

SAN JOAQUIN RIVER CONSERVANCY

The San Joaquin River Conservancy Governing Board
will hold a regular meeting on
January 15, 2025,
The call to order will begin at 9:00 a.m.

Board Meeting Location:
Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District
5469 E. Olive Ave., Fresno, CA 93727
And
California Natural Resources Agency
715 P. Street, Room: NRHQ 20-104 (Mojave Room)
Sacramento, CA 95814

and via Teams
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MEETING AGENDA

A. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A. Chair Macaulay called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Pledge led by member Auston.
B.

| Name | Present | Telecon- ference | Absent | Late |
|---------------|---------|---------------------|--------|------|
| Mr. MaCaulay | X | | | |
| Ms. Auston | X | | | |
| Mr. Karbassi | X | | | |
| Mr. Bredefeld | X | | | |
| Ms. Mejia | | | X | |
| Ms. Hudson | | | | 1007 |
| Ms. Fris | | | | 1007 |
| Ms. Sandoval | X | | | |
| Ms. Vance | X | | | |
| Mr. Gresham | X | | | |
| Mr. Benson | | | X | |
| Ms. Forhan | X | | | |
| Mr. O'Connell | X | | | |
| Ms. Ruiz | X | | | |
| Mr. Chavez | | | X | |

10 in person

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 public comments at this time.

E. CONSENT

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

E-1 INFORMATION ITEM: December P.A.C.E. Meeting Summary and Review

E-2 INFORMATION ITEM: Status of Regulation Package

E-3 INFORMATION ITEM: Wildwood Native Park Opening

E-4 INFORMATION ITEM: Ball Ranch Opening

E-5 INFORMATION ITEM: Reminder to File Statements of Economic Interest and Complete Biennial Ethics Training, Due Tuesday, April 1, 2025

Motion: Member Forhan - To acknowledge all information items received.

Second: Member Auston

| Name | Yes | No | Abstain |
|----------------------|------------|-----------|----------------|
| Mr. MaCaulay | x | | |
| Ms. Auston | x | | |
| Mr. Karbassi | x | | |
| Mr. Bredefeld | x | | |
| Ms. Hudson | x | | |
| Ms. Fris | x | | |
| Ms. Sandoval | x | | |
| Ms. Vance | x | | |
| Mr. Gresham | x | | |
| Ms. Forhan | x | | |
| Mr. O'Connell | x | | |
| Ms. Ruiz | x | | |

E-6 ACTION ITEM: Approve 2025 Board Meeting Calendar

Member Karbassi made a recommendation to approve with the change that P.A.C.E. Meetings are quarterly, 4 time per year.

Motion: Forhan to approve with change

Second: Auston Second

| Name | Yes | No | Abstain |
|---------------|-----|----|---------|
| Mr. MaCaulay | X | | |
| Ms. Auston | X | | |
| Mr. Karbassi | X | | |
| Mr. Bredefeld | X | | |
| Ms. Hudson | X | | |
| Ms. Fris | X | | |
| Ms. Sandoval | X | | |
| Ms. Vance | X | | |
| Mr. Gresham | X | | |
| Ms. Forhan | X | | |
| Mr. O'Connell | X | | |
| Ms. Ruiz | X | | |

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F. REGULAR SESSION ITEMS

a. **ACTION ITEM:** Elect a Board Chair and Vice-Chair

Member Karbassi nominated Chair Macaulay to serve as chair for 2025.

| Name | Yes | No | Abstain |
|---------------|-----|----|---------|
| Mr. MaCaulay | X | | |
| Ms. Auston | X | | |
| Mr. Karbassi | X | | |
| Mr. Bredefeld | X | | |
| Ms. Hudson | X | | |
| Ms. Fris | X | | |
| Ms. Sandoval | X | | |
| Ms. Vance | X | | |
| Mr. Gresham | X | | |
| Ms. Forhan | X | | |
| Mr. O'Connell | X | | |
| Ms. Ruiz | X | | |

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Member Karbassi nominated Vice Chair Auston to serve as vice chair for 2025.

| Name | Yes | No | Abstain |
|---------------|-----|----|---------|
| Mr. MaCaulay | X | | |
| Ms. Auston | X | | |
| Mr. Karbassi | X | | |
| Mr. Bredefeld | X | | |
| Ms. Hudson | X | | |
| Ms. Fris | X | | |
| Ms. Sandoval | X | | |
| Ms. Vance | X | | |
| Mr. Gresham | X | | |
| Ms. Forhan | X | | |
| Mr. O'Connell | X | | |
| Ms. Ruiz | X | | |

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- b. **ACTION ITEM:** Lanes and Jenco Public Launch Access, enter into negotiations and contract for operations and maintenance with City of Fresno.

Motion: **To approve Member Forhan**

Second: **Member O'Connell**

| Name | Yes | No | Abstain |
|---------------|-----|----|---------|
| Mr. MaCaulay | X | | |
| Ms. Auston | X | | |
| Mr. Karbassi | X | | |
| Mr. Bredefeld | X | | |
| Ms. Hudson | X | | |
| Ms. Fris | X | | |
| Ms. Sandoval | X | | |
| Ms. Vance | X | | |
| Mr. Gresham | X | | |
| Ms. Forhan | X | | |
| Mr. O'Connell | X | | |
| Ms. Ruiz | X | | |

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c. **ACTION ITEM:** Prop 40 Bond Funds Request for River West

Motion: **To approve, Member Forhan**

Second: **Member Vance**

| Name | Yes | No | Abstain |
|---------------|-----|----|---------|
| Mr. MaCaulay | X | | |
| Ms. Auston | X | | |
| Mr. Karbassi | X | | |
| Mr. Bredefeld | X | | |
| Ms. Hudson | X | | |
| Ms. Fris | X | | |
| Ms. Sandoval | X | | |
| Ms. Vance | X | | |
| Mr. Gresham | X | | |
| Ms. Forhan | X | | |
| Mr. O'Connell | X | | |
| Ms. Ruiz | X | | |

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d. **ACTION ITEM:** Establish Technical Advisory Committees **REMOVED FROM DISCUSSION BY EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

G. ADMINISTRATIVE AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Deputy Attorney General Report
- b. Executive Officer Report
- c. Board Members' Reports and Comments
- d. **Organizations' Reports:** If time allows, oral and written updates from partners are encouraged; covering current or upcoming events and project updates or other items of relevance to the Conservancy.

H. CLOSED SESSION

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

H-1 Government Code Section 54956.8

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

Proposed Madera County Property Acquisition

Motion: To allow Supervising Acquisition Manager Daniel Vasquez to continue looking into property purchases in Madera County.

Second:

| Name | Yes | No | Abstain |
|---------------|-----|----|---------|
| Mr. MaCaulay | X | | |
| Ms. Auston | X | | |
| Mr. Karbassi | X | | |
| Mr. Bredefeld | X | | |
| Ms. Hudson | X | | |
| Ms. Fris | X | | |
| Ms. Sandoval | X | | |
| Ms. Vance | X | | |
| Mr. Gresham | X | | |
| Ms. Forhan | X | | |
| Mr. O'Connell | X | | |
| Ms. Ruiz | X | | |

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H-2 Government Code Section 11126 (a) (1)
Public Employee Performance Evaluation
Title: Executive Officer

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

The next PACE meeting is scheduled for ~~December~~ February 5, 2025. Time and Location to be determined.

J. NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday March 5, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. Location to be determined.

K. ADJOURN

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