BOARD MEETING REMINDER

The **November 2, 2022,** Board meeting will begin at **10:00 a.m.** at the **Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District**

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SAN JOAQUIN RIVER CONSERVANCY
The San Joaquin River Conservancy Governing Board
will hold a regular meeting on
Wednesday, November 2, 2022,
commencing at 10:00 a.m.

Board Meeting Location:
Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District
5469 E. Olive Avenue
and via Zoom:

Zoom Link

MEETING AGENDA

A. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

B. ROLL CALL

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).

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.

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 Use of Recordings as the Minutes for Future Meetings, When Available, Including the October 5, 2022, Board Meeting.

F. REGULAR SESSION ITEMS

F-1 ACTION ITEM: Authorize the Executive Officer to enter into a contract with the County of Madera, Sheriff Department, to provide security services on the Conservancy's properties located on the Madera side of the San Joaquin River.

F-2 INFORMATION ITEM: Status and Progress Report on River West Fresno, Eaton Trail Extension Project.

F-3 INFORMATION ITEM: Overview of Ecological Floodplain Inundation Potential (EcoFIP) modeling and conceptual projects with the San Joaquin River Parkway. The California Department of Water Resources' Division of Statewide Integrated Water Management and CBEC eco engineering will discuss the results of their EcoFIP model.

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

G-1b. RiverTree Volunteers

G-1c. Other Organizations (please contact the Conservancy if you wish to Report on your Organization – Vanessa.Gavina@sjrc.ca.gov

G-2 Deputy Attorney General Report

G-3 Executive Officer Report

G-4 Board Members' Reports and Comments

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

I. NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE

The next Board meeting is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, December 7, 2022, location to be determined.

J. ADJOURN

Board meeting notices, agendas, staff reports, and approved minutes are posted on the Conservancy's website, www.sjrc.ca.gov. For further information or if you need reasonable accommodation due to a disability, please contact Vanessa Gavina at Vanessa.Gavina@sjrc.ca.gov.

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SAN JOAQUIN RIVER CONSERVANCY

Agenda Item

Item E-1

November 2, 2022

TO: San Joaquin River Conservancy Governing Board

FROM: John M. Shelton, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: ACTION ITEM: Approve Use of Recordings as the Minutes for Future Meetings, When Available, Including the October 5, 2022, Board Meeting.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:
Staff recommends the Board to approve the use of recordings as the minutes for future meetings when available, to commence with the October 5, 2022, Board Meeting as part of an effort to streamline procedures.

SUMMARY:
Beginning in May 2020, the Conservancy began utilizing virtual webinar platforms to conduct Board Meetings in response to meeting restrictions due to the COVID-19 outbreak. During this time, meetings were often recorded and made accessible via the Conservancy's website, when possible.

Although the Conservancy has since returned to meeting physically, and now conducts its meetings in a hybrid fashion by allowing the option of attending physically or virtually, staff is requesting to utilize the recordings, beginning with the October 5, 2022, Board Meeting, in place of written minutes in an effort to maximize staff's time and streamline Conservancy procedures.

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SAN JOAQUIN RIVER CONSERVANCY

Agenda Item

Item F-1

November 2, 2022

TO: San Joaquin River Conservancy Governing Board

FROM: John M. Shelton, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: F-1 Action Item: Authorize the Executive Officer to enter into a contract with the County of Madera, Sheriff Department, to provide security services on the Conservancy's properties located on the Madera side of the San Joaquin River.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:
It is recommended the Board Authorize the Executive Officer to enter into a contract with the County of Madera, Sheriff Department, to provide security services on the Conservancy's properties located on the Madera side of the San Joaquin River for three years with $4,282,500 in general funds.

SUMMARY:
At the April 2022 workshop, staff discussed the $15 million allocated to the Conservancy as part of the 2021 fiscal year budget. Staff provided an overview of San Joaquin River Parkway (Parkway) properties, how the funds allocated for operations and maintenance along the San Joaquin River Parkway could be spent and discussed the potential role of a Joint Powers Authority. The top items raised were to provide portable toilets, trash, and security services at Conservancy properties.

Staff has meet with Madera and Fresno Counties Sheriff's Departments, and the Fresno City's Police Department (Fresno PD). Of those, Madera County Sheriff's Department has provided a proposal that Conservancy staff, with help from the Chair and Vice Chair, discussed with the Madera County Sherriff and his staff. The Conservancy's request was to provide focused security services for all of the Parkway properties on the Madera County side of the San Joaquin River, including serval areas with gravel roads and/or single lane trails making up the main access routes. After several meetings to discuss the proposed work and budget, a final proposal was developed that staff recommends for funding (Attachment).

The area of the Parkway that Madera Sheriff's Department is responsible for is the most extension when compared to the areas of Fresno Sheriffs and Fresno PD. Although staff believes that the area within the City of Fresno is likely to be of the highest use per acre since these properties are closest to the urban areas, the Madera side of the Parkway does have a lot of visitors and is spread throughout the 22-mile length of the Parkway. Further, the Fresno PD has increased its resources using existing city funding, so that funding assistance from the Conservancy is not necessary to focus efforts within their jurisdiction. Fresno Sheriff's area of responsibility mainly consists of Ball Ranch, Beck and Gibson. Ball Ranch will have an operation's agreement in place

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in the near future that will help in providing security, Gibson is not yet open to the public since it is still part of the Vulcan Inc., reclamation work, and Beck is next not generally open to the public until the Lost Lake Park planning process is completed. Our Friant Cove Property is operated by State Parks and as such is provided security services by Badged Park Rangers as required. For these reasons, staff believe that the Madera County security is our priority.

As detailed in the attached proposal, Deputies would be responsible for patrolling facilities, trails, waterways and encompassing Riparian areas daily. Deputies would patrol facilities and access points controlled by gates at the beginning and end of each shift. Deputies would respond to assistance calls generated by citizens. Proactive patrol by sheriff deputies would minimize crimes such as vandalism, trespassing and thefts. Deputies would address issues/concerns involving transient persons in the San Joaquin River and surrounding Riparian areas, thus minimizing human caused environmental impacts (trash, encampments, vandalism to fragile ecosystem).

The proposal, as written, details an annual cost of $1,160,000 and an initial startup cost for equipment and supplies of $802,500. Staff recommends that the Conservancy enter into a threeyear contract ($3,480,000 for total annual costs) for a total cost of $4,282,500. Since this will be a contract with a government agency, the Conservancy can proceed directly to the contracting phase without needing to advertise for proposals or request bids. In addition, future modifications of this contract such as extensions or additional services, or modifications of those services can be made without the need for advertising.

OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF

Tyson J. Pogue, Sheriff-Coroner

SAN JOAQUIN RIVER CONSERVANCY CONCEPTUAL PROPOSAL

STAFFING RECOMMENDATIONS:

Seven day a week coverage; daytime hours only (no night shift). Two 12-hour shift schedules per week (A side and B side), two deputies per shift (2 on A side, 2 on B side). Two corporals and one sergeant that will be deployed as needed as supervisors. This staffing number would allow for adequate coverage to accommodate sick time, vacation, mandatory court appearances, etc. This staffing number also allows for deputies to be partnered together in different locations of the San Joaquin River and Riparian areas at the same time for safety/efficiency purposes. In the event of an emergency (Search and Rescue, fire, swift water rescue, other emergency response) two deputies and a corporal or sergeant would be on shift to respond to and handle the incident safely, effectively and efficiently.

This staffing recommendation could be increased over time as needed. Due to the recent residential and business development in the area, use by Madera County residents and neighboring communities will most likely increase over time. Shift hours (start/ end times) could be adjusted as needed, in order to ensure adequate law enforcement presence. This option also allows for deputies to be deployed in the field to address specific issues that may be occurring after normal operational periods.

The need for sergeants and corporals is imperative to ensure proper supervision in any law enforcement unit. Corporals serve as "first line supervisors". Their daily functions include "in field supervision", directing, monitoring, mentoring, training etc.

Sergeants are also responsible for in field supervision, mentoring, training, directing, motivating etc. However, their responsibilities are greater than that of the corporal. Sergeants approve time sheets, vacation requests, complete employee evaluations, counsel employees, address citizen complaints/concerns, mitigate risk and foster a positive, healthy environment for employees. Sergeants establish unit goals and provide the necessary guidance to accomplish goals.

The use of corporals and sergeants is standard in law enforcement agencies, including the Madera County Sheriff's Office. Units such as patrol, detectives, narcotics, court security, and the Valley Children's Hospital unit all utilize this leadership/ supervision hierarchy to ensure proper supervision, development and operational continuity.

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ASSOCIATED COST:

4 Sheriff's Deputies ($160,000 annual weighted salary x 4) = $640,000 per year.

2 Sheriff's Corporals ($164,000 annual weighted salary x 2) = $328,000 per year.

1 Sheriff's Sergeant ($192,000 annual weighted salary x 1) = $192,000 per year.

SYNOPSIS OF DAILY OPERATIONS and RESPONSIBILTIES:

Deputies would be responsible for patrolling facilities, trails, waterways and encompassing Riparian areas daily. Deputies would patrol facilities and access points controlled by gates at the beginning and end of each shift. Deputies would respond to assistance calls generated by citizens using River Walk.

Proactive patrol by sheriff deputies would minimize crimes such as vandalism, trespassing and thefts. Deputies would address issues/concerns involving transient persons in the San Joaquin River and surrounding Riparian areas, thus minimizing human caused environmental impacts (trash, encampments, vandalism to fragile ecosystem).

Deputies, corporals and sergeants investigate crimes, write crime reports, issue citations, make arrests and develop plans to address specific crime issues and community concerns. Positive community engagement is what the Madera County Sheriff's Office strives to achieve daily. This unit would be in personal contact with the community daily, further fostering positive relationships.

The addition of this specialized unit would allow for a safe recreation area for citizens to enjoy. Preservation of the San Joaquin River and encompassing Riparian areas would be assisted by having a positive, proactive law enforcement presence.

REQUIRED DUTY GEAR and COST:

Standard duty gear for each deputy, corporal and sergeant (duty belt and equipment, radio, Taser, firearms, armor, etc.):

$5,500 per deputy, corporal and sergeant (7 total personnel) = $38,500.

PATROL VEHICLE and COSTS ASSOCIATED:

Standard and fully outfitted patrol vehicles for each deputy, corporal, and sergeant. Vehicles would be equipped with sheriff markings, emergency light bar, siren, radio etc.

7 patrol vehicles ($85,000 each) = $595,000.

RECOMMENDED SPECIALTY VEHICLES and COSTS ASSOCIATED:

Specialty vehicles are essential pieces of equipment needed by sheriff deputies to effectively and safely patrol remote areas that cannot be accessed by standard patrol vehicles. Specialty vehicles would also be used for expedited responses to emergency incidents. Having various specialty vehicles available allows deputies to cover large distances in a short amount of time. Deputies would have the ability to traverse rugged terrain with these specialized vehicles. The patrol boat recommended would be utilized for standard patrol functions as well as emergency water rescues.

Polaris Ranger Crew XP 1000 (4-seat Off Highway Vehicle) equipped with emergency equipment, sheriff markings, console, brush guards, and heavy-duty suspension) = $50,000.

Polaris Sportsman XP1000 (all-terrain vehicle) equipped with emergency equipment and sheriff markings = $22,000 x 2= $44,000.

PATROL / RESCUE BOAT:

Yamaha G3 Gator (aluminum, 18-foot, center console, with a 90 HP outboard jet motor), equipped with emergency lighting equipment, sheriff markings, radio, side scan unit, Personal Flotation Devices, throw bags, rope, life ring, cinch collar, boat hook, backboard, oars, medical bag = $75,000.

Total annual recurring costs (salaries) = $1,160,000 per year.

Initial Equipment and vehicle cost = $802,500 per year

Sincerely,

MADERA COUNTY SHERIFF

Tyson J. Pogue, Sheriff-Coroner

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SAN JOAQUIN RIVER CONSERVANCY

Agenda Item

Item F-2

November 2, 2022

TO: San Joaquin River Conservancy Governing Board

FROM: John M. Shelton, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: INFORMATION ITEM: Status and Progress Report on River West Fresno, Eaton Trail Extension Project

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:
This report is provided for informational purposes. No action of the Board is recommended.

SUMMARY:
In September 2021, the Conservancy Board authorized bond funds, not to exceed $3,104,831, to the City of Fresno to begin and complete final engineering designs and secure permits for the River West Fresno Eaton Trail Extension Project. The project will extend the existing Lewis S. Eaton Trail approximately 2.4 miles starting at the Perrin Avenue alignment near Highway 41 and ending at the City of Fresno's Spano Park. The trail will be 22 feet wide, with a 12-foot-wide paved surface, a parallel eight-foot-wide hard natural surface for equestrian use, and a two-foot shoulder. In addition to the trail system, the project will include three access points with parking lots - Perrine Avenue, Riverview Drive, and North Palm Avenue.

On November 18, 2021, the Wildlife Conservation Board approved the project and a grant agreement with the City of Fresno. A notice to proceed for the grant agreement was issued on January 7, 2022.

On April 22, the City of Fresno released a Request for Qualifications for the River West Fresno, Eaton Trail Extension Project. The City of Fresno received Statement of Qualifications from three engineering firms, that have been interviewed. The City staff selected one of the local firms to complete the project. On September 29, 2022, the City Council approved to enter into a contract with Provost and Pritchard Consulting Group for the River West Fresno, Eaton Trail Extension Project.

On October 22, staff attended the "kick-off" meeting and were introduced to the leads for the contracted firm. For today's Board meeting, we have asked the City of Fresno's staff to give a progress report and introduced the Provost and Pritchard team that will be working on this project.

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SAN JOAQUIN RIVER CONSERVANCY

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Item F-3

November 2, 2022

TO: San Joaquin River Conservancy Governing Board

FROM: John M. Shelton, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: **INFORMATION ITEM:** Overview of Ecological Floodplain Inundation Potential (EcoFIP) modeling and conceptual projects with the San Joaquin River Parkway. The California Department of Water Resources' Division of Statewide Integrated Water Management and CBEC eco engineering will discuss the results of their EcoFIP model.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:
This report is provided for informational purposes. No action of the Board is recommended.

SUMMARY:
Even though California is in an extreme drought, State Agencies, with lots of partners, are continuing our work to prepare for floods.

In April of 2019, Governor Gavin Newsom recognized the need to harness the best of science, engineering, and innovation to prepare for what's ahead and support long-term water resilience and ecosystem health by issuing Executive Order N-10-19 directing state agencies to develop recommendations to meet the challenges of climate change on the state's water systems and to enable water security for all Californians.

To that end, state agencies developed the Water Resilience Portfolio to improve California's capacity to prepare for disruptions, withstand and recover from climate-related shocks, and adapt into the future. Building on state and local initiatives that were underway and by conducting months of public meetings and listening sessions, The Department of Water Resources (DWR) lead the effort to empower local and regional entities to meet their unique challenges, while delivering on the state's responsibility to provide tools and leadership, advance projects of statewide scale and importance, and help address challenges that are beyond the scope of any region.

For the San Joaquin River, Water Resilience Portfolio Action 25.4 is of particular importance. This Action calls for the Department of Water Resources, the Central Valley Flood Protection Board, and local agencies to "update and refine the regional flood management strategy in the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan [CVFPP] to account for the projected impacts of climate change in order to protect vulnerable communities and infrastructure and restore floodplains along the San Joaquin River and its tributaries."

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In response to Action 25.4, DWR's staff from the Divisions of Multi-Benefit Initiatives, Flood Management, and Planning recommended that a new San Joaquin River Basin multi-sector, water management strategy be developed instead of a focused flood management strategy. The water-related challenges, including the effects of climate changes, in the San Joaquin River basin and flood risk in the San Joaquin Valley are too great and interrelated, and require holistic, systems planning and implementation. The Central Valley Flood Protection Plan (CVFPP) is the States plan for flood control in the Central Valley, but it's geographic and legislative scope is too narrow for a solution set of this scale, as the CVFPP focuses on areas protected by the State Plan of Flood Control (primarily portions of the valley floor). Instead, a plan that is responsive to WRP Action 25.4 should include the entire watershed of the San Joaquin River and its tributaries – headwaters to floodplains to aquifers to Delta; and may include a different hierarchy of goals from the CVFPP. This plan should include consideration of all water management sectors, including flood management, ecosystem management, surface water management (conveyance, storage, and hydropower generation), groundwater management, drought response and resiliency, and water quality.

As part of this effort, DWR has partnered with CBEC Eco Engineering (CBEC) and Jacobs Engineering (Jacobs) to develop the Ecological Floodplain Inundation Potential (EcoFIP) Model. This is a suite of eco-hydraulic modeling tools developed to identify and evaluate physical opportunities for multi-benefit floodplain rehabilitation through levee modification (setbacks and/or breaching) or topographic modification. Conservancy Staff have been part of this effort and the results, to date, have been useful in thinking about future projects.

DWR's team has reached a point where they have put together multiple conceptual projects within the reach of the River that the Conservancy is focused on. The team is interested in sharing this information, beginning with background on the process and the model development.

Today's report is for the Board and public to be able to learn about this effort and to be able to ask questions of DWR's team. At this point, the Conservancy is not agreeing to any project, only to see an overview of potential projects, developed to only in concept, so that the Board and the public can be introduced to the work that this team has been conducting.

For today's discussion, Jenny Marr of DWR's Divisions of Multi-Benefit Initiatives, Flood Management, and Planning will introduce her team. Again, questions and comments are the intent of today's presentation.

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SAN JOAQUIN RIVER CONSERVANCY

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Item: G-2

November 2, 2022

TO: San Joaquin River Conservancy Governing Board

FROM: Jackie K. Vu, Deputy Attorney General

SUBJECT: INFORMATION ITEM: Deputy Attorney General's Report

RECOMMENDATION:
This report is provided for informational purposes. No Board action is recommended.

Report on Senate Bill 189:

Section 20 of Senate Bill added Section 11133 to the Government Code to relax Bagley-Keen requirements to enable virtual public meetings through July 1, 2023. It suspends the requirement that if a member of the public agency participates telephonically, their location must be disclosed and publicly accessible. It also details how noticing should work and how the public should be instructed to gain access to virtual meetings. Overall, it gives a lot of discretion to public agencies in how they want to conduct virtual meetings through July 1, 2023.

Section 11133 is summarized as follows:

- A state body may hold public meetings through teleconferencing and make public meetings accessible telephonically or electronically to all members of the public
- For teleconference or virtual public meetings, all requirements requiring the physical presence of members, the clerk or other personnel of the agency, or the public, as a condition for quorum are suspended
- For teleconference or virtual public meetings, the requirements that a member participating telephonically must disclose their location in the notice and agenda of the public meeting, that the teleconference location be accessible to the public, that agendas must be posted at all teleconference locations, and that at least one member of the state body be physically present at the location specified in the notice of the meeting are suspended
- When a public meeting is held via teleconferencing or virtually, allowing members of the public to observe and address the meeting telephonically or electronically shall satisfy any requirement that the agency allow members of the public to attend the meeting and offer public comment
- If a state body holds a meeting through teleconferencing or virtually means and allows the public to observe and address the meeting telephonically, the agency shall (1) implement a procedure for receiving and swiftly resolving requests for reasonable accommodation from individuals with disabilities and (2) advertise that procedure each time notice is given

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of the means by which members of the public may observe the meeting and offer public comment.

- An agency that holds a public meeting through teleconferencing shall (1) give advance notice of the time of, and post the agenda for, each public meeting according to the timeframes and means otherwise prescribed by this article and (2) in each instance in which notice of the time of the meeting is otherwise given or the agenda for the meeting is otherwise posted, the agency shall also give notice of the means by which members of the public may observe the meeting and offer public comment.
- This section shall remain in effect only until July 1, 2023, and as of that date is repealed.

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