

The San Joaquin River Conservancy Governing Board  
**March 5, 2025**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**A. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Called to Order at 9:01 AM By Vice Chair Auston, Pledge led by Member Bredefeld.

**B. ROLL CALL**

	Present	Teleconference	Absent	Late
Macaulay			X	
Auston	X			
Karbassi	X			
Bredefeld	X			
Mejia	X			
Hatler	X			
Gresham	X			
Fris				9:10
Scharffer	X			
Hudson				9:10
Benson			X	
Forhan	X			
O'Connell	X			
Chavez				
Ruiz	X			9:09

**C. POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

**D. PUBLIC COMMENT & BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

Richard Sloan – Provided photos of encampments, fallen tree removed between Wildwood and Wildwood Island. CHP and Robert, and Richard worked together to clean up and remove unhoused.

Bredefeld – Can the timeline for removing unhoused be changed to be shorter.

**E. CONSENT**

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

discussion:

**E-1 INFORMATION ITEM:** February PACE Meeting Summary and Review

**E-2 INFORMATION ITEM:** CEMEX Rockfield Modification DEIR

**E-3 INFORMATION ITEM:** Community Climate Action Day

**E-4 INFORMATION ITEM:** Ledger Island Bridge Update (Removed for Discussion)

**E-5 INFORMATION ITEM:** Property and Project Prioritization

**E-6 ACTION ITEM:** License Agreement for Fresno American Indian Health Project

**E-7 ACTION ITEM:** License Agreement for River Parkway Trust

**Motion:** Bredefeld to approve all, except for Item E-4, removed for separate discussion.

**Second:** Forhan

	Yes	No	Abstain
Macaulay			
Auston	X		
Karbassi	X		
Bredefeld	X		
Mejia	X		
Hatler	X		
Gresham	X		
Fris			
Sandoval	X		
Hudson			
Benson			
Forhan	X		
O'Connell	X		
Chavez			X
Ruiz	X		

**E-4. INFORMATION ITEM:** Ledger Island Bridge Update (Removed for Discussion)

**Comments:**

Daniska- At the PACE meeting, several members of the public commented that they continued to cross the bridge. Parkway Trust has been instructed as part of their

operations agreement to improve the safety measures on both sides of the bridge and are actively working on it.

Karbassi – We do not have unlimited resources; we have to work with what we can. Some people were suggesting allocating funding to the bridge over other priority projects.

Chavez – Thinks PACE is a great opportunity for public to get information.

Halpin – Gave information about what he has noticed and documented around the bridge and gave his personal opinion that it should be important to remove the bridge prior to collapse.

Jones – Would community members still be able to fundraise for the bridge?

Parkes – Additional fencing completed, signs coming soon. A local engineering firm quoted for additional analysis to the Trust.

Faulkenberg – Bridge being closed does not give people the opportunity to experience Ledger Island.

Sloan – Suggested that the Army corps of engineers could remove the bridge as a training exercise.

**F. REGULAR SESSION ITEMS**

**F-1 — ACTION ITEM: Prop 84 Funds for Milburn Pond Transfer of Jurisdiction with Department of Water Resources – ITEM REMOVED FOR LATER DATE**

**F-2                    ACTION ITEM: Prop 68 Memorandum to Establish Guidelines**

**Motion: To Approve, Member Karbassi**

**Second: Member Bredefeld**

	Yes	No	Abstain
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Macaulay			
Auston	X		
Karbassi	X		
Bredefeld	X		
Mejia	X		
Hatler	X		
Gresham	X		
Fris	X		
Scharffer	X		
Hudson	X		
Benson			
Forhan	X		
O'Connell	X		
Chavez	X		
Ruiz	X		

**G. ADMINISTRATIVE AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**G-1** Deputy Attorney General Report

**G-2** Executive Officer Report

**G-3** Board Members' Reports and Comments

**G-4 Organizations' Reports:** If time allows oral and/or written updates from partners are encouraged; covering current or upcoming events and project updates or other items of relevance to the Conservancy

**J. ADJOURN by Vice Chair Auston at 9:42 am.**

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