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MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26, 2019
SAN JOAQUIN RIVER CONSERVANCY

GOVERNING BOARD

Brett Frazier, Chairperson
*Supervisor,
Madera County Board of Supervisors*

Santos Garcia, *Councilmember
City of Madera*

Steve Brandau, *Supervisor
Fresno County Board of Supervisors*

Garry Bredefeld, *Councilmember
City of Fresno*

Kacey Auston, *Director, Fresno
Metropolitan Flood Control District*

Carl Janzen, *Director
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Kent Gresham, *Sector Superintendent
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John Donnelly, *Executive Director
Wildlife Conservation Board*

Bryan Cash, *Assistant Secretary
Natural Resources Agency*

Jennifer Lucchesi, *Executive Officer
State Lands Commission*

Karen Finn, *Program Budget Manager
Department of Finance*

Bryn Forhan
Paul Gibson
Vacant
Citizen Representatives

John M. Shelton
Executive Officer

Board Meeting Location:
Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District
5469 E. Olive, Fresno CA 93727

MEETING AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairperson Frazier called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and Mr. Brandau led the pledge of allegiance.

A. ROLL CALL

Name	Present	Telecon- ference	Absent	Late
Mr. Frazier	X			
Mr. Garcia	X			
Mr. Brandau	X			
Mr. Bredefeld	X			
Ms. Auston	X			
Mr. Janzen	X			
Ms. Vance	X			
Mr. Gresham	X			
Mr. Donnelly	X			
Mr. Cash	X			
Ms. Lucchesi	X			
Ms. Finn	X			
Ms. Forhan	X			
Mr. Gibson			X	

Executive Officer Shelton confirmed a quorum was present.

Legal Counsel Present: Jeremy Brown, Deputy Attorney General

Staff Present: John Shelton, Executive Officer
Heidi West, Program Manager, San Joaquin River Conservancy
Projects, Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

B. 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))

There were no additions to the Agenda

C. POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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

There were no potential conflicts of interest.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT & BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

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 not on the agenda and 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. Louis Moosios, a landowner on the San Joaquin River and owner of San Joaquin River Guide Service, expressed his objection to the Pond Isolation Project (F-1) in that the project resulted in his business not being able to readily access the pond from the San Joaquin River. He requested that the Conservancy considers this impact in any future projects that would also limit easy access for boaters that use the San Joaquin River.

E. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

E-1 ACTION ITEM: Approve Minutes of February 27, 2019

E-2 INFORMATION ITEM: Report on Governor's Proposed Budget for the San Joaquin River Conservancy for Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-2020

E-3 ACTION ITEM: Authorize Release of a Request for Proposals for a Concession to Operate Sycamore Island for a Five-Year Term Commencing January 1, 2020

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended the Board authorize staff to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) to secure a concessionaire to manage Sycamore Island for continued public uses. After release of the RFP and evaluation of proposals, staff will return to the Board to approve a five-year agreement with the selected proponent.

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Name	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Mr. Frazier	x		
Mr. Garcia	x		
Mr. Brandau	x		
Mr. Bredefeld	x		
Ms. Auston	x		
Mr. Janzen	x		
Ms. Vance	x		
Mr. Gresham	x		
Mr. Donnelly	x		
Mr. Cash	x		
Ms. Lucchesi	x		
Ms. Finn	x		
Ms. Forhan	x		

F. REGULAR SESSION ITEMS

F-1 INFORMATION ITEM: Presentation by California Department of Water Resources on Completion of the San Joaquin River Parkway Sycamore Island Pond Isolation and Floodplain Improvement Project (Pit 46e)

Staff Recommendation: This report is for informational purposes. No Board action will be taken.

Mr. Dave Encinas, Senior Engineer with the Department of Water Resources, provided a brief overview of the completed project.

G. ADMINISTRATIVE AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Information Items. No action of the Board is recommended.

G-1 Organizations' Reports: If time allows, the following oral reports will be provided for informational purposes only, and may be accompanied by written reports in the Board packet.

G-1a. San Joaquin River Parkway and Conservation Trust

Ms. Sharon Weaver, Executive Director of the San Joaquin River Parkway and Conservation Trust, informed the Board that the Parkway Trust is currently holding the first week of River Camp in Firebaugh. The Parkway Trust has offered River Camp in Firebaugh for the last eight years, serving youth in the Westside communities of our Valley. This in additions to the River Camps held in Fresno that they have offered for more than 20 years

G-1b. RiverTree Volunteers

None

G-2 Deputy Attorney General Report

Mr. Brown introduced himself and explained that he is filling in for Mitchell Rishe, who is assigned to replace Christina Morkner-Brown. Ms. Morkner-Brown was recently appointed to Deputy Secretary for Law Enforcement and Counsel at the CalEPA. He also explained the David Pai will be the Legal Counsel for Litigation.

G-3 Executive Officer Report

Mr. Shelton reported that on several field trips to Ledger Island and Ball Ranch where a nesting osprey pair seemed to have successfully fledged chicks, a Swainson Hawk was behaving like it had a nest nearby, and other interesting wildlife was observed. He also reported that Madera County, including Chairman Frazier, and the Conservancy were in discussions with Valley Children's Hospital regarding access to River West, Madera. Mr. Shelton discussed his field trip with Central California Off-road Cyclists (CCORC) to the Van Buren property and their potential interests in helping the Conservancy develop and maintain mountain bike trails on the property. In addition, the Madera Ranchos Kiwanis contacted Mr. Shelton to express an interest in adopting Wildwood Park. Both CCORC and the Kiwanis will continue these conversations when the Conservancy is back to being fully staffed.

G-4 Board Members' Reports and Comments

Mr. Janzen reported that the San Joaquin River, which had high flows through much of the late Winter and Spring, was returning to the normal flow levels as required by water rights and the San Joaquin River Restoration Settlement.

Mr. Donnelly reported that the Wildlife Conservation Board is currently undertaking an update to its Strategic Plan. While an update to the Plan is required under current law, changing wildlife, fisheries and State conservation policies have prompted the WCB to consider refreshing Plan goals and objectives to better deliver new and existing programs in the context of these changes.

Mr. Bredefeld thanked the Conservancy staff for taking him out to the Parkway and discussing the history of the Conservancy and Parkway.

H. CLOSED SESSION

Before convening in closed session, members of the public will be provided the opportunity to comment on Executive Session agenda items.

H-1 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—EXISTING LITIGATION

Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9.

San Joaquin River Access Corporation v. San Joaquin River Conservancy and specified Board members, Superior Court of California, County of Fresno Case #19CECG01138

Reported out of closed session: Mr. Brown reported out of Executive Session and stated with respect to item H-1 regarding San Joaquin River Access Corporation v. San Joaquin River Conservancy and specified Board members.

I. NOTICE OF ADVISORY AND BOARD COMMITTEE MEETINGS, OTHER PUBLIC MEETINGS RELATED TO CONSERVANCY MATTERS

None.

J. NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE

The next Board meeting is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, August 7, 2019, location to be determined.

K. ADJOURN

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Chairperson Frazier adjourned the meeting at 11:08 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



John M. Shelton

Executive Officer- San Joaquin River Conservancy