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The San Joaquin River Conservancy Governing Board
will hold a regular meeting on
August 6, 2025
Call to order will begin at 3:00PM

Board Meeting Location:
Madera County Library
121 N G St Madera, CA 93637

and California Natural Resources Agency
715 P. Street, Room: 20-104 (Mojave Room)
Sacramento, CA 95814

[and online Via Teams](#)

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 AND 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 ITEMS

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

E-1. INFORMATION ITEM: Conservancy Budget Update.

E-2. ACTION ITEM: Amend Executive Officer Delegation Letter.

E-3. ACTION ITEM: Amend Policy for Opening and Closing Properties.

E-4. ACTION ITEM: Review and Adopt Social Media Policy and Guidelines.

F. REGULAR SESSION ITEMS

- F-1. ACTION ITEM:** Adopt Resolution 25-04 Expressing Appreciation for Mike Karbassi.
- F-2. ACTION ITEM:** Authorize the Executive Officer to Open Jensen River Ranch Extension.
- F-3. ACTION ITEM:** Authorize Bond Funds for the City of Fresno to Construct the Core Project for the River West Fresno, Eaton Trail Extension Project.
- F-4. ACTION ITEM:** Approve Circle V Demolition Project.

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.

H. NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE

The next meeting of the San Joaquin River Conservancy Governing Board is scheduled for Wednesday, September 3, 2025. Time and Location to be determined.

I. 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 info@sjrc.ca.gov.

THERE WILL BE A 15 MINUTE BREAK BETWEEN THE BOARD MEETING AND WORKSHOP


WORKSHOP

Overview of Proposed Fee Collection Policy and Schedule.



AGENDA ITEM

August 6, 2025 Item: E-1

To: San Joaquin River Conservancy Governing Board
From: Kari Kyler Daniska, Executive Officer 
Subject: INFORMATION ITEM: Conservancy Budget Update.

RECOMMENDATION:

This report is provided for informational purposes only. No action by the San Joaquin River Conservancy Governing Board is required.

PROPOSITION FUNDS:

Enc. 06/30/28, Revert. 06/30/30

SAFE DRINKING WATER, WATER QUALITY AND SUPPLY, FLOOD CONTROL, RIVER AND COASTAL PROTECTION FUND OF 2006 (Proposition 84) (6051)		\$36,000,000.00
Program Delivery		(1,800,000.00)
Expenses		(33,203,665.13)
Unallocated Balance		\$996,334.87

Enc. 06/30/26, Revert. 06/30/28

WATER QUALITY, SUPPLY, AND INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT FUND (Proposition 1) (6083)		\$10,000,000.00
Program Delivery		(500,000.00)
Expenses		(3,688,911.57)
Unallocated Balance		\$5,811,088.43

Enc. 06/30/28, Revert. 06/30/30

THE CALIFORNIA DROUGHT, WATER, PARKS, CLIMATE,
COASTAL PROTECTION, AND OUTDOOR ACCESS FOR

ALL ACT OF 2018 (Proposition 68) (6088)	\$6,000,000.00
Program Delivery	(450,000.00)
Expenses	-
Unallocated Balance	\$5,550,000.00

SAFE DRINKING WATER, WILDFIRE PREVENTION,
AND PROTECTING COMMUNITIES AND NATURAL
LANDS FROM CLIMATE RISKS OF 2024

(Proposition 4)	\$11,000,000.00
Program Delivery	(770,000.00)
Expenses	-
Unallocated Balance	\$10,230,000.00

GENERAL FUND (July 2021- June 2027):

GENERAL FUND (0001)	\$15,000,000.00
Expenses	(5,762,569.60)
Unallocated Balance	\$9,237,430.40

FISCAL YEAR 2025 - 2026:

ENVIRONMENTAL LICENSE PLATE FUND (14000)	\$444,000.00
Expenses	(435,660.00)
Unallocated Balance	\$8,340.00

SAN JOAQUIN RIVER CONSERVANCY FUND (10002)	\$450,000.00
Expenses	(\$134,440.00)
Unallocated Balance	\$314,440.00

PROP 84 - PROGRAM DELIVERY (10006)	\$512,000.00
Expenses	(406,234.84)
Unallocated Balance	\$105,765.16


For additional information, you may direct inquiries to San Joaquin River Conservancy Executive Officer, Kari Kyler Daniska, at kari.daniska@sjrc.ca.gov.



AGENDA ITEM

August 6, 2025

Item: E-2

To: San Joaquin River Conservancy Governing Board
From: Kari Kyler Daniska, Executive Officer 
Subject: **ACTION ITEM: Amend Executive Officer Delegation Letter.**

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Conservancy Board review and adopt the amended Delegation of Authority for the Executive Officer.

SUMMARY:

The Executive Officer is the Chief Administrative Officer of the San Joaquin River Conservancy (Conservancy) and may delegate to other staff any part of their functions, powers, or authority, but the Executive Officer shall, at all times, be responsible for ensuring that the affairs of the Conservancy are fully and faithfully discharged. Between the meetings of the Conservancy Board, the Executive Officer is empowered to take necessary action on behalf of the Conservancy Board in order to manage and to conduct the business of the Conservancy.

Staff has amended the Delegation of Authority for the Executive Officer for the Conservancy Boards review and consideration. The last Delegation of Authority was amended in 2023.

For additional information, you may direct inquiries to San Joaquin River Conservancy Executive Officer, Kari Kyler Daniska, at kari.daniska@sjrc.ca.gov.

Attachments: Amended Delegation of Authority

Delegation of Authority to the Executive Officer

The Executive Officer is the Chief Administrative Officer of the San Joaquin River Conservancy (Conservancy) and may delegate to other staff any part of his or her functions, powers, or authority, but the Executive Officer shall, at all times, be responsible for ensuring that the affairs of the Conservancy are fully and faithfully discharged. Between the meetings of the Conservancy Board, the Executive Officer is empowered to take necessary action on behalf of the Conservancy Board in order to manage and to conduct the day-to-day business of the Conservancy.

The foregoing delegation to the Executive Officer includes the following authority:

1. Human Resources - To appoint other Conservancy staff; to assign duties and functions to staff; to establish procedures governing staff operations; and to administer all Conservancy personnel matters.
2. Fiscal Affairs - To administer and oversee the Conservancy's budgetary and fiscal affairs, subject to the authority of the Conservancy Board to review and provide direction on the Conservancy budget.
3. Contracts and Agreements - To negotiate and execute contracts and other instruments or documents on the Conservancy's behalf, as necessary in order to carry out the resolutions of the Conservancy Board or any other authority delegated herein.
4. Consultants - procure consultant services needed to assess the feasibility of, or to develop, proposals or projects for board action. This authority may be needed to develop information on such items as they arise if there is an extended interval between meetings. Normally, however, consultant services will be used to implement resolutions of the Conservancy Board and will be described in the staff reports accompanying such resolutions, which will provide specific grants of authority.
5. Real Property - To administer and manage all real property and all personal property associated with that real property within the Conservancy's ownership or control; and to enter into agreements for the management of that property, including construction or maintenance thereof, provided that, prior to the execution of such agreements, the Conservancy Board shall have authorized the expenditure of funds for the purpose.
6. Operations and Administration - To lease and sub-let office space, to purchase or lease equipment, to procure other materials, supplies, and technical services associated with those Conservancy operations and administration, to dispose of such items consistent with state laws and regulations, and to enter into contracts for such purposes, in such amounts as may be necessary or appropriate to operate or administer the Conservancy.
7. Contracts for Programs or Projects - To enter into contracts or other agreements for technical or other services, as needed, for the purpose of program and project development or planning:
 - a. in amounts not to exceed \$5100,000 per contract or agreement, including extensions and amendments (or such other amount as may hereafter be authorized by the Conservancy Board),
 - b. with approval from the Conservancy Chair and Vice Chair for amounts greater than \$5100,000 if approval is time sensitive and the Conservancy Board meeting schedule would cause unnecessary delays or negative impacts, and
 - c. all non-administrative expenditures greater than \$10,000 will be reported to the Conservancy Board.

8. Receipt of Funds from Sources Other Than the State Budget - To apply for or receive funds for the support of programs and projects within the Conservancy's authority; to negotiate and enter into agreements to accept such funds, to make representations in support of such applications or agreements, to assign or accept the assignment of grant funds and applications, and to meet agreed conditions; provided, that
 - (a) all expenditures not previously authorized by the Conservancy Board, or within the Executive Officer's delegated authority, shall remain subject to Conservancy Board authorization; and
 - (b) any agreement which, at the time it is executed, requires further Conservancy Board authorization before it can be implemented, shall be rescindable in the Conservancy Board's sole discretion and without liability to the Conservancy.
9. Conservancy Board Meetings - To prepare and issue public notices of Conservancy Board meetings, and meeting agendas.
10. Consent Items - To place on the Conservancy Board's consent calendar (if any) matters that the Executive Officer believes to be non-controversial, subject to the right of any Conservancy Board member to remove any item from the consent calendar, and subject to such other direction as the Conservancy Board may provide from time to time.
11. Conservancy Board Expenses and Compensation - To reimburse members of the Conservancy Board and members of advisory boards or committees established by the Conservancy, for their actual and necessary expenses, including travel expenses, incurred in attending Conservancy Board or committee meetings.
12. CEQA Determinations - To make determinations regarding the applicability of exemptions from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and to prepare, circulate, and file all documents that are necessary to comply with CEQA, provided, that the Conservancy Board reserves the authority to review, certify, and adopt necessary findings in connection with environmental impact reports and negative declarations.
13. Technical Assistance and Expertise - To provide and make available technical information, expertise, and other non-financial assistance to public agencies, nonprofit organizations, and tribal organizations, to support program and project development and implementation.
14. Award of Conservancy Grants – Upon approval by the Conservancy Board, -award grants and enter into grant agreements consistent with the Conservancy's enabling legislation and the grant and program guidelines adopted by the Conservancy Board.
15. Actions Related to Grant Awards - With respect to any grant previously authorized by the Conservancy Board, in order to carry out the purposes of the Conservancy Board authorization:
 - a. to amend and modify the terms of any such grant for minor changes to scope or deliverables, including:
 - i. increases in grant awards of up to 10 percent provided that funds are available within the budgeted appropriation to cover any such increase,
 - ii. that the original stated purpose of the grant meets the original intent of the program from which it was funded, and

- iii. that the Conservancy Board shall be notified upon modification of such grant and the modification shall be reported on at the following Conservancy Board meeting.
- b. to authorize Conservancy grantees to accept from or convey to other appropriate entities or parties, on appropriate terms, leases, licenses, easements, options, and similar instruments or interests.
- c. Upon approval by the Conservancy Board, to exercise a power of termination, pursuant to Public Resources Code section 33344(e), on account of a grantee's breach of a material term or condition in a Conservancy grant for acquisition of real property; or to trigger the re-vesting of title to real property acquired through a Conservancy grant for acquisition of real property, pursuant to Public Resources Code section 33344(f), on account of the grantee organization going out of existence.
- d. Upon approval by the Conservancy Board, to facilitate the transfer of title to the entity which will receive an interest in real property, pursuant to the exercise of a power of termination under Public Resources Code section 33344(e) or the re-vesting of title to property under Public Resources Code section 33344(f).
- e. To amend and modify the terms, including substantive changes to scope, deliverables, and/or purpose of such a grant, including increases in grant awards up to 10 percent, when a change in condition or change in need arises due to an emergency; provided, that the nature of the emergency requires an amendment to be made before the following Conservancy Board meeting; and provided further, that funds are available within the budgeted appropriation to cover any such increase; and provided further, that the Conservancy Board shall be notified upon modification of such grant and such modification shall be reported on at the following Conservancy Board meeting. "Emergency" as used in this provision means a sudden, unexpected occurrence involving a clear and imminent danger, demanding immediate action to prevent or mitigate loss of or damage to life, health, property, or essential public services, and includes such occurrences as fire, flood, earthquake, or other soil or geologic movements, as well as such occurrences as riot, accident, or sabotage.

16. Rulemaking – Upon approval from the Conservancy Board, prepare, certify, and file documents pertaining to the adoption, amendment or repeal of regulations, and to conduct public hearings to receive comments on proposed rulemaking, as necessary to support the rulemaking activities and actions of the Conservancy.

17. Payment for Use of Facilities – To waive or discount the payment of use fees for specific activities for reasons consistent with the purposes, mission, and objectives of the Conservancy.

~~16-18.~~ Property Closures – To temporarily close Conservancy owned properties for emergencies or non-emergencies. Upon approval from the Conservancy Board, permanently close Conservancy owned properties for emergencies or non-emergencies.

~~17-19.~~ Reports - To oversee the management of the Conservancy's records and to respond to requests for inspection or copies of Conservancy records under the California Public Records Act.

~~18-20.~~ Representation of Conservancy Position to Others - To represent the adopted positions of the Conservancy or, in the absence of such adopted positions, the views of

the Conservancy staff, in communications with the Legislature, other public entities, and the public.

~~19-21.~~ Conservancy Litigation - In coordination with the Office of the Attorney General, or other duly approved counsel:

- a. to defend against any legal actions brought against the Conservancy,
- b. as necessary in order to protect Conservancy property or other interests against damage or loss, and with prior notification to the Conservancy Board, to file and prosecute legal actions on the Conservancy's behalf; and
- c. to initiate or settle small claims court actions on the Conservancy's behalf, provided, that the Conservancy shall be notified of any such settlement no later than the following Conservancy Board meeting.

~~20-22.~~ Settlement of Claims. With respect to monetary or non-monetary claims arising outside of litigation: to grant, deny, settle or compromise such claims if they are brought against the Conservancy; and to pursue, settle, or compromise such claims if they are brought on the Conservancy's behalf; subject to such dollar limits as the Conservancy Board may, by action, require for specific categories of claims; and provided, that the Conservancy Board shall be notified of any such settlement no later than the following Conservancy Board meeting.

~~21-23.~~ Designation of Acting Executive Officer - To designate a member of the Conservancy staff to serve as Acting Executive Officer, or to designate one or more members of the staff to perform specified functions of the Executive Officer, in the event that the Executive Officer is absent or becomes unable to perform his or her regular duties. In the event of the death or incapacity of the Executive Officer, any such designation shall survive, unless it expires by its own terms, or is rescinded or modified by the Conservancy Board.

Since support services for fiscal management, personnel, contracting, purchasing, land acquisitions, bond fund accounting, and grants are provided to the Conservancy through a services agreement with the California Department of Parks and Recreation and a Memorandum of Understanding with the Wildlife Conservation Board, as applicable, the Executive Officer will consult with the appropriate entity when conducting transactions under their purview.

At each Board meeting, the Executive Officer will report on staff and administrative activities that have occurred since the previous Conservancy Board meeting.

The [Conservancy](#) Board may act in the future to revise or to rescind a delegation of authority to the Executive Officer.

WHEREAS, as authorized by Section 32530 of the Public Resources Code the San Joaquin River Conservancy has selected and now employs Kari [Kyler](#) Daniska in the position of Executive Officer of the Conservancy; and

WHEREAS, the San Joaquin River Conservancy desires that its Executive Officer should have and should be authorized to exercise all necessary authority in order to administer the day-to-day operations and affairs of the Conservancy and to take all such actions on behalf of the

Conservancy Board as may be necessary to manage and to conduct the business of the Conservancy during periods between scheduled meetings, including necessary actions related to litigation.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the San Joaquin River Conservancy hereby delegates to its Executive Officer all necessary authority, express and implied, to carry out the day-to-day administrative functions and responsibilities of the San Joaquin River Conservancy, as generally described herein, and to take all necessary actions on behalf of the Conservancy Board as may be necessary to manage and to conduct the business of the Conservancy during periods between scheduled meetings, including necessary actions related to litigation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the administrative functions and responsibilities of the Executive Officer shall include, but shall not be limited to, matters related to office management, budget and fiscal matters, personnel and contracts, and preparations for meetings of the Board and any committees of the Conservancy Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Executive Officer shall administer the affairs of the Conservancy in accordance with the direction and policies of the Conservancy, the provisions of the San Joaquin River Conservancy Act (Public Resources Code § 32500 et seq.) and all applicable law and procedures.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this delegation of authority may be amended or rescinded by the further resolution of the Conservancy.

Robert MacGaulay, Chairman

Passed and adopted by
The Governing Board of the
San Joaquin River Conservancy
on ~~August~~ July 12~~6~~54, 2023

ATTEST:

Jackie Vu




AGENDA ITEM

August 6, 2025

Item: E-3

To: San Joaquin River Conservancy Governing Board

From: Kari Kyler Daniska, Executive Officer 

Subject: **ACTION ITEM: Amend Policy for Opening and Closing Properties.**

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Conservancy Board review and adopt the amended Policy for Opening and Closing Properties.

SUMMARY:

Section 32511 of the San Joaquin River Conservancy Act mandates that the San Joaquin River Conservancy (Conservancy) is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the Parkway. The Conservancy must close any lands or facilities to the public if it cannot maintain them in a clean and safe manner; or adequately protect wildlife and the rights of adjacent property owners, including areas downstream from the Highway 99 crossing affected by Parkway use.

At the December 2023 Board Meeting, the Conservancy Board approved and adopted the Policy for Opening and Closing Properties. Since then, Staff have identified the need to adjust the policy for greater clarity and specificity. The amendments to the 2023 version are highlighted in red in Attachment 1.

For additional information, you may direct inquiries to San Joaquin River Conservancy Executive Officer, Kari Kyler Daniska, at kari.daniska@sjrc.ca.gov.

Attachment 1: Amended Policy for Opening and Closing Properties with Tracked Changes

Attachment 2: Policy for Opening and Closing Properties Clean Version

San Joaquin River Conservancy Policy for Opening and Closing Properties

The San Joaquin River Conservancy Enabling Act, section 32511 states that the San Joaquin River Conservancy (Conservancy) shall be responsible for operations and maintenance of the Parkway. The Conservancy shall close to the public any lands or facilities which it is unable to maintain in a clean and safe manner and to adequately protect the wildlife and rights of adjacent property owners for the public.

This policy establishes standards for operations and maintenance in a clean, safe, and managed manner. The Conservancy shall keep closed any property that does not meet the minimum standards as described below. ~~It establishes the guidelines for opening and closing properties for public access.~~

At a minimum, to open or remain open for public access, Conservancy owned properties shall have the following:

- 1) ~~Property boundaries identified~~ Fencing
 - a. Fencing and/or ~~posted~~ signage ~~shall be in place~~ shall be installed along Conservancy property boundaries, ~~on all sides~~ except for the boundary along the San Joaquin River ~~or its tributaries.~~
 - ~~b. Fencing and/or signage shall be installed around~~ Adequate to designate property boundaries and to protect neighboring landowners.
 - ~~c. Sensitive areas or unsafe areas on site are identified in a way to prevent~~ keep visitors from entering ~~those areas.~~
- 2) Gate(s)
 - a. Gates shall be installed at all primary property entrances/exits.
 - ~~a. b.~~ Gates shall be in good working order for ~~Functioning and~~ secure gated entry /exit.
 - ~~b. c.~~ A dedicated party shall be identified to operate gates. for opening and closing. In the case of electric gates, with timed entry, the dedicated ~~the responsible~~ party must check that the gate is functioning properly on a daily basis. ~~the gate is closed daily.~~
 - ~~c. d.~~ Main entry gates Gates shall have a Fire Lock or Knox Box with the appropriate fire response jurisdiction lock cylinder in place.
 - ~~d. This gate standard is intended for stand alone properties and not in areas where the Parkway Trail is continuous and does not have specific points of entry.~~
- 3) Parking
 - a. Properties shall have ~~d~~ Dedicated parking areas either onsite or on an adjacent Parkway property. ~~space with adequate parking within Conservancy, state, local, or San Joaquin River Parkway and Conservation Trust ownership in or adjacent to open property.~~

4) Restrooms

- a. Properties shall have a minimum of two restrooms with at least one unisex ADA compliant restroom.
- b. Restrooms shall have a dedicated cleaning and re-stocking service, at least once a week.
- c. Restrooms may be permanent, temporary, or portable, ~~and connected to a private or city septic system, vault or portable~~ depending on the property site.

5) Trash, ~~Recycle~~, and/or Debris ~~Service Removal~~

- a. Property shall have adequate Multiple trash, recycle, and/or debris receptacle~~trash cans must be on site.~~
- b. A dedicated party shall be identified for collecting and emptying trash, recycling cans and/or removing debris at least 3 days a week.
- c. ~~Property will be checked for debris and hazards at least 3 days a week.~~
- d. ~~Property shall have a dedicated way to get trash off site, for example a dumpster service or a system for hauling away trash at least once a week.~~

6) Signage

- a. Signage shall be posted near the property entrance or dedicated parking area.
- b. Signage shall include applicable property hours of operation, rules, and regulations.
- ~~a. shall be posted near the entry or parking area of each property.~~
- c. Signage shall include the landowner, the organization operating and maintaining the property site, non-emergency/organization operating and maintaining the property contact information, and law enforcement contact information.
- ~~b-d.~~ Additional property signage, as needed.

~~7) Mitigated Inspections for Hazards, Trespassing and Overnight Camping~~

- a. ~~PA dedicated party shall be identified to property will be routinely inspected for property hazards, trespassers, or overnight campers, daily.~~
- b. ~~Trespassers shall be reported immediately to law enforcement. Property may remain closed until overnight campers have vacated.~~
- c. ~~Hazards shall be reported to Conservancy staff immediately when found.~~
- b. Any identified property hazards pose a danger to visitors shall be mitigated immediately. If property hazards cannot be mitigated immediately, the affected portion of the property shall be temporarily closed.~~n sections or the entire property will be closed.~~
- d. ~~Hazards must be clearly identified before reopening.~~

8) Environmental Compliance Competed ~~and/or, CC&R's, and Cultural Resources Protected~~

- a. Completion of environmental compliance and obligations, as ~~deemed~~ necessary.
- ~~b. Cultural or environmentally sensitive areas shall be protected from public access when necessary.~~

~~e.b.~~ All Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions, and Contractual Agreements required in the area, in the purchasing agreement, or in the grant agreement have been met.

All property improvements including, but not limited to: fencing, gates, signs, restrooms, parking areas, trash/waste receptacles, and similar improvements shall conform to the San Joaquin River Master Plan Update and Conservancy branding guidelines.

The Conservancy's ~~Executive Officer reserves the right to~~ may temporarily close properties, or any portion thereof, for other reasons than those listed above due to natural disasters, extreme fire threats, flooding, significant acts of vandalism, hazardous dumping, or other unforeseeable situations to keep the public safe and/or to protect water quality, natural and cultural resources. Only the Conservancy Board may permanently close properties, unless otherwise delegated to the Conservancy's Executive Officer.

~~Recognizing the list above are basic features.~~ The Conservancy ~~may~~ shall provide additional ~~provisions w/ resources w/~~ when feasible to improve the visitors experience and further protect Conservancy owned property and natural or cultural resources. Additional resources include, but are not limited to:

- 1) Security ~~P~~ patrols
- 2) Fire Fuel Reduction and Vegetation Management
- 3) Landscape and Trail Maintenance
- 4) Drinking Fountains and Hand Washing Stations
- 5) Irrigation for Vegetation and Habitat Restoration
- 6) Boat ~~launching sites~~ Launches
- 7) On-site Personnel ~~on-site during open hours of operation~~
- ~~8) Caregiver/camp host on site at all times~~
- ~~9) 8) _____~~ Shade Structures, Picnic Tables, Benches, Bike Racks, Lighting, Interpretive Signage
- ~~10) 9) _____~~ Road or ~~M~~ monument ~~S~~ sign

The Executive Officer ~~Staff~~ will notify the Conservancy B ~~o~~ard C ~~e~~hair and V ~~i~~ce chair immediately upon any change in status regarding property openings and closings. All Conservancy B ~~o~~ard members shall be notified at the next B ~~o~~ard meeting of any properties that have undergone a change of status.

Prior to opening, the Executive Officer ~~staff~~ will report to the B ~~o~~ard the amount of funding available for operating and maintenance of the property and when the funding expires. As well as the estimated cost of operating and keeping the property open in a safe and managed manner.



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POLICY FOR OPENING AND CLOSING PROPERTIES

DRAFT FOR APPROVAL BY THE GOVERNING BOARD

AUGUST 2025

The San Joaquin River Conservancy Enabling Act, section 32511 states that the San Joaquin River Conservancy (Conservancy) shall be responsible for operations and maintenance of the Parkway. The Conservancy shall close to the public any lands or facilities which it is unable to maintain in a clean and safe manner and to adequately protect the wildlife and rights of adjacent property owners for the public.

This policy establishes standards for operations and maintenance in a clean, safe, and managed manner. The Conservancy shall keep closed any property that does not meet the minimum standards as described below.

At a minimum, to open or remain open for public access, Conservancy owned properties shall have the following:

1) Fencing

- a. Fencing and/or signage shall be installed along Conservancy property boundaries, except for the boundary along the San Joaquin River.
- b. Fencing and/or signage shall be installed around sensitive or unsafe areas to prevent visitors from entering.

2) Gate(s)

- a. Gates shall be installed at all primary property entrances/exits.
- b. Gates shall be in good working order for secure entry/exit.
- c. A dedicated party shall be identified to operate gates. In the case of electric gates, with timed entry, the dedicated party must check that the gate is functioning properly on a daily basis.
- d. Gates shall have a Fire Lock or Knox Box with the appropriate fire response jurisdiction lock cylinder in place.

3) Parking

- a. Properties shall have dedicated parking areas either onsite or on an adjacent Parkway property.
- b. Dedicated parking areas shall be adequate to prevent a nuisance to neighborhoods or unsafe parking along roadways.



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4) Restrooms

- a. Properties shall have a minimum of two restrooms with at least one unisex ADA compliant restroom.
- b. Restrooms shall have a dedicated cleaning and re-stocking service, at least once a week.
- c. Restrooms may be permanent, temporary, or portable, depending on the property.

5) Trash, Recycle, and/or Debris Service

- a. Property shall have adequate trash, recycle, and/or debris receptacles.
- b. A dedicated party shall be identified for collecting and emptying trash, recycling and/or removing debris.

6) Signage

- a. Signage shall be posted near the property entrance or dedicated parking area.
- b. Signage shall include applicable property hours of operation, rules, and regulations.
- c. Signage shall include the landowner, the organization operating and maintaining the property, non-emergency/organization operating and maintaining the property contact information, and law enforcement contact information.
- d. Additional property signage, as needed.

7) Mitigated Hazards

- a. A dedicated party shall be identified to routinely inspect for property hazards.
- b. Any identified property hazards shall be mitigated immediately. If property hazards cannot be mitigated immediately, the affected portion of the property shall be temporarily closed.

8) Environmental Compliance Completed and/or CC&R's

- a. Completion of environmental compliance and obligations, as necessary.
- b. All Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions, and Contractual Agreements required in the area, in the purchasing agreement, or in the grant agreement have been met.

All property improvements including, but not limited to: fencing, gates, signs, restrooms, parking areas, trash/waste receptacles, and similar improvements shall conform to the San Joaquin River Master Plan Update and Conservancy branding guidelines.



The Conservancy's Executive Officer may temporarily close properties, or any portion thereof, for other reasons than those listed above due to natural disasters, extreme fire threats, flooding, significant acts of vandalism, hazardous dumping, or other unforeseeable situations to keep the public safe and/or to protect water quality, natural and cultural resources. Only the Conservancy Board may permanently close properties, unless otherwise delegated to the Conservancy's Executive Officer.

The Conservancy may provide additional resources when feasible to improve the visitors experience and further protect Conservancy owned property and natural or cultural resources. Additional resources include, but are not limited to:

- 1) Security Patrols
- 2) Fire Fuel Reduction and Vegetation Management
- 3) Landscape and Trail Maintenance
- 4) Drinking Fountains and Hand Washing Stations
- 5) Irrigation for Vegetation and Habitat Restoration
- 6) Boat Launches
- 7) On-site Personnel
- 8) Shade Structures, Picnic Tables, Benches, Bike Racks, Lighting, Interpretive Signage
- 9) Road or Monument Sign

The Executive Officer will notify the Conservancy Board Chair and Vice chair immediately upon any change in status regarding property openings and closings. All Conservancy Board members shall be notified at the next Board meeting of any properties that have undergone a change of status.

Prior to opening, the Executive Officer will report to the Board the amount of funding available for operating and maintenance of the property and when the funding expires. As well as the estimated cost of operating and keeping the property open in a safe and managed manner.




AGENDA ITEM

August 6, 2025

Item: E-4

To: San Joaquin River Conservancy Governing Board

From: Kari Kyler Daniska, Executive Officer 

Subject: **ACTION ITEM: Review and Adopt Social media Policy and Guidelines.**

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Conservancy Board approve and adopt the Social Media Policy and Guidelines.

SUMMARY:

Social media has become an essential tool for the Conservancy to convey information and engage with the general public. Since 2024, the Conservancy has created and maintained official Facebook and Instagram profiles. These platforms allow us to share important updates and connect with our community in meaningful ways.

Authorized Staff uses these profiles to share a variety of information, including but not limited to:

- Event and board meeting notices
- Property profiles and descriptions
- Holiday and celebration posts
- Sharing applicable and relevant partner organization/agency posts

As of July 2025, the Conservancy's Facebook Page has a total of 429 followers, with each post averaging over 150 views. Through both the Facebook and Instagram pages, we are able to cross-post and collaborate with our partner organizations and other agencies, thereby increasing engagement for the Conservancy and our partners. By effectively utilizing our social media platforms, we can enhance our outreach efforts and strengthen our community connections.

To maximize our social media presence, the Conservancy has created the Social Media Policy and Guidelines (Attachment 1), adapted from the official State Parks Handbook.

For additional information, you may direct inquiries to San Joaquin River Conservancy Executive Officer, Kari Kyler Daniska, at kari.daniska@sjrc.ca.gov.

Attachment 1: Social Media Policy and Guidelines



DRAFT FOR APPROVAL BY THE GOVERNING BOARD

AUGUST 2025

The San Joaquin River Conservancy's social media policy is an official document that provides guidelines and requirements for employees who post content on behalf of the Conservancy on various social media platforms as either their fulltime duties or duties as assigned. This policy is a resource to help the Conservancy maintain its brand voice while mitigating social media risks. Additionally, the policy aims to protect accounts from hacking and imposter accounts.

The San Joaquin River Conservancy uses social media accounts to expand the Conservancy's impact on the community. To increase public interaction and awareness, engagement, and exposure to our work, our partnerships, and parkway properties. As official communication platforms, San Joaquin River Conservancy's social media accounts, including but not limited to Facebook, Instagram, X (formally known as Twitter), YouTube, TikTok, Threads, etc., must contain content that positively reflects the Conservancy's brand, is lawful and does not compromise the integrity or image of the Conservancy or its mission.

Definitions

Social media: Various forms of communication, such as text, photos, and video, which allow interaction among individuals, groups and organizations. Social media are primarily Internet- and mobile-based tools for sharing and discussing information. For government departments, it is another tool to communicate openly with the people we serve.

User: Any person who actively posts text, photos, or video on social media Web sites including but not limited to Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, Reddit, YouTube, Wikipedia, Blogs and other similar sites currently in existence and those yet to be invented.

Account Administrator: A user who has administrative privileges to change account settings, manage communication, and post on behalf of the Conservancy.

Fan / Follower: A user (either employee or member of the public) who has chosen to follow or "Like" the San Joaquin River Conservancy social media account or page. A fan or follower will generally see the majority of posts from the San Joaquin River Conservancy social media account.

Post: Communication of text, pictures, video, or a combination of all three, on behalf of the Conservancy.

Content: The actual substance of the post; the specific words, pictures, and videos to be used in the communication.



Establishing and Maintaining Social Media Communication

User requirements for use and content by the State Chief Information Officer's Social Media Standard

1. Users shall connect to, and exchange information with, only those Social Media web sites that have been authorized by the Executive Officer in accordance with the requirements within this and other Conservancy and State policies.
2. Users shall minimize their use of "other than government" sections of the Social Media web sites.
3. Users shall not post or release proprietary, confidential, sensitive, personally identifiable information (PII), or other state government Intellectual Property on Social Media web sites, including but not limited to copyrighted material. Accidental disclosure should be immediately reported to the Conservancy's Information Security Officer.
4. Users who connect to Social Media web sites through State information assets, who speak officially on behalf of the Conservancy or the State, or who may be perceived as speaking on behalf of the Conservancy or the State, are subject to all Conservancy and State requirements addressing prohibited or inappropriate behavior in the workplace, including acceptable use policies, user agreements, sexual harassment policies, etc.
5. Users shall not speak on Social Media web sites or other on-line forums on behalf of an agency, unless specifically authorized by the agency head or the agency's Public Information Office. Users may not speak on behalf of the State unless specifically authorized by the Governor.
6. Users who are authorized to speak on behalf of the Conservancy or State shall identify themselves by: 1) Full Name; 2) Title; 3) Agency; and 4) Contact Information, when posting or exchanging information on Social Media forums, and shall address issues only within the scope of their specific authorization.
7. Users who are not authorized to speak on behalf of the Conservancy or State shall clarify that the information is being presented on their own behalf and that it does not represent the position of the State or the Conservancy.
8. Users shall not utilize tools or techniques to spoof, masquerade, or assume any identity or credentials except for legitimate law enforcement purposes or for other legitimate State purposes.
9. Users shall not mix their professional information with their personal information.
10. Users shall not use their work password on Social Media web sites. The password(s) for Social Media efforts conducted for San Joaquin River Conservancy shall conform to the State password policies and shall additionally be stored in a secure location reachable by the Executive Officer or other appropriate authorizing authority.



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CONSERVANCY****General Social Media Guidelines***Account Administrators and Posting*

There may be more than one account administrator to the San Joaquin River Conservancy social media account. The Social Media Liaison will administer social media accounts via an account that is created with the info@sjrc.ca.gov email address, not a personal account. No post should be published without the approval of the Social Media Liaison. This is to ensure that social media traffic metrics and impressions are not hindered by conflicting publishing times from existing publishing schedules, or that content that does not fit these guidelines or fit into the larger social media plan is published.

Direct Communication, Comments, and Private Messages

It is important to remember that direct response twittering and wall-to-wall communications are viewed in public forums. This is not like talking on the phone on a private one-on-one conversation. Social Media Liaison should always be aware of tone, attitude, and how the communication will be perceived when communicating in public forums from San Joaquin River Conservancy social media accounts. The Social Media Liaison should refrain from participating in dialogue and online discussions with social profile visitors as much as possible, which includes making comments or directly responding to comments from the San Joaquin River Conservancy account. If a direct question is posed in a comment section or through a private message, the Social Media Liaison may respond and encourage the person to ask their question via email to info@sjrc.ca.gov. The Social Media Liaison should constantly monitor comments, disallow/remove any inappropriate or distasteful comment, and use discretion in alerting the Executive Officer regarding sensitive information. San Joaquin River Conservancy media accounts shall not be used to create a public forum for rebuttal or controversial issues. All efforts will be made to mitigate debate or argument in public settings.

Fans and Followers

Any administrator on the San Joaquin River Conservancy social media account may not follow private citizens or commercial profiles from within the San Joaquin River Conservancy social networking profile. Account administrators should not click onto the profiles of Friends, Fans, and/or Followers of the San Joaquin River Conservancy from within the Conservancy's account.



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Guidelines for Gathering Content from the Field

Gathering content for social media at work can be difficult but is important. Gathering content, taking pictures, or filming shall not interfere with staff duties. If enough personnel are on scene, staff are encouraged to take pictures that can be used by the Conservancy's social media; Posting any footage or other content from work on personal Social Media profiles is strictly prohibited. Video footage is a great way to show the work that staff do, however there is increased liability that the Conservancy must protect itself from when using video. Any content from work must be sent to the Social Media Liaison and posted from a Conservancy profile.

Social Media Evaluation

The Social Media Liaison will be responsible for constant monitoring and evaluation of social media metrics, impressions, and traffic. The Social Media Liaison will review social media metrics with the Executive Officer periodically and make adjustments in strategy or content if deemed necessary. Units should only engage in social media if this new activity can be sustained. Updates need to be made regularly, with at least one or two people designated to keep the pages active and dynamic. If not, then it is best not to launch a site, as allowing a site to stagnate could be detrimental.

Personal Social Media Use

Personal social media profiles have a nexus to the workplace, and the San Joaquin River Conservancy social media accounts. All administrators should be extremely cognizant of this fact, and exercise caution before posting or sharing content on their personal profiles.

Liability and Legal

Every effort should be taken to foresee the creation of liability in content that is posted on behalf of San Joaquin River Conservancy social media accounts. It is also important to consider that posts may be used in future lawsuits, and that material that could compromise the Conservancy's position should not be posted; San Joaquin River Conservancy social media accounts will not be used under any circumstance to discredit allied law enforcement agencies or be used in a way for personal financial or monetary gain. Anyone authorized to speak, blog, tweet or post on behalf of the Conservancy- either for their unit or the Conservancy as a whole -is prohibited from providing political commentary and personal opinions while on duty or otherwise representing the Conservancy. The San Joaquin River Conservancy, does not participate in political activities or provide opinions on political decisions or matters. The San Joaquin River Conservancy does not lobby or



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campaign on issues, even on those that may affect the Conservancy. Such activities and decisions are left to the Governor and the Legislature. State employees may not expend work time, public funds or state resources of any kind on any form of political speech or to assert a personal opinion when they are outside their employment duties. This restriction includes the use of such things as office supplies, state computers, fax machines, printers, copiers, and telephones. It also includes expenditure of work time, public funds or state equipment for unauthorized statements on social media sites, such as Facebook, Twitter, YouTube or any similar site.

Terms and Conditions for Social Media Followers

Conservancy social media followers play an important role in creating a diverse community of outdoor advocates. It is critical to remember the role the public has in shaping respectful and relevant online conversation.

Social media disclaimer: Below is a disclaimer/policy for comments that shall appear on all official accounts (linked in bio) for the San Joaquin River Conservancy on all social media platforms:

This account is intended to be a limited forum for communication and discussion between the San Joaquin River Conservancy and members of the public about specific park-related topics or the various recreational and cultural programs that the Conservancy manages. Comments should be respectful and courteous for other users and San Joaquin River Conservancy staff to facilitate connecting people with meaningful memories and experiences.

San Joaquin River Conservancy reserves the right to remove inappropriate comments, including those comments that are not topically related or that include profane or obscene language, sexual content, threats, defamatory statements, the encouragement of illegal activity, violations of the legal ownership interests of another party, solicitations of commerce, statements in support or opposition to political candidates or ballot propositions, content that promotes, fosters, or perpetuates discrimination or information that may compromise the safety or security of the public or public systems.

Any content posted may be subject to public disclosure upon request. Activity on this account is subject to all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and policies. As a reminder, San Joaquin River Conservancy does not necessarily agree with or endorse comments that individuals post and reserves the right to determine what is respectful and courteous.



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Comments may be removed, at San Joaquin River Conservancy's sole discretion, if they contain:

- Graphic, obscene, explicit or hate speech, including disparaging language based on race, color, national origin, gender, religion, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation, or age.
- Abusive language or comments that can be interpreted as intending to defame anyone or any organization.
- Personal attacks, insults or threatening language toward individuals, groups, or institutions.
- Private, personal information published without consent.
- Material that infringes on the rights of any third party, including intellectual property, privacy, or publicity rights.
- Statements in support of or opposition to a political campaign, candidate, or ballot measure.
- Unauthorized solicitations or advertisements, including spam such as the same comment posted repeatedly on a profile.
- False information or that which is unrelated to the mission of the Conservancy.
- Comments that suggest or encourage illegal activity.
- Comments and/or hyperlinks to materials totally unrelated to the content of the forum.
- Information that may tend to compromise the safety or security of the public or public systems.
- Photos that fall into any of the above categories.

Participate at your own risk, taking personal responsibility for your comments, your username and any information provided. All links posted as comments on San Joaquin River Conservancy posts will be reviewed and may be deleted. Repeated violations of our comment policy may cause the user to be blocked from social media platforms. Additionally, we reserve the right to enforce this acceptable use policy at our discretion. San Joaquin River Conservancy may remove any posted messages that it considers to be in breach of this policy.

Managing Public Comments

Authorized social media leads may delete comments that contain prohibited content as described in this handbook and as posted in terms and conditions on official social media accounts. Content and comments will not be deleted simply because they are critical of the state, officials, or employees; content will be deleted when it violates stated policy. If there are questions on deleting comments, leads can check with the Conservancy's Executive Officer.



Collaboration With Other State Agencies

The power of social media helps San Joaquin River Conservancy to connect with outdoor enthusiasts. The Conservancy also recognizes the value of collaborating with other state agencies to achieve shared goals and objectives.

Through social media partnerships with other state agencies, San Joaquin River Conservancy can amplify its message and reach a wider audience. The Conservancy regularly collaborates with other state agencies on social media initiatives, including:

- **Cross-promotion:** Partner with other state agencies to cross-promote each other's content on social media. For example, a post may be shared from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife about fishing regulations on San Joaquin River Conservancy's social media channels, and they might share a post about a new trail opening at a park.
- **Joint campaigns:** Collaborate with other state agencies to develop joint social media campaigns that promote shared goals and objectives. For example, collaborating with the California Natural Resources Agency on commemorative months campaigns.
- **Shared content creation:** Work with other state agencies to create content that benefits all involved entities.

San Joaquin River Conservancy believes that communicating social media partnerships with other state agencies is an important part of the Conservancy's transparency and commitment to working together. This includes sharing information about joint initiatives, tagging partner agencies in posts and cross-promoting events and programs. Before interacting with social media accounts not sponsored by other state agencies, care should be taken to clearly identify the external source of information and to assess whether the interests align with the mission of San Joaquin River Conservancy. Verify with the Conservancy's Executive Officer that collaboration is appropriate.

Responding to Complaints on Social Media About San Joaquin River Conservancy Employees

Before responding to any complaint posted to a Conservancy social media account regarding the actions of an employee, an attempt to verify that the person(s) in question are current employees of the Conservancy must be made. If complaints can be handled at the local level, they should be addressed through the proper chain of command, depending on the severity of the complaint and the subject of the complaint (don't involve staff who are the subject to the complaint). If the complaint is of a sensitive matter, for example hate speech, possible criminal activity or inappropriate behavior that could tarnish the Conservancy's reputation, it shall be routed through the Conservancy's Executive Officer for review and possible follow-up from Human Resources, the Equal Employment



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Opportunity Office, or the Law Enforcement and Emergency Services Division, depending on the circumstances.

Once guidance is received on how to move forward with a response, ask the user to reach out directly via a department email.

Sample draft messages:

- **For non-employee complaints:** “Hello. Thank you for your message and for bringing this matter to the Conservancy’s attention. The person in question is not a San Joaquin River Conservancy employee.”
- **For possible messages for social media complaints on personnel:** “Hello. Thank you for your message and for bringing this issue to our attention. The Conservancy will be looking into this matter.”
- **For possible message IF staff is caught on camera making inappropriate remarks:** “The San Joaquin River Conservancy has zero tolerance for [insert specific issue; e.g., racism] and discrimination of any kind. The Conservancy is committed to ensuring staff embody a spirit of equality and respect for all people. An investigation will be opened to investigate the actions exhibited in the video alleging [insert specific issue; e.g., racism] and will take appropriate action.”

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AGENDA ITEM

August 6, 2025

Item: F-1

To: San Joaquin River Conservancy Governing Board

From: Kari Kyler Daniska, Executive Officer

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Subject: ACTION ITEM: Adopt Resolution 25-04 Expressing Appreciation for Mike Karbassi.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Conservancy Board adopt: Resolution of Appreciation 25-04 for City of Fresno Councilmember, Mike Karbassi to commend and thank him for his service to the San Joaquin River Conservancy and his dedication to the development and implementation of the San Joaquin River Parkway.

SUMMARY:

Mike Karbassi was elected to the San Joaquin Conservancy (Conservancy) Board in 2019, serving approximately six years during his term. During this time, Mr. Karbassi has been a valuable member of the Conservancy Board. Mr. Karbassi has served as Conservancy Board Chair, Vice – Chair, and has actively engaged in board decisions, ensuring that alternatives are explored, and recommendations are well-founded. Mr. Karbassi's vision for the Conservancy and leadership have been instrumental, and he has been one of the strongest advocates for the Conservancy in its efforts to create a safe and accessible San Joaquin River Parkway.

DISCUSSION:

During Mr. Karbassi's term with the Conservancy, he has helped guide the Conservancy's work on several capital improvement projects and many property management issues. Items that were authorized by the Conservancy Board during his service included work on:

- The acquisition of properties for habitat conservation and enhancement, public access, recreation, and environmental education.
- Adopted the Addendum to the Environmental Impact Report for River West Fresno, Eaton Trail Extension Project
- Grant to the Department of Water Resources for the Sycamore Island Fishing Pond Enhancement Project
- Grant to the City of Fresno for the River West Fresno, Eaton Trail Extension Project
- Grant to the San Joaquin River Parkway and Conservation Trust to acquire the Sumner Peck Winery
- Grant to the Department of Water Resources for the Milburn Pond Planning, Design and CEQA

- Contract to the City of Fresno for the Installation of a Traffic Light at the Del Mar and Audubon Intersection
- Operation Agreement for the operation and maintenance of Sycamore Island and Van Buren Unit to the San Joaquin River Parkway and Conservation Trust
- Operation Agreement for the operation and maintenance of Ball Ranch and Ledger Island to the San Joaquin River Parkway and Conservation Trust

The Conservancy appreciates the dedication that Mr. Karbassi has demonstrated toward the development of the San Joaquin River Parkway and increased quality of life for the community that enjoys it. His guidance and voice have been key in establishing and furthering the Conservancy's goals, objectives, and priorities.




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Item: F-2

To: San Joaquin River Conservancy Governing Board

From: Kari Kyler Daniska, Executive Officer 

Subject: **ACTION ITEM: Authorize the Executive Officer to open Jensen River Ranch Extension.**

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Conservancy Board authorize the Executive Officer to open Jensen River Ranch Extension, when all minimum conditions for opening have been met.

SUMMARY:

At the January 2025 board meeting, the Conservancy Board authorized the Executive Officer to enter into an operating agreement with the City of Fresno Parks Department for Jensen River Ranch, Jensen River Ranch Extension, and additional properties as mutually agreed. The operating agreement has been signed and is awaiting approval by the City Council.

Staff are prioritizing the completion of the following projects at Jensen River Ranch Extension to meet the remaining minimum conditions for opening. It is anticipated that these projects will be completed this calendar year.

- Signage
- Fencing

Once all minimum conditions for opening have been met, the Executive Officer will open Jensen River Ranch Extension to the public and issue a News Release.

For additional information, you may direct inquiries to San Joaquin River Conservancy Executive Officer, Kari Kyler Daniska, at kari.daniska@sjrc.ca.gov.




AGENDA ITEM

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Item: F-3

To: San Joaquin River Conservancy Governing Board

From: Kari Kyler Daniska, Executive Officer 

Subject: **ACTION ITEM: Authorize Bond Funds for the City of Fresno to Construct the Core Project for the River West Fresno, Eaton Trail Extension Project.**

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Conservancy Board approve up to \$6,546,334 in Prop 68 and 84 bond funds to the City of Fresno for the River West Fresno, Eaton Trail Extension Project. This grant award is contingent upon the Wildlife Conservation Board's review and approval.

BACKGROUND:

In September 2021, the San Joaquin River Conservancy Board authorized up to \$3,104,831.00 in bond funds to the City of Fresno for the purpose of completing final engineering designs and securing necessary permits for the River West Fresno Eaton Trail Extension Project (River West Project).

The proposed trail extension will extend the existing Lewis S. Eaton Trail by approximately 2.4 miles, beginning near the Perrin Avenue alignment at Highway 41 and extending to Spano Park, located within the City of Fresno. The trail will feature a 22-foot-wide corridor, including a 12-foot-wide paved path, a parallel eight-foot-wide hard natural surface for equestrian use, and a two-foot-wide shoulder.

In addition to the trail itself, the project includes three formal access points with public parking facilities located at Perrin Avenue (Core Project), Riverview Drive (Alternative 1), and North Palm Avenue (Alternative 5b).

The Wildlife Conservation Board approved the River West Project and awarded the grant funds on November 18, 2021 and issued the notice to proceed to the City of Fresno on January 7, 2022.

On September 29, 2022, the Fresno City Council approved a contract with Provost and Pritchard Consulting Group to develop the final engineering design and assist with permitting for the project. Currently, the City of Fresno and Provost and Pritchard are in the final stages of completing the engineering designs and have initiated the permitting process required for project implementation.

SUMMARY:

In September 2024, the Conservancy Board authorized the use of up to \$9,300,000 in general funds for the construction of the River West Project. However, due to the continued escalation of material and construction costs, the Conservancy cannot construct and open the Core Project, Alternative 5b, and Alternative 1, concurrently. Therefore, in October 2024, the Conservancy Board directed staff to prioritize the construction and opening of the Core Project.

The City of Fresno has completed 65% designs, and the revised construction cost estimate for the entire River West Project is currently \$20,000,000. The revised construction cost estimate for the Core Project is approximately \$11,000,000. These estimated costs are anticipated to continually increase over time.

The Core Project includes the following:

- Approximately 2.4 miles of new multi-use trail, featuring:
 - A 22-foot-wide corridor comprised of:
 - A 12-foot-wide paved trail surface
 - An eight-foot-wide parallel hard natural surface trail for equestrian use
 - A two-foot-wide shoulder
- A new parking lot at Perrin Avenue, with:
 - Capacity for 50 vehicles
 - Three horse trailer parking spaces
- A two-vault restroom with drinking fountains
- Planting areas with new trees

After consulting with the Department of General Services (DGS), it was determined that the Conservancy does not have the authority to manage a public works project, as defined in Public Contract Code Section 10105. In order to use general funds to construct the River West Project, the Conservancy would require a formal delegation of authority from the DGS or contract with DGS to serve as the Project Manager. However, the Conservancy is permitted to enter into grant agreements, in any approved and available amount, with the City of Fresno for construction on State property.

Staff recommends that the Board approve the authorization of Prop 68 and 84 bond funds for the City of Fresno to construct the Core Project, a portion of the River West Project.

Staff will continue to work with DGS to obtain delegation or project management services for the construction of Alternative 5b and Alternative 1.

For additional information, you may direct inquiries to San Joaquin River Conservancy Executive Officer, Kari Kyler Daniska, at kari.daniska@sjrc.ca.gov.



AGENDA ITEM

August 6, 2025

Item: F-4

To: San Joaquin River Conservancy Governing Board

From: Kari Kyler Daniska, Executive Officer

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Subject: ACTION ITEM: Approve Circle V Demolition Project.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Conservancy Board approve the proposed Circle V Demolition Project and allow the Conservancy to enter into a contract with the Department of General Services for an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.00.

SUMMARY:

In June 2023, one residence located at the Conservancy owned property, known as Circle V, sustained flood damage. After inspection, it was determined that both single family residences either had significant flood damage, asbestos, rodent damage, electrical and/or plumbing damage/hazards, or were structurally unsound and were unsafe to inhabit. Based on these findings, the residences were recommended for demolition and removal.

In August 2023, the Conservancy initiated the planning phase for the Circle V Demolition Project (Project). The Project includes the demolition of all existing structures on the property located at 42388 Avenue 11, Madera, CA 93636. Existing structures include two existing residential structures, shed and foundation, a pool and surrounding equipment, the well pump house structure, intermediate fencing, and septic tanks. The project also includes any civil, mechanical and electrical design needed to support demolition and disconnection of existing utilities.

Since the initiation of the planning phase, there have been numerous instances where trespassing or sign thereof was observed on the property. Additionally, two wildfires have occurred on the property and threatened the abandoned structures. The first wildfire occurred on August 29, 2024 and the second occurred on June 2, 2025. State resources were used to protect the structures during both wildfire events. During the June 2, 2025 wildfire the shed was destroyed, and the two residential structures were forcefully entered to allow for potential escape and evacuation.

On July 11, 2025, the Conservancy received an updated Circle V Demolition Project (Project) scope, cost summary, and conceptual schedule (Attachment 2, 3, 4). If the

Conservancy Board approves moving forward with the Project, it is anticipated that the Project will be completed in or around July 2027.

Staff recommend the approval of the Circle V Demolition Project to remove these hazards from the property and reduce State resources being spent on their protection. Additionally, moving forward with the Circle V Demolition Project will provide a “clean slate” for future projects to be planned and implemented or co-management of the property.

Staff have reviewed the Conservancy budget and available funding and have determined that there is adequate general funding to complete this Project in addition to Projects that have been previously approved by the Conservancy Board.

Bond funds may only be used for land acquisitions and capital improvement projects, not for operations, management, maintenance, administration, and other on-going programs.

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