



**SPECIAL 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, March 13, 2023

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order

Webinar: Members of the public will have the opportunity to provide public input in-person or via the webinar or phone features. If you wish to speak, click on the "Raise Hand" button via Zoom, or press *9 if using a phone, and wait until your name (or other identifying information) is called by the Commission Secretary.

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Meeting ID: 960 1015 6214

2. Salute to the Flag

3. Roll Call of Commissioners

4. Public Comment (5 minutes per speaker)

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 Meeting Minutes of August 8, 2022

6. Motion Approving the Treasurer's Report

Presentation and acceptance of the Treasurer's Report through December 31, 2022.
- Michael Clipper, Treasurer

7. Resolution Approving the SJTA 2023 Meeting Schedule

Consider approval of a regular meeting schedule for 2023 in accordance with provisions in Government Code Section 6592.1, which requires all meetings where actions regarding financing be held at regularly scheduled meetings of the Authority.

- Commissioner Frantz, Chair

8. Resolution Approving the SJTA 2023 Fiscal Year Budget

Consider adoption of the SJTA fiscal year budget for 2023.

- Valerie Kincaid, Legal Counsel

9. Strategic Plan Update

- Alison Kastama, SFPUC

- Jennifer Persike, Jennifer Persike & Company

10. 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 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 – Exposure to Potential Litigation

California Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)

Legislative proposals regarding water rights

- Valerie Kincaid, Legal Counsel

11. Reconvene - Report of Any Action Taken In Closed Session

- Commissioner Frantz, Chair

12. Matters Too Late for the Agenda

13. Next Regular SJTA Meeting – May 8, 2023

14. 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 8th day of August, 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

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

MOTION APPROVING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Moved by Commissioner Mensinger, seconded by Commissioner Moran, that the special meeting minutes of July 11, 2022, be approved as presented.

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

PRESENTATION OF TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Michael Clipper presented the Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements, Revenue and Expenditures Budget Report and Member Cash Call through the end of July 2022. As of July 1, the San Joaquin Tributaries Authority had funds available in the amount of \$814,251.37. Mr. Clipper reported no billed expenditures for the month leaving cash on hand in the amount of \$814,251.37.

MOTION ACCEPTING TREASURER'S REPORT

Moved by Commissioner Mensinger, seconded by Commissioner Weststeyn, that the Treasurer's Report through July 31, 2022, is hereby accepted as presented.

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

STRATEGIC PLAN DISCUSSION

District General Managers Michelle Reimers (TID) and Peter Rietkerk (SSJID) presented the proposed final Strategic Plan stating several good discussions took place between agencies culminating in today's version of the final plan. They noted all agencies were on the same page at this time with today's proposed action as the appropriate order to approve the document before

moving forward. Commissioner Moran commended staff for all the hard work and feels the final product reflects the mission of all member agencies, though he did recommend one revision in wording to one of the *Whereas* sections within the resolution. Commission members discussed the additional wording and concurred with its insertion. Commissioner Frantz expressed satisfaction in finally adopting the Plan stating he “is excited to see the direction we are headed.” Commissioner Moran felt it is a concrete plan and thanked those involved from the various agencies for making it a higher level document that the Commission can look forward to implementing. Hearing no further comments, the Commission took the following action:

RESOLUTION NO. 2022 - 3

**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 *agriculture, the environment* 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 for agriculture, environment and communities served by 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.

Moved by Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Weststeyn, that the foregoing resolution be adopted as amended.

Upon roll call the following vote was had:

Ayes:	Commissioners Moran, Mensinger, Weststeyn, Frantz
Noes:	Commissioner - None
Absent:	Commissioner - None

The Chair declared the resolution adopted.

DISCUSSION ON FUTURE PLANNING FOR THE SJTA

Commissioner Frantz initiated discussion on future planning for the SJTA ('Authority') now that the Strategic Plan has been approved, asking what member agencies are envisioning as we move forward. Commissioners discussed the creation of a project list though it may be hard to come up with a list of projects that would benefit all four member agencies equally. Commissioner Weststeyn commented he agreed with the Mission and Vision statement within the new Strategic Plan though it will be the actions of the Authority which will speak for what we are doing noting it is important the agencies join together as one voice. Commissioner Moran desires to develop traditional environmental goals while recommending the District General Managers assist commissioner decisions by letting them know what resources are available. Members then discussed the possibility of reviving the Executive Director classification. Discussion continued regarding the possibility of a consultant rather than an Executive Director since the prior position focused heavily on public relations where now there are other matters needing attention. GM Rietkerk (SSJID) suggested hiring a consultant sooner than later to facilitate future discussions. Also discussed was the possibility of acquiring new membership from other agencies who may be interested in joint projects. CPUC General Manager Dennis Herrera stated he appreciates the commentary amongst the commissioners as they are clearly making a commitment to substantive results while incorporating accountability and coordination. He recommended the District General Managers define individual goals over the next couple of months so we know what we are working towards collectively to provide the Authority with a more refined plan.

MATTERS TOO LATE FOR THE AGENDA

There were none.

FUTURE MEETING

The next regular meeting is scheduled for 11:00 a.m. on November 14, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, moved by Commissioner Weststeyn, seconded by Commissioner Moran, that the meeting be adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

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

MOTION APPROVING TREASURER'S REPORT

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

The Chair 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 13th day of March 2023.

Secretary of the Commission of the
San Joaquin Tributaries Authority



SAN JOAQUIN TRIBUTARIES AUTHORITY

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San Joaquin Tributaries Authority

Cash Reconciliation

Balance as of 12/1/22: **\$356,789.37**

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: **\$356,789.37**

Balance as of 12/31/22: **\$356,789.37**

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[REDACTED]

ACCOUNT SUMMARY

ACCOUNT NUMBER	STARTING BALANCE	TOTAL NO	DEBITS AMOUNT	TOTAL NO	CREDITS AMOUNT	TOTAL CHGS	INT PD	NEW BALANCE
[REDACTED]	CHECKING 356,789.37	0	.00	0	.00	.00	.00	356,789.37

PUBLIC FUNDS DDA

ACCOUNT	DATE	TRANSACTIONS	DEBITS	CREDITS	BALANCE
[REDACTED]		*** NO ACTIVITY ***			
		Average Daily Balance			356,789.37



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Comparison of Revenue and Expenditures to Budget

Year-to-Date December 2022

	Month of <u>December</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	16,750.74	100,000.00	(83,249.26)
General Legal				
Paris Kincaid	0.00	750,000.00	750,000.00	0.00
Strategic Visioning Plan	0.00	0.00	350,000.00	(350,000.00)
Miscellaneous				
Contingency	114,165.00	356,195.00	175,000.00	181,195.00
Total Expenditures	<u>115,108.00</u>	<u>1,122,945.74</u>	<u>1,375,000.00</u>	<u>(252,054.26)</u>
Revenue Over Expenditures	<u>(115,108.00)</u>	<u>168,181.37</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>168,181.37</u>

RESOLUTION NO. 2023 - 1

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SAN JOAQUIN TRIBUTARIES AUTHORITY
MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2023**

WHEREAS, the San Joaquin Tributaries Authority is a Joint Powers Authority under the California Government Code; and

WHEREAS, the legislature adopted additional provisions in the Government Code Section 6592.1 to require all meetings where actions regarding financing actions be held at regularly scheduled meetings of the Authority.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the San Joaquin Tributaries Authority that the attached regular meeting schedule for 2023 be established.

Moved by Commissioner _____, seconded by Commissioner _____, that the foregoing resolution be adopted.

Upon roll call the following vote was had:

Ayes:	Commissioners
Noes:	Commissioners
Absent:	Commissioners

The Chairman declared the resolution _____.

I, Tami Wallenburg, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted by the San Joaquin Tributaries Authority, a California joint powers agency, at a special meeting of the San Joaquin Tributaries Authority Commission thereof duly called and held at Turlock Irrigation District office on the 13th day of March 2023.

Secretary to the COMMISSION OF THE
SAN JOAQUIN TRIBUTARIES AUTHORITY

SAN JOAQUIN TRIBUTARIES AUTHORITY
YEAR 2023
REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE
(ALL HELD MONDAY'S AT 11:00 A.M.)

May 8

August 8

November 13



MEMORANDUM

To: San Joaquin Tributaries Authority
From: Michael Clipper
Issue: 2023 Proposed Budget
Date: March 7, 2023

2023 Budget

The 2023 Proposed Budget is proposed at \$1.41M, as follows:

- Cash Call: \$307,500K per member agency
- Total Cash Call: \$1.23M
- Carryover from FY22: \$180K
- Expenses – Totaling \$1.41M:
 - Legal: \$1.1M
 - Administration (including Consultants, Strategic Planning, Studies): \$250K
 - Misc: \$60K

Background

The 2022 adopted budget was \$1.375M but not fully funded due to Oakdale Irrigation District withdrawal prior to funding the cash call.

The 2023 Draft Budget proposes a cash call of \$307,500 per member. Historically, the SJTA cash calls have been \$250,000 per member, even when there were five members, funding approximately \$1.25M annual budgets. However, the 2021 and 2022 cash calls were lower due to significant carryover.

Carryover

The SJTA maintained significant carryover in the past few budget cycles. At the end of 2020, the carryover estimate was around \$600,000, which resulted in a lower cash call in 2021 (\$200k/member, from the previous \$250k/member). The carryover from 2021 into 2022 was approximately \$530,000. Due to the lower cash calls and the reduction in membership, the carryover from 2022 is significantly lower, at approximately \$180,000.

Recommendation

Adopt the proposed Fiscal Year 2023 budget of \$1.41M with a member agency cash call of \$307,500 each.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023 - 2

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE
SAN JOAQUIN TRIBUTARIES AUTHORITY
2023 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET**

WHEREAS, a proposed budget for fiscal year 2023 totaling \$1.41 million, discounted by a carryover of approximately \$180,000 from 2022, results in cash call of \$307,500 from each member agency for operation of the San Joaquin Tributaries Authority and associated business was presented to the Commission of the San Joaquin Tributaries Authority; and

WHEREAS, the San Joaquin Tributaries Authority recognizes the uncertainty associated with many of the upcoming activities but does not expect the cost to exceed that proposed in the projected budget; and

WHEREAS, the cash call from each member agency of the San Joaquin Tributaries Authority to fund the Authority's share of actions on the San Joaquin River is projected to now be \$307,500 for fiscal year 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the San Joaquin Tributaries Authority that the proposed 2023 fiscal-year budget in the amount of \$1.41 million is hereby approved, along with a cash call of \$307,500 from each member agency. Payment due date will be April 15, 2023 or an alternate date determined by the Commission.

Moved by Commissioner , seconded by Commissioner , that the foregoing resolution be adopted.

Upon roll call the following vote was had:

Ayes:	Commissioners
Noes:	Commissioners
Absent:	Commissioners

The Chairman declared the resolution _____.

I, Tami Wallenburg, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted by the San Joaquin Tributaries Authority, a California joint powers agency, at a regular meeting of the San Joaquin Tributaries Authority Commission thereof duly called and held at Turlock Irrigation District office on the 13th day of March 2023.

Secretary to the COMMISSION OF THE
SAN JOAQUIN TRIBUTARIES AUTHORITY



MEMORANDUM

To: San Joaquin Tributaries Authority

From: Jennifer Persike – Jennifer Persike & Co.
Alison Kastama, SFPUC

Issue: Strategic Plan Update – March 2023

Date: March 7, 2023

Background

In 2021 the San Joaquin Tributaries Authority (SJTA) launched a strategic visioning process to create a five-year strategic plan. The overarching goal of the process was to bring SJTA members together around a common vision, mission and set of goals to leverage its collective assets and position itself for the future.

The SJTA members believed that through greater collaboration, they could increase alignment and effectiveness, develop proactive solutions, and create a unified voice for the region.

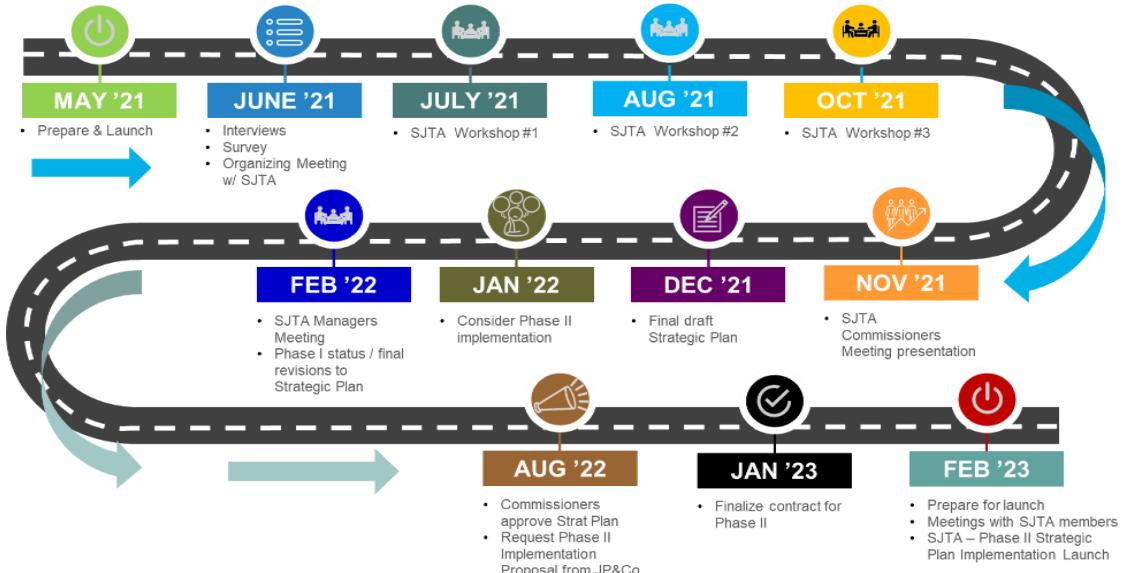
The visioning process included the following phases:

- Prepare and Plan – Organizing
- Explore and Learn – Research (surveys and interviews)
- Strategic Discussion – Workshops
- Strategic Plan Creation and Refinement

General Managers and senior staff from member agencies participated in Phase I.

Phase I – Strategic Plan Development Journey

SJTA member agencies participated in upfront research which included both surveys and interviews, met virtually and in-person to develop the plan from May 2021 through February 2022. The SJTA Commissioners approved the SJTA Strategic Vision Plan in August of 2022.



SJTA Strategic Plan Elements

During Phase I, SJTA members developed the following elements:



Vision

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

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.

Goals

GOALS - INTERNAL	GOALS - EXTERNAL
Optimize Assets Identify, elevate, and maximize SJTA's collective resources, scientific expertise, and proven track record of effective water and energy management.	Cultivate Relationships Cultivate and broaden relationships with policy leaders, elected officials, and government staff at all levels to strengthen trust and achieve the mission of SJTA.
Local Discretion Protect regional water system investments through local control.	Collaborate Build collaborative partnerships and projects for multiple benefits
One Voice Elevate the identity and effectiveness of SJTA by developing a unified voice.	Tell the Story Increase awareness and understanding of the widespread benefits from the water systems and resources managed by SJTA members.

Phase II Launched – Strategic Plan Implementation

In January 2023, SJTA launched Phase II, development of the Strategic Plan implementation. The team is refining strategies and developing actions to support the vision, mission, and goals. In light of recent statewide activities, including water rights legislation, two goals have been prioritized to better position SJTA this year. Work has begun on building deliverables under the internal goal: **One Voice** to focus on the SJTA structure and increase collaboration among members. Externally, the priority this year is **Tell the Story** to develop cohesive messaging and identify messengers who can best speak on behalf of SJTA.

Regular progress updates will be provided to the Commissioners over the coming months.