

San Joaquin River Conservancy
Policy to Execute and Issue Special Event Permits, License Agreements, Activity Permits, Letter Permits, Operation and Lease Agreements

The San Joaquin River Conservancy governing board shall have the discretion to approve, condition, or deny Special Event Permits, Activity Permits, License Agreements, Letter Permit, and concession, lease, and/or operating agreements, for activities otherwise restricted or prohibited on Conservancy owned state property if the site is considered safe, appropriate staffing and facilities are available, and the activity shows a benefit the San Joaquin River Conservancy and the public. Activities shall not substantially interfere with visitors' use; risk harm to wildlife, natural or cultural resources; create injury or damage in violation; or be otherwise inconsistent with the unit's approved uses and environmental protection.

The San Joaquin River Conservancy governing board may deny, grant, suspend, revoke, or condition such permits and agreements at its sole discretion. The San Joaquin River Conservancy governing board may delegate to the Executive Officer, in whole or in part, authority to grant, deny, condition, revoke, or suspend such permits and agreements.

The San Joaquin River Conservancy may grant such permits or agreements to, but not limited to, public agencies and non-governmental organizations, other sponsors deemed appropriate, non-profit organizations, cultural organizations, educational and research institutions, environmental stewardship and recreation organizations, volunteer groups, indigenous people and Tribal organizations, grantees and their agents.

1. Special Event Permits. Special Event Permits may be issued by the San Joaquin River Conservancy governing board for specific events at no net expense to the State. Special Event permits are required for any activity which occur wholly or partially within or on any unit owned, operated, or administered by the San Joaquin River Conservancy and which meets any of the following criteria: when fees are charged by the event sponsor beyond any regular use fee, when the San Joaquin River Conservancy has determined the event will create a greater potential hazard or liability to the State than incurred through typical operations, when the activity will require the exclusive use of an area within the unit, when the activity interferes significantly with the public's use of a unit, when additional staffing or staff time is required, or where items or services are sold.

2. License Agreements. License Agreements may be issued by the San Joaquin River Conservancy governing board to be executed with an appropriate group, organization, business, or agency to allow their agents and participants to enter units, including those that are otherwise closed to the public, to conduct activities and programs for educational, recreational, tribal, and resource management and similar beneficial public service purposes.

3. Activity Permits. Activity Permits for educational, recreational, tribal, and resource management activities may be granted, by the San Joaquin River Conservancy governing board to appropriate permittees, including but not limited to permits allowing the limited collection, removal, treatment, disturbance, or destruction of plants, wildlife, alteration of property, and presence in closed areas or after-hours.

4. Letter Permits. The San Joaquin River Conservancy Executive Officer has the discretion to approve, condition, or deny a letter permit for activities otherwise restricted or prohibited on Conservancy property. Letter permits may only be issued for short term, fewer than 30 days in a calendar year, for access to San Joaquin River Conservancy properties for activities that include

but are not limited to research, mapping, surveying, education, environmental stewardship, and other similar beneficial public services.

5. Operating, concession, lease, and other agreements may be entered into by the San Joaquin River Conservancy governing board pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 32538 and consistent with state policies, laws, and legal approval.

As part of all of the above Permits and Agreements:

- 1) A copy of the Permit or Agreement must be maintained on the site during the activity by the person leading the activity, and such person shall display the document upon request of any officer, employee, or agent of the San Joaquin River Conservancy or any law enforcement officer.
- 2) No person shall violate any provision or restriction of a Special Event Permit, Activity Permit, Agreement, or Letter Permit issued pursuant to these regulations. Such violation is subject to enforcement and the penalties. Any person who has been properly granted and has complied with a Special Event Permit, Activity Permit, or License Agreement shall to that extent not be liable for prosecution.
- 3) The Executive Officer shall oversee contractors', licensees', leases' and permittees' compliance with the agreement or permits issued, and may suspend, revoke, or further condition said permits or agreements.
- 4) Groups, organizations, and non-governmental agencies shall provide San Joaquin River Conservancy with proof of liability insurance and list San Joaquin River Conservancy as additional insured, when applicable.