

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

The Commission of the San Joaquin Tributaries Authority met in special session on the 8<sup>th</sup> 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 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.

*Tami Wallenburg*  
Secretary to the Commission