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**Minutes**

The San Joaquin River Conservancy Governing Board  
**Wednesday, March 23, 2016**

**Meeting Location:**  
Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District Board Room  
5469 E. Olive Avenue, Fresno, CA 93727  
**and via phone conference:**  
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Paul Gibson  
Cynthia Dolph  
*Citizen Representatives*

Melinda S. Marks  
*Executive Officer*

**MEETING AGENDA**

**CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairperson Brandau called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. and led the pledge of allegiance.

**A. ROLL CALL**

A-1 Roll Call

Name	Present	Telecon-ference	Absent	Late
<b>Mr. Steve Brandau, Chair</b>	X			
<b>Mr. Andreas Borgeas</b>	X			
<b>Mr. Brett Frazier</b>	X			
<b>Mr. Derek Robinson</b>	X			
<b>Ms. Barbara Goodwin</b>			X	
<b>Mr. Carl Janzen</b>	X			
<b>Ms. Julie Vance</b>			X	
<b>Mr. Kent Gresham</b>			X	
<b>Mr. Peter Perrine</b>		X		
<b>Mr. Patrick Kemp</b>		X		
<b>Mr. Michael McKown</b>	X			
<b>Ms. Karen Finn</b>			X	
<b>Ms. Bryn Forhan</b>	X			
<b>Mr. Paul Gibson</b>	X			
<b>Ms. Cynthia Dolph</b>	X			

Ms. Harris confirmed that a quorum was present.

Legal Counsel Present: Michael Crow, Deputy Attorney General

Staff Present: Melinda Marks, Executive Officer  
 Rebecca Harris, Staff Services Analyst  
 Heidi West, Program Manager, San Joaquin River Conservancy  
 Projects, Wildlife Conservation Board

A-2 Approve Rotation of Board Chairperson to Andreas Borgeas, Fresno County Board of Supervisors, and Vice-Chair to Brett Frazier, Madera County Board of Supervisors (carried over without prior discussion from the February 17, 2016, agenda)

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended the Board nominate and elect a new chairperson, Fresno County Supervisor Andreas Borgeas, as provided for in the San Joaquin River Conservancy Act, and a vice-chairperson, Madera County Supervisor Brett Frazier, each to serve a two-year term of office.

Mr. Borgeas thanked Mr. Brandau for serving as the chairperson for the past two years.

**Mr. Janzen made a motion to approve the rotation of chairperson to Mr. Borgeas and vice-chairperson to Mr. Frazier as recommended in the staff report. Ms. Forhan seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved as follows:**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Name	Yes	No	Abstain
Mr. Andreas Borgeas	X		
Mr. Steve Brandau	X		
Mr. Brett Frazier	X		
Mr. Derek Robinson	X		
Mr. Carl Janzen	X		
Mr. Peter Perrine	X		
Mr. Patrick Kemp	X		
Mr. Michael McKown	X		
Ms. Bryn Forhan	X		
Mr. Paul Gibson	X		
Ms. Cynthia Dolph	X		

**B. PUBLIC COMMENT & BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

The first ten minutes of the meeting are reserved for members of the public who wish to address the Conservancy Board on items of interest that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Conservancy. Speakers shall be limited to three minutes. The Board is prohibited by law from taking any action on matters discussed that are not on the agenda; no adverse conclusions should be drawn if the Board does not respond to the public comment at this time.

Mr. Barry Bauer, from Herb Bauer Sporting Goods, inquired about updates on several projects.

Ms. Marks responded that the River West Fresno and the San Joaquin River Parkway Master Plan contracts are intended to expire and all work be completed by the end of this calendar year. She and Ms. West are currently reviewing the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the San Joaquin River Parkway Master Plan. She will be receiving the EIR for River West Fresno in the next couple weeks for her review. In the next couple of months the drafts for the two EIRs should be out for public review.

Mr. Bob Getz, a resident at Wildwood Mobile Home Park, stated that there is a homeless couple and their dog living on the island next to Wildwood Native Park. He thanked Mr. Richard Sloan, from RiverTree Volunteers, for cleaning up the park and painting over the graffiti. Mr. Getz made some suggestions

regarding the park, including: to have a host on the weekends to look over the property, an on-call maintenance person, more marked trash cans, and additional brush removal.

**C. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Items identified after preparation of the agenda for which there is a need to take immediate action. Two-thirds vote required for consideration. (Gov. Code § 54954.2(b)(2))

None.

**D. POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Any Board member who has a potential conflict of interest may now identify the item and recuse themselves from discussion and voting on the matter. (FPPC §97105)

None.

**E. MINUTES**

E-1 Approve Minutes of December 16, 2015 (carried over without prior discussion from the February 17, 2016, agenda)

(Informal meeting notes from the February 17, 2016, session, cancelled for lack for a quorum, were available in the Board packet.)

**It was moved by Mr. Gibson and seconded by Ms. Forhan to approve the minutes of December 16, 2015, as presented. The voting members unanimously passed the motion. Mr. Frazier and Ms. Dolph abstained, as they were not present during the December meeting.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Name	Yes	No	Abstain
Mr. Andreas Borgeas	X		
Mr. Steve Brandau	X		
Mr. Brett Frazier			X
Mr. Derek Robinson	X		
Mr. Carl Janzen	X		
Mr. Peter Perrine	X		
Mr. Patrick Kemp	X		
Mr. Michael McKown	X		
Ms. Bryn Forhan	X		
Mr. Paul Gibson	X		
Ms. Cynthia Dolph			X

**F. CONSENT CALENDAR**

All items listed below will be approved in one motion unless removed from the Consent Calendar for discussion:

F-1 Authorize Two-Year Extension of Lease with Bruce Negri for Cattle Grazing on a Portion of Ball Ranch (carried over without prior discussion from the February 17, 2016, agenda)

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended the Board authorize a two-year extension of the Ball Ranch grazing lease with Mr. Bruce Negri, extending the lease termination date to March 31, 2018, as allowed in the lease agreement, with all other terms and conditions to remain the same.

F-2 Authorize Agreement with Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District for Administrative Support and Office Space

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended the Board authorize an agreement with the Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District commencing in May 2016 and extending through August 31, 2017, providing reimbursement to the District for utilities and janitorial costs associated with the Conservancy's occupancy of three office spaces, hourly administrative and technical support services, and other direct costs.

It was moved by Ms. Forhan and seconded by Mr. Frazier to approve the consent items as recommended. The motion unanimously passed as follows:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Name	Yes	No	Abstain
Mr. Andreas Borgeas	X		
Mr. Steve Brandau	X		
Mr. Brett Frazier	X		
Mr. Derek Robinson	X		
Mr. Carl Janzen	X		
Mr. Peter Perrine	X		
Mr. Patrick Kemp	X		
Mr. Michael McKown	X		
Ms. Bryn Forhan	X		
Mr. Paul Gibson	X		
Ms. Cynthia Dolph	X		

G. DISCUSSION

G-1 Adopt Resolution 16-01 Expressing Appreciation to Jeffrey Single, PhD, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, for Service on the San Joaquin River Conservancy Board (carried over from the February 17, 2016, agenda)

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board recognize and honor the valuable service and contributions to the San Joaquin River Parkway and to the Conservancy of Jeffrey Single, Senior Policy Advisor for the Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW), by adopting Resolution of Appreciation 16-01.

Ms. Marks noted that at the February meeting, the Board members made remarks commending Dr. Single's service on the Board and to the Parkway.

A motion to approve Resolution 16-01 was made by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Ms. Forhan, and unanimously approved by the Board as follows:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Name	Yes	No	Abstain
Mr. Andreas Borgeas	X		
Mr. Steve Brandau	X		
Mr. Brett Frazier	X		
Mr. Derek Robinson	X		

<b>Mr. Carl Janzen</b>	X		
<b>Mr. Peter Perrine</b>	X		
<b>Mr. Patrick Kemp</b>	X		
<b>Mr. Michael McKown</b>	X		
<b>Ms. Bryn Forhan</b>	X		
<b>Mr. Paul Gibson</b>	X		
<b>Ms. Cynthia Dolph</b>	X		

G-2 Authorize Multi-Benefit Water Quality, Water Supply, Ecosystem and Watershed Protection and Restoration Grants as Recommended by the Evaluation Panel: (carried over without prior discussion from the February 17, 2016, agenda)

Staff Recommendation: This staff report provides an overview of the grant application process and recommendations. It is recommended the Board consider separately Agenda Items G-4 a, b, and c, and approve the recommendations by the evaluation panel to authorize in total \$1,425,979 in Proposition 1 (2014) bond funds and grant agreements as follows:

- a. River Partners, Ball Ranch Habitat Restoration Plan, for \$28,045;
- b. California Department of Water Resources, Milburn Pond Habitat Restoration and Public Access Improvements Planning and Design, for \$438,000; and
- c. Fresno County Economic Opportunities Commission, Local Conservation Corps, Weed Management and Job Creation Project, for \$959,934.

Upon Board approval, the Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) will be requested to approve the grants at their May 2016 meeting.

Ms. Marks stated that each grant proposal that is recommended requires a separate vote. She noted that Rebecca Harris and Heidi West helped with preparing the staff reports and reviewing the grant proposals.

Ms. Marks reminded the Board that the Water Quality, Water Supply, and Infrastructure improvement Act of 2014 is a \$7.5 billion water bond to improve water quality, water supplies, and restore natural watershed features in California. The total funding available to the Conservancy for the 2015-2016 grant cycle is \$2.8 million. The Conservancy released the Proposal Solicitation Package (PSP) on September 2, 2015. Solicitation notices were mailed to 42 agencies and interested parties; and another 106 notices were sent to interested parties in the form of an email. The Conservancy staff held a public workshop on September 16, 2015, to explain the grant application requirements and to answer questions.

The Conservancy received three grant proposals. The Conservancy staff reviewed each of the proposals and determined that all three were eligible and complete. All three grant proposals were evaluated and scored by the Evaluation Panel, which consisted of John Shelton from Department of Fish and Wildlife, Randy Collins from State Lands Commission, Heidi West from Wildlife Conservation Board, and Conservancy staff. The review panel individually scored the proposals in accordance with criteria and scoring in the PSP.

Ms. Marks noted that if the Conservancy does not award all funds appropriated this fiscal year, the money will remain available. The appropriation provides three years to encumber the funds.

Board Comments:

On inquiry from Mr. Frazier about Madera County's need for an invasive species control project on the Fresno River, Ms. Marks reported that the County of Madera can apply for Conservancy Proposition 1 grants, but their projects would need to be within the Conservancy's area of jurisdiction. She suggested that the County look into other Proposition 1 grant programs that address invasive species.

On inquiry from Mr. Gibson, Ms. Marks reported that the three scores shown in the staff report are the averages for the three proposals based on each of the panel member's individual scores. She noted the Board adopted the evaluation rubric in the grant guidelines and the PSP, and it's based on a 100 point scale.

Mr. Gibson inquired about the use other sources of funds for planning projects if the Conservancy uses all of the allocated Proposition 1 planning funds. Ms. Marks reported that other fund sources could be used for planning.

On inquiry from Ms. Forhan, Ms. Marks reported that the intent is to get the planning underway so the grantees can eventually carry out the projects. Without CEQA review the Board cannot commit funding to implement a project.

Mr. Janzen commented on the long period of time it takes to plan, fund, design, and contract to complete projects.

Mr. Gerald Hatler, Program Manager, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, noted that no one appreciates just how challenging these timelines and requirements are better than the agencies.

a. River Partners' Proposal for Ball Ranch Habitat Restoration Plan;

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended the Board approve \$28,045 in Proposition 1 (2014) bond funds and a grant agreement with the River Partners to implement the Ball Ranch Habitat Restoration Planning Project. Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) authorization would be requested at their May 2016 meeting.

Ms. Marks briefly displayed slides summarizing River Partners' grant proposal. River Partners is requesting \$28,045 in Proposition 1 bond funds for their Ball Ranch Habitat Restoration Planning Project. With the funding requested, they will provide an ecological assessment and restoration plan that will serve as a guide for future restoration and public access projects. River Partners will provide in-depth analysis of land use history including soil types, depth to the water table, topography, and hydrology, which will affect potential restoration projects. The specific goals and objectives identified by River Partners include: contribute to the restoration of river parkways, protect and restore ecosystems and wildlife, improve habitat benefits for threatened and endangered species, and restore habitat diversity.

Board Comments:

On inquiry from Mr. Janzen, Ms. Marks reported that River Partners intends to distribute a draft plan within two months of the contract execution, with a final delivery date within four months.

**It was moved by Mr. Janzen and seconded by Mr. Frazier to approve staff's recommendation as presented in the staff report. The Board unanimously approved the motion on the following vote:**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Name	Yes	No	Abstain
Mr. Andreas Borgeas	X		
Mr. Steve Brandau	X		
Mr. Brett Frazier	X		
Mr. Derek Robinson	X		
Mr. Carl Janzen	X		
Mr. Peter Perrine	X		
Mr. Patrick Kemp	X		

<b>Mr. Michael McKown</b>	X		
<b>Ms. Bryn Forhan</b>	X		
<b>Mr. Paul Gibson</b>	X		
<b>Ms. Cynthia Dolph</b>	X		

- b. California Department of Water Resources' Proposal for Milburn Pond Habitat Restoration and Public Access Improvements Planning and Design; and

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended the Board approve \$438,000 in Proposition 1 (2014) bond funds and a grant agreement with the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) to implement the Milburn Pond Habitat Restoration and Public Access Improvements Planning and Design Project for the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) property. Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) authorization would be requested at their May 2016 meeting.

Ms. Marks briefly displayed slides summarizing the grant proposal. Department of Water Resources is requesting \$438,000 in Proposition 1 bond funds for their Milburn Pond Habitat Restoration and Public Access Improvements Planning and Design Project. There are four phases to the Milburn Pond project. With the funding requested, DWR will be completing phase one which is planning and preliminary design for habitat restoration and public access at Milburn Pond. DWR's scope of work includes the following: collect various types of data, develop and compare at least two design alternatives, develop the alternatives report, and meet with the Department of Fish and Wildlife to discuss the alternatives; they will select an alternative and create a design plan and submit a final report.

Public Comment:

Mr. Louis Moosios, a landowner on the San Joaquin River and owner of San Joaquin River Guide Service, noted that isolating the pond at Milburn may negatively affect the river and his business. He noted that there is public access to the Milburn Pond right now from the river, and this project is going to stop that access. If the planning project does go forward, it should provide opportunities for someone from the private sector who provides guide and fishing services to be involved. He expressed concern that the project could cause a change in flooding conditions downstream on his property.

On inquiry from Mr. Borgeas, Ms. Marks reported that DWR's proposed project will include engineering design, including review and selection of alternatives. Phase two of the project would be the environmental review, which would include public participation.

Mr. Frazier suggested that the Conservancy could require DWR, as the grantee, to meet additional conditions during its work. Once the project is under CEQA review, most of the plan has been completed, and then the public has the opportunity to weigh in on that plan.

On inquiry from Mr. Borgeas, Ms. Marks confirmed that the Conservancy can request DWR to add to the scope of work securing input from landowners and stakeholders.

Ms. Marks noted that the objective of the Milburn Pond Habitat Restoration and Public Access Improvements Planning and Design Project is to isolate the gravel pond consistent with the San Joaquin River Restoration Program (SJRRP).

Mr. Hatler stated that one of the Department of Fish and Wildlife's key objectives for this project is to provide public access and recreational opportunities. While Mr. Moosios' concern is allowing motorized boat access from the river into the pond, the San Joaquin River has lost thousands of acres of historic habitat, and the natural channel configuration has been lost over time due to land uses and development. One of the key

components to the SJRRP is to develop an effective conveyance system by eliminating some of these breached berms at the gravel pits. This project will be consistent with those objectives as well.

Mr. Moosios suggested that some features, such as a seasonal gate on the berm, might be able to allow access in and out of the pond.

Ms. Sharon Weaver, Executive Director San Joaquin River Parkway and Conservation Trust, mentioned that there was a previous study done in this project area in early 2000. She asked if this data would be considered during the planning project. Ms. Marks noted that the data would be reviewed, but would need to be reconsidered because changes in the river flow regimes due to the settlement came after these studies were conducted.

Mr. Frazier stated that although he understands what the project is designed to do, the Board, in granting this money, could have DWR create a citizen advisory board, made up of no less than 3 members and no more than 5 members—one landowner from Fresno County and one from Madera County, and at least one business owner that operates within the area.

Ms. Marks noted that the Conservancy could support DWR and the Department of Fish and Wildlife by helping with the meetings.

Mr. Gibson asked Mr. Hatler to comment on the idea. Mr. Hatler responded that the Department of Fish and Wildlife planned to meet the public participation requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act, and plans other stakeholder outreach for the project, including working with outside resource people to help design a better project.

Ms. Marks noted that the letter dated December 18, 2015, from Ms. Julie Vance, Regional Manager of the Department of Fish and Wildlife, stated that DFW would provide staff time to support the project and help coordinate with stakeholders.

Mr. Gibson asked whether the Conservancy had any prior plans for the Parkway at Milburn Pond. Ms. Marks reported that the Parkway Master Plan recognizes that ecological reserves, including the Milburn Unit, exist within the Parkway, but the public access to those ecological reserves is under the management of the Department of Fish and Wildlife, and is more restricted than land under the Conservancy management and ownership. Other than the Parkway Master Plan, there was no prior Conservancy planning for public access at Milburn Pond.

Mr. Hatler stated that with the berm failure, the pond has been heavily infested with red sesbania. One of the objectives of isolating the pond would reduce the maintenance cost and consequences of having an invasive species in the pond. He noted that the department has ceased stocking trout on the San Joaquin River. One of the intentions for this project is that isolating the pond would then allow the department to stock the pond with trout and allow the public to fish for them.

Mr. Bauer stated that majority of this project seems to directly align to the SJRRP, and maybe they should be paying for the planning. Ms. Marks stated that the leveraged funding in DWR's proposal is the SJRRP's contribution to the project. Mr. Bauer also remarked that the warm-water pond would not be conducive to trout.

**Mr. Frazier moved to approve item G-2b, adding the requirement to convene a citizen advisory group, with no less than three and no more than five members, consisting of property owners and stakeholders as well as businesses that operate in the project area, from Fresno County and Madera County. Mr. Borgeas seconded. The Board unanimously approved the motion on the following vote:**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Name	Yes	No	Abstain
Mr. Andreas Borgeas	X		
Mr. Steve Brandau	X		
Mr. Brett Frazier	X		
Mr. Derek Robinson	X		
Mr. Carl Janzen	X		
Mr. Peter Perrine	X		
Mr. Patrick Kemp	X		
Mr. Michael McKown	X		
Ms. Bryn Forhan	X		
Mr. Paul Gibson	X		
Ms. Cynthia Dolph	X		

Mr. Frazier left at 11:24 a.m.

- c. Fresno County Economic Opportunities Commission, Local Conservation Corps' Proposal for Weed Management and Job Creation Project

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended the Board approve \$959,934 in Proposition 1 (2014) bond funds and a grant agreement with the Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission Local Conservation Corps (Fresno LCC) to implement the Weed Management and Job Creation Project on State-owned and other public properties. Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) authorization would be requested at their May 2016 meeting.

Ms. Marks stated that the Fresno County Economic Opportunities Commission is requesting \$959,934 in Proposition 1 bond funds for labor associated with a Weed Management and Job Creation Project. In September 2015, the Bureau of Reclamation awarded approx. \$1.5 million to the Parkway Trust, with River Partners as a subcontractor, for a comprehensive project to remove invasive species on the river. The funding does not include labor to remove vegetation; it only contributes to a portion of management, supervision, data gathering, reporting, and supplies costs. In January 2016, River Partners was awarded a Proposition 1 grant from Department of Fish and Wildlife for approx. \$1.5 million to contribute to the overall project. To complement the implementation of the comprehensive Weed Management and Jobs Creation Project, the Fresno LCC submitted a Proposition 1 proposal to the Conservancy. With the funding requested, they will be able to provide the labor to remove invasive vegetation in the Parkway reach for three years. The Fresno LCC will collaborate with the River Parkway Trust to implement this project. The River Parkway Trust will provide the invasive species removal procedures and protocols and site work plans. The Fresno LCC will be responsible for crew supervision and labor. Their goals and objectives for this project are: to preserve and restore the riparian corridor, reduce the extent of invasive species, and to supplement and support the other grants.

Board Comments:

Mr. Janzen mentioned another organization that could provide labor to remove invasive vegetation. Ms. Marks commented that the River Parkway Trust will be glad to hear that because much of their work on this project is downstream from the Conservancy's jurisdiction.

On inquiry from Mr. Gibson, Ms. Marks reported that these applications include monitoring, outcome, and reporting requirements. The River Parkway Trust and River Partners are responsible for identifying the populations of these plants and monitoring the needs and success of the effort.

Ms. Weaver reported that they plan to provide semiannual reports to the Conservancy regarding this project.

Mr. Borgeas stated that those receiving Proposition 1 grants that come back for the next cycle should document how they successfully implemented their projects before the Conservancy considers investing in them again.

Mr. Gibson noted that it is a requirement to provide evaluation reports. It is written in the Conservancy's Proposition 1 Guidelines and PSP.

Ms. Marks stated that there are two kinds of accountability associated with these grants. First, are measures of whether the invasive species eradication investment is succeeding. Second, are accounting records and documentation to determine the grant funds are being properly spent. Built into the grantees' contracts with the Wildlife Conservation Board there will be reporting, outcomes, and fiscal accountability.

Mr. Shawn Riggins, Director of the Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission Local Conservation Corps, introduced two of his Corps members to share their experiences. Mr. Samuel Johnson and Ms. Jennifer Silva remarked on the opportunities provided by working for the LCC, and their enjoyment and educational experiences working on the river.

Mr. Riggins noted that this project would provide 36 positions for young people just like the ones who spoke today.

**It was moved by Ms. Forhan and seconded by Mr. Gibson to approve staff's recommendation as presented in the staff report. The Board unanimously approved the motion on the following vote:**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Name	Yes	No	Abstain
Mr. Andreas Borgeas	X		
Mr. Steve Brandau	X		
Mr. Derek Robinson	X		
Mr. Carl Janzen	X		
Mr. Peter Perrine	X		
Mr. Patrick Kemp	X		
Mr. Michael McKown	X		
Ms. Bryn Forhan	X		
Mr. Paul Gibson	X		
Ms. Cynthia Dolph	X		

G-3 Approve Board Meeting Calendar for 2016 (carried over without prior discussion from the February 17, 2016, agenda)

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended the Board approve the calendar for the regular meetings scheduled for January through December 2016.

Ms. Marks stated that after the board packet was sent, Conservancy staff sent out another poll, and more Board members are available on the first Wednesday than on the third or fourth. Staff is recommending the calendar that was emailed to Board members prior to the meeting. Conservancy staff will send the approved calendar in an email to all Board members and their assistants.

**It was moved by Ms. Forhan and second by Mr. Janzen to approve the meeting calendar as revised, with the May meeting on the second Wednesday, the remainder of the monthly meetings on the first**

Wednesday of each month, and no meeting in July. The motion was unanimously passed as follows:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Name	Yes	No	Abstain
Mr. Andreas Borgeas	X		
Mr. Steve Brandau	X		
Mr. Derek Robinson	X		
Mr. Carl Janzen	X		
Mr. Peter Perrine	X		
Mr. Patrick Kemp	X		
Mr. Michael McKown	X		
Ms. Bryn Forhan	X		
Mr. Paul Gibson	X		
Ms. Cynthia Dolph	X		

H. ADMINISTRATIVE AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following oral reports are for informational purposes only, and may be accompanied by written reports in the Board packet. No action of the Board is recommended.

H-1 Organizations

H-1a San Joaquin River Parkway and Conservation Trust

Ms. Weaver presented Mr. Rich Sloan from RiverTree Volunteers, a gift, a framed photograph of a tire.

H-1b RiverTree Volunteers

None.

H-2 Deputy Attorney General

Mr. Crow provided the Board with a memo regarding the Brown Act's quorum requirements relative to teleconferencing.

Mr. Borgeas suggested the Conservancy could ask the State Legislature to amend the San Joaquin River Conservancy Act so that it would be subject to the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act rather than the Brown Act.

Ms. Forhan stated it might be difficult and time consuming, but staff could try.

H-3 Executive Officer

None.

H-4 Board Members' Reports

Mr. Hatler noted that the Department of Fish and Wildlife would like to hold a fishing derby at the Milburn Pond once it is isolated from the river.

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Public Comment:

Prior to convening in Executive Session, members of the public may address the Board on Executive Session agenda items.

Mr. Sloan, noted that the Vinnard property would be a great asset to the Parkway.

Ms. Weaver, seconded Mr. Sloan's comment.

I-1 **Government Code Section 54956.8**

Consultation with real property negotiators concerning terms of negotiations, including price and terms of payment.

Property: Miriam Vinnard Family Trust (Madera County, APN 049-062-002)

Negotiating Parties: Gerald Vinnard, Trustee, Miriam Vinnard Family Trust

Agency Negotiators: Melinda Marks, San Joaquin River Conservancy  
Elizabeth Yokoyama, Wildlife Conservation Board

**Mr. Crow reported out of Executive Session that with regard to item I-1, the Board provided staff with direction regarding negotiating with the landowner.**

J. NOTICE OF BOARD, ADVISORY, AND PUBLIC MEETINGS

None.

K. NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE

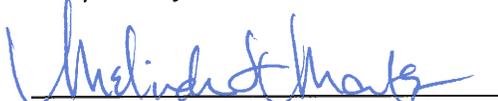
**The next scheduled meeting is April 27, 2016, at 10:00 a.m.** (The regularly scheduled April and May meetings were subsequently cancelled.)

L. ADJOURN

Chairperson Borgeas adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:04 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

  
Melinda S. Marks, Executive Officer