

**San Joaquin River Conservancy Governing Board
July 9, 2025 Meeting Minutes**

**Board Meeting Location:
Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District
5469 E Olive Ave., Fresno, CA 93727
and California Natural Resources Agency
715 P. Street, Room: 20-103 (Serpentine Room)
Sacramento, CA 95814
and online Via Teams**

A. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairperson Macaulay called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Pledge of allegiance led by Vice Chairperson Auston.

B. ROLL CALL

	Present	Absent	Teleconference	Late
Macaulay	X			
Auston	X			
Karbassi	X			
Bredefeld		X		
Mejia				930
Vance/Hatler	X			
Gresham		X		
Norris/ Fris	X			
Sandoval	X			
Hudson			X	910
Benson			X	910
Forhan	X			
O'Connell	X			
Chavez	X			
Ruiz	X			

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. CLOSED SESSION

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

D-1. Government Code Section 11126(e)(1) The Act allows a state body to consult with its attorney about pending litigation in closed session when discussing the matter in open session would prejudice the state body's position.

D-2. Government Code Section 11126(e)(1) The Act allows a state body to consult with its attorney about pending litigation in closed session when discussing the matter in open session would prejudice the state body's position.

The Board returned from closed session at 10:12 a.m. and resumed the meeting with Public Comment. There were no items to report.

E. 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.

F. CONSENT ITEMS

F-1. INFORMATION ITEM: Conservancy Budget Update.

F-2. INFORMATION ITEM: City of Fresno Measure P and C Funding Update.

Motion: To approve, Member Forhan.

Second: Member Chavez.

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

G. REGULAR SESSION ITEMS

G-1. PRESENTATION: NFWF Proposed Project at Ledger Island Presentation.

No action taken.

G-2. ACTION ITEM: Resolution for Richard Sloan.

Motion: To approve, Member Forhan.

Second: Member Auston.

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

G-3. ACTION ITEM: Revise Board Meeting and Workshop Schedule, including Celebration of Commemorative Months and Holidays.

Motion: To approve the revised schedule, member Chavez.

Second: Member Mejia.

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

G-4. ACTION ITEM: Approve and Adopt the San Joaquin River Conservancy Regulations.

Motion: To approve and adopt the SJRC Regulations, Member Karbassi.

Second: Member Auston.

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

G-5. ACTION ITEM: Bond Funds Request for Broken Bridge Proposition 1.

Motion: To approve Member Forhan.

Second: Member Chavez.

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

G-6. ACTION ITEM: JEDI Justice Equity Diversity and Inclusion Statement and Webpage.

Motion: To approve Member Forhan.

Second: Member O'Connell

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

H. ADMINISTRATIVE AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

H-1. Deputy Attorney General Report

H-2. Executive Officer Report

H-3. Board Members' Reports and Comments

H-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.

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

J. NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE

The next meeting of the San Joaquin River Conservancy Governing Board is scheduled for Wednesday, August 6, 2025. Time and Location to be determined.

K. ADJOURN

Chairperson Macaulay adjourned the meeting at 12:04 p.m.