

SJRC Meet and Greet

On **April 3, 2024**, the SJRC will be hosting an opportunity to introduce and meet the new Executive Officer at 10:00 a.m. at the **Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District.**

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Executive Officer

The San Joaquin River Conservancy Governing Board
will not be holding a regular meeting on
April 3, 2024,

**We invite our board members, partners
 and the public to come and informally meet our
 new Executive Officer on
 April 3, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.**

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

and via Teams

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Members of the board will not discuss or deliberate agency
 business during this informal gathering, in keeping with the
 requirements of the Bagley-Keene Act
[\(Gov. Code, § 11122.5, subd. \(c\)\(5\).\)](#)

Topics and Updates

There will be no formal presentation of the following items
 but a staff written report will be provided both on the
 website and in person.

1. Introduction of new Executive Officer
2. Update on Technical Advisory Group Meeting and
 Special Use Permit.
3. Update on moving staff and offices to Lanes property
 and contract with Flood Control for Boardroom.
4. Update on new road signage in Madera County directing
 the public to Sycamore Island.


5. The next TAG meeting is scheduled for May 1, 2024.
Time and Location to be determined.
6. The next Board meeting is scheduled for 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, June 5, 2024, at the Fresno Metropolitan
Flood Control District.

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 Ashley Bybee at Ashley.Bybee@sjrc.ca.gov.

April 3, 2024

Topic Item: 2

TO: San Joaquin River Conservancy Governing Board

FROM: Karen Buhr, Interim Executive Officer 

SUBJECT: **INFORMATION ITEM: Provide update on the Technical Advisory Group Meeting and Special Use Permit.**

SUMMARY:

On March 6, 2024, the Conservancy held its first Technical Advisory Group (TAG) meeting at Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District with additional attendees online. These meetings are open to the public and any group, agency, or organization. Meetings will be announced on the San Joaquin River Conservancy webpage and are planned to be held every other month. There was open discussion regarding the goals, expectation, and structure of the TAG moving forward. Those attending agreed to have a trial run with the group having a chair and vice chair. Laura Gromis was named the chair and Sharon Weaver the vice chair who will bring the summary and accomplishments of the meetings to the board.


At the TAG meeting staff presented a draft version of a new online request form for special uses. Staff walked through the condition of the properties and potential safe and appropriate uses. The Conservancy is working to make the process user-friendly, equitable, and manageable while expanding access to properties and increasing safety along the Parkway.

The next TAG meeting is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, May 1, 2024, location to be determined. TAG notices and agenda 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 Ashley Bybee at Ashley.Bybee@sjrc.ca.gov.

April 3, 2024

Item: Topic item # 3

TO: San Joaquin River Conservancy Governing Board

FROM : Karen Buhr, Interim Executive Officer 

SUBJECT: **INFORMATION ITEM:** Office move to Lanes/ contract with the Flood Control Agency

SUMMARY:

The Flood Control Agency provided temporary housing to the Conservancy several years ago. The lease is ending in May and the Flood Control Agency needs the space back. Staff looked into leasing at other state agencies but could not find an open location. They then looked into renting office space and found it to be cost-prohibitive. Given that the Conservancy owns Lanes, it was a better option to do some repairs to Lanes and move the Conservancy offices there.

Staff have been working hard on preparing for the move. The Conservancy is entering into a series of one-time contracts to test for mold, fix the HVAC, and repair electrical issues. In addition, staff is performing cosmetic repairs like painting, cleaning, and replacing flooring. At the same time, staff is going through old files and throwing out or shredding old documents, and assessing which items are needed. A moving company has provided a quote for the move.


Currently, staff is on track to move to Lanes by the end of May.

The Conservancy will still rely on the Flood Control Agency for meeting space and copying services. The Conservancy is entering into a small one-time contract to utilize the space and copying equipment on a per-use basis.

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Topic Item: 4


TO: San Joaquin River Conservancy Governing Board

FROM: Karen Buhr, Interim Executive Officer 

SUBJECT: **INFORMATION ITEM: Provide update on new road signage in Madera County directing the public to Sycamore Island**

SUMMARY:

Staff worked with the County of Madera to create and install road signs aimed at increasing public awareness of river access at Sycamore Island. Directional signs were created that meet Madera County standards and installed by the county within the county right of way. Five signs were installed starting on Ave. 9 directing the public to Sycamore Island. The San Joaquin River Parkway and Conservation Trust assisted in administering the procurement as part of our operations and maintenance agreement for Sycamore Island.

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