



**REGULAR 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, May 8, 2023**

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**AGENDA**

**1. Call to Order**

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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**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 March 13, 2023**

**6. Motion Approving the Treasurer's Report**

Presentation and acceptance of the Treasurer's Report through April 30, 2023.  
- Michael Clipper, Treasurer

7. **Strategic Plan Update – One Voice Goals**  
- Alison Kastama, SFPUC
8. **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**  
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Fresno County Superior Court - Case Number 21CECG02632  
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Court of Appeals 6<sup>th</sup> District – Case No. H047270  
- Valerie Kincaid, Legal Counsel
9. **Reconvene - Report of Any Action Taken In Closed Session**  
- Commissioner Frantz, Chair
10. **Matters Too Late for the Agenda**
11. **Next Regular SJTA Meeting – August 7, 2023**
12. **Motion to Adjourn**

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

The Commission of the San Joaquin Tributaries Authority met in special session on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023 at 10:05 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)  
Glen Stryksma – South San Joaquin Irrigation District (Vice-Chair)  
John Frobose – Modesto Irrigation District  
Newsma Ajami – City and County of San Francisco

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Member of the public Larry Byrd commented on the SJTA's need to hire an Executive Director sooner than later to assist with future planning for the Authority as well as also encouraging previous member agencies OID and Merced ID to rejoin for a more regional influence. He also encouraged members to consider future storage projects as there is now a window of opportunity due to the recent flooding caused by the storms.

**MOTION APPROVING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

Moved by Commissioner Stryksma, seconded by Commissioner Frantz, that the special meeting minutes of August 8, 2022, be approved as presented.

All voted in favor with Commissioner Frobose abstaining. 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 December 2022. As of December 1, the San Joaquin Tributaries Authority had funds available in the amount of \$356,789.37. Mr. Clipper reported no disbursements for the month leaving cash on hand in the amount of \$356,789.37.

**MOTION APPROVING TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

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

**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 regular meeting schedule for 2023 be established as follows: May 8, August 7 and November 13.

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

Upon roll call the following vote was had:

Ayes:	Commissioners Stryksma, Frobose, Ajami, Frantz
Noes:	Commissioners - None
Absent:	Commissioners - None

The Chair declared the resolution adopted.

**DISCUSSION REGARDING THE PROPOSED SJTA 2023 FISCAL BUDGET**

Legal Counsel Valerie Kincaid presented the proposed 2023 budget. Members discussed carryover figures, Cash Call commitment, legal and administrative costs, Strategic Planning costs as well as monies potentially due to an outgoing member agency. SSJID General Manager Peter Rietkerk stated his board would not be meeting until the next day to approve their fiscal budget which would include the Cash Call to the SJTA but noted he did not see an issue. Legal Counsel Valerie Kincaid noted the approved budget can be amended at any time if needed. Hearing no further discussion, the Authority took the following action:

**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 Ajami, seconded by Commissioner Frobose, that the foregoing resolution be adopted.

Upon roll call the following vote was had:

Ayes:	Commissioners Stryksma, Frobose, Ajami, Frantz
Noes:	Commissioners - None
Absent:	Commissioners - None

The Chair declared the resolution adopted.

## STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

Alison Kastama (SFPUC) and Jennifer Persike (Jennifer Persike & Co.) presented an update on the adopted SJTA Strategic Plan. Phase II, *Development of Strategic Plan Implementation* was launched in January 2023 with the team focusing on refinement of strategies and developing actions to support the vision, mission and goals. In light of recent statewide activities, including water rights legislation, two main goals were prioritized to better position the SJTA in 2023. The team noted work had begun on building deliverables under the *One Voice* goal to focus on the SJTA structure while increasing collaboration among members. Externally, the priority this year is to *Tell the Story* by developing a cohesive message while identifying people who can best speak on behalf of the SJTA. Ms. Persike reviewed the desired outcome for Phase II which includes expanding membership for the commission, increasing regional planning/projects, and elevating support for science while also becoming a recognized voice for the region. Discussion continued among members on how to best achieve these goals along with recommendations on strategies to increase awareness and understanding of the widespread benefits from the water systems and resources managed by SJTA members. Ms. Kastama conveyed there would be regular progress updates provided over the coming months with another discussion scheduled at the May Commission meeting. Commissioner Frantz thanked Ms. Persike and Ms. Kastama for the excellent work on the Strategic Plan and looks forward to the May presentation.

## **MOTION ADJOURNING TO CLOSED SESSION**

Moved by Commissioner Ajami, seconded by Commissioner Stryksma, that the Commission adjourn to closed session:

**A. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation**

California Government Code Section 54956.9

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Tuolumne County Superior Court - Case Number CV62094

Judicial Council Coordinated Proceeding No.5013

- Valerie Kincaid, Legal Counsel

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**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

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

## **RECONVENE – OPEN SESSION**

The commission meeting was reconvened at 12:17 p.m. in open session with all officers present as per the previous session.

## **REPORT OF ANY ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**

The Chair announced no reportable action was taken in closed session.

**MATTERS TOO LATE FOR THE AGENDA**

Commissioner Frantz commented he appreciated today's discussion towards a more action focused future, though he understood it is hard to get everyone in one place but encouraged the group to meet as frequently as needed so no opportunities are missed.

**FUTURE MEETING**

The next regular meeting is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on May 8, 2023.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, moved by Commissioner Ajami, seconded by Commissioner Spyksma, that the meeting be adjourned at 12:19 p.m.

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

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Secretary to the Commission

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## **MOTION APPROVING TREASURER'S REPORT**

Moved by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, that the Treasurer's Report through April 30, 2023, 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of May 2023.

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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 4/1/23:** **\$168,180.87**

Receipts for the month:

615,000.00	Cash Call (TID, SSJID)	
0.00	Miscellaneous	
<b>615,000.00</b>		<b>\$615,000.00</b>

Disbursements for the month:

77,820.60	Paris / Kincaid	
109,080.00	Paris / Kincaid	
<b>186,900.60</b>		<b>\$186,900.60</b>

Bank Account Balance: **\$596,280.27**

**Balance as of 4/30/23:** **\$596,280.27**

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FARMERS & MERCHANTS BANK OF CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

Account Number [REDACTED]  
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### ACCOUNT SUMMARY

ACCOUNT NUMBER	STARTING BALANCE	TOTAL NO	DEBITS AMOUNT	TOTAL NO	CREDITS AMOUNT	TOTAL CHGS	INT PD	NEW BALANCE
[REDACTED]	CHECKING 168,180.87	2	186,900.60	2	615,000.00	.00	.00	596,280.27

### PUBLIC FUNDS DDA

ACCOUNT	DATE	TRANSACTIONS	DEBITS	CREDITS	BALANCE
[REDACTED]	11-APR	DEPOSIT		307,500.00	475,680.87
[REDACTED]	21-APR	DEPOSIT		307,500.00	783,180.87
	27-APR	CHECK (DIGITAL)	1071	77,820.60	705,360.27
	27-APR	CHECK (DIGITAL)	1073	109,080.00	596,280.27
		Average Daily Balance			470,945.07



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### San Joaquin Tributaries Authority Comparison of Revenue and Expenditures to Budget Year-to-Date April 2023

	Month of <u>April</u>	2023 <u>YTD Activity</u>	2023 <u>Budget</u>	Budget <u>Variance</u>
<b>Revenue</b>				
2023 Cash Call	615,000.00	615,000.00	1,230,000.00	(615,000.00)
Carryover	0.00	168,180.87	180,000.00	(11,819.13)
	<u>615,000.00</u>	<u>783,180.87</u>	<u>1,410,000.00</u>	<u>(626,819.13)</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Administration	7,515.50	21,330.40	250,000.00	(228,669.60)
General Legal				
Paris Kincaid	121,265.00	417,787.60	1,100,000.00	(682,212.40)
Strategic Visioning Plan	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous				
Contingency	0.00	0.00	60,000.00	(60,000.00)
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<u>128,780.50</u>	<u>439,118.00</u>	<u>1,410,000.00</u>	<u>(970,882.00)</u>
<b>Revenue Over Expenditures</b>	<u>486,219.50</u>	<u>344,062.87</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>344,062.87</u>

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** San Joaquin Tributaries Authority

**From:** Alison Kastama – SFPUC, Jennifer Persike – Jennifer Persike & Company

**Issue:** Strategic Plan and Key Messages Draft Update – May 2023

**Date:** 5/8/23

### 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.

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

### Phase II Update – Strategic Plan Implementation

Following the March 2023 Commission meeting, staff along with Jennifer Persike – Jennifer Persike & Company have continued to meet monthly to review and advance elements of the SJTA Strategic Plan. This work has included examination of actions steps related to two identified Plan Goals: “One Voice” and “Tell Our/The Story.”

### **One Voice Goal (Internal)**

To advance the internal goal of developing a single voice for the SJTA, staff have initiated research and discussion of potential administrative structures for the SJTA that would better support continued collaboration and advancement of the Authority's Vision. This work has included review of historical and current organizational structures of similar organizations, including the Regional Water Authority, Northern California Water Association, Los Vaqueros Reservoir Joint Powers Authority, and the California Urban Water Agencies (CUWA). As a result, staff are examining expected workload scenarios for an executive director and, possibly, administrative staff support, along with potential costs under different staffing models. Staff continue to analyze the benefits of seeking independent consultant support or contracted executive support services. Staff expect to provide a recommendation to the Commission in the coming months.

While future administrative structures are being examined, interim organizational actions have been identified and are in process of implementation. To improve operational efficiency and maintain momentum, each member agency has agreed to identify a SJTA Liaison. The Liaison will assist with initial review of SJTA work product, along with securing comment, review, and approvals from their respective Member Agency. Liaisons are expected to facilitate a more nimble response to evolving opportunities and issues.

To accomplish this goal, staff will continue to develop organizational elements, including staffing roles, position descriptions and responsibilities, along with work processes, including development of Ad Hoc Committees to support various SJTA work efforts.

### **Tell Our/The Story Goal (External)**

To advance the external goal of developing *'increasing awareness and understanding of the widespread benefits from the water systems and resources managed by SJTA members'*, staff have identified an efficient approval process for message development on key issues utilizing the SJTA Liaisons and monthly staff meetings. Key to accomplishing this external goal is the development of Key Messages for the organization which will support outreach and engagement opportunities.

Staff have developed DRAFT Key Messages which concisely address the SJTA's mission, operational and resource stewardship expertise, along with the critical value of our collaborative voice.

Further work to achieve this goal will include the development of summary background information, highlighting the areas served by the Member Agencies along with critical demographic, economic, and stewardship data.

Continued Strategic Plan updates will be provided to the Commission in the coming months.

*This update is informational only.*

Attachment: DRAFT SJTA Key Messages

## **SJTA Key Messages DRAFT**

*Revised 4.30.2023*

The San Joaquin Tributaries Authority (SJTA) advances collaborative, sustainable water management while providing essential water supplies for agriculture, the environment, and the communities we serve.

We, the member agencies of the San Joaquin Tributaries Authority, have over 100 years of water operations and watershed management experience on two of the main tributaries of the San Joaquin River, the Tuolumne and Stanislaus.

For decades, our customers in the communities of Alameda, Merced, San Francisco, San Joaquin, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Stanislaus, and Tuolumne Counties, which comprise a significant portion of Northern California, have benefitted from the stability, resilience, and careful management of these precious resources.

The residents and businesses we serve have invested billions of dollars in the efficient and sustainable operation of our infrastructure, including investing in scientific research and adaptive management to effectively protect the Tuolumne and Stanislaus River watersheds and ecosystems.

As stewards of pre-1914 water rights, we know the critical value of established and carefully managed water rights. These are the foundation of our communities, and support our ability to sustain the people, economy, and environment we serve — now and into the future.

For more than a century, SJTA member agencies have demonstrated the ability to adapt to changing conditions. Our agencies have adapted to increasing challenges including changing climate, growing populations, new standards for water efficiency technology and treatment, regulations, disaster preparedness and response, all while maintaining a reliable and safe supply of water for our communities.

We have honed expertise on these rivers and in delivering essential services to our communities and are committed to being involved and engaged in securing the future of both our region and these critical water resources.