR MISSION

The San Joaquin Tributaries Authority advances collaborative, sustainable water management to achieve reliable and cost-effective water supplies for agriculture, the environment, and communities.

OUR VALUES

The San Joaquin Tributaries Authority, in fulfilling its mission, is committed to these values:

- Engage in partnerships and collaborate to advance the SJTA vision and mission.
- Serve as a regional leader and steward of our communities, the environment, and economic vitality.
- Protect natural resources, water rights, and local discretion.
- Ensure solid science supports all decisions and activities for effective water management.
- Promote a long-term approach to water management decisions and solutions.

OUR GOALS

The San Joaquin Tributaries Authority has established the following overarching goals:

Goals Internal to SJTA	Goals External to SJTA
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Optimize Assets</u> Identify, elevate and maximize SJTA's collective resources, scientific expertise, and proven track record of effective water and energy management.• <u>Local Discretion</u> Protect regional water system investments through local control.• <u>One Voice</u> Elevate the identity and effectiveness of SJTA by developing a unified voice.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Cultivate Relationships</u> Cultivate and broaden relationships with policy leaders, elected officials, and government staff at all levels to strengthen trust and achieve the mission of SJTA.• <u>Collaborate</u> Build collaborative partnerships and projects for multiple benefits.• <u>Tell the Story</u> Increase awareness and understanding of the widespread benefits from the water systems and resources managed by SJTA members.

INDICATORS OF SUCCESS AND STRATEGIES

The Strategic Visioning Plan identifies the following milestones and indicators that will signal successful achievement of each goal:

GOALS – INTERNAL	INDICATORS OF SUCCESS AND STRATEGIES
<p><u>Optimize Assets</u></p> <p>Identify, elevate, and maximize SJTA's collective resources, scientific expertise, and proven track record of effective water and energy management.</p>	<p><i>The SJTA will elevate its longstanding experience and management accomplishments.</i></p> <p>Strategies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop an asset inventory. • Establish greater understanding of the San Joaquin River system's interconnectivity, as well as its unique parts. • <u>Identify a list of joint, multi-benefit projects to present to the Commission in 2022.</u> • Develop and implement joint projects <u>to further SJTA Mission.</u> • Create a mechanism for scientific collaboration <u>to further support the interest of agriculture, the environment and our communities.</u> • Expand membership.
<p><u>Local Discretion</u></p> <p>Protect regional water system investments through local control.</p>	<p><i>Member agencies will maintain local control in management and operational decision-making and in forging solutions involving the regulatory community.</i></p> <p>Strategies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify risk factors for maintaining local control. • Develop effective responses to threats to local control. • Conduct public outreach to generate support for local control. • Demonstrate and spotlight management successes and competencies resulting in multiple benefits <u>consistent with the SJTA Mission.</u>
<p><u>One Voice</u></p> <p>Elevate the identity and effectiveness of SJTA by developing a unified voice.</p>	<p><i>SJTA will be equipped with the necessary organizational resources to effectively communicate in a unified manner.</i></p> <p>Strategies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a plan to create an administrative structure within SJTA, including program management, support committees, budgeting and contracting capacities. • Develop committees and subcommittees with topic area focus.

GOALS – INTERNAL	INDICATORS OF SUCCESS AND STRATEGIES
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop mechanism for a policy platform, to be updated and used proactively. • Develop a communications plan that includes branding and media strategies.

GOALS – EXTERNAL	INDICATORS OF SUCCESS AND STRATEGIES
<p><u>Cultivate Relationships</u></p> <p>Cultivate and broaden relationships with policy leaders, elected officials, and government staff at all levels to strengthen trust and achieve the mission of SJTA.</p>	<p><i>Relationship-building will result in improved regulatory outcomes and new partners and supporters.</i></p> <p>Strategies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inventory existing relationships. • Strengthen state and federal relationships. • Establish a government relations committee.
<p><u>Collaborate</u></p> <p>Build collaborative partnerships and projects for multiple benefits.</p>	<p><i>Collaborative partnerships will result in signed agreements, projects implemented, and broadly supported successful initiatives to further support the interest of agriculture, the environment and our communities.</i></p> <p>Strategies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify key existing and potential partnerships. • Facilitate discussions with existing and potential partners, including water agencies and NGOs, around shared initiatives. • Seek collaborative opportunities around science initiatives.
<p><u>Tell the Story</u></p> <p>Increase awareness and understanding of the widespread benefits from the water systems and resources managed by SJTA members.</p>	<p><i>SJTA will be relied upon as a critical partner and information source around water and power operations and resources management.</i></p> <p>Strategies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a public outreach plan including a potential speakers bureau. • Launch an educational outreach program, potentially including student curriculum, tours, and career pathways.