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The San Joaquin River Conservancy Governing Board
will hold a regular meeting on
November 5, 2025
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: 20-104 (Mojave Room)
Sacramento, CA 95814

and online Via Teams
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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. 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.

D-3. Government Code Section 11126(a)(1)
Public Employee Performance Evaluation
Title: Executive Officer

Closed Session is anticipated to last an hour and a half. The Board meeting will resume with Public Comment at approximately 10:30 a.m.

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. ACTION ITEM: San Joaquin River Parkway Trust License Agreement.

G. REGULAR SESSION ITEMS

G-1. PRESENTATION: Central Valley Community Foundation Parkway Partnership.

G-2. INFORMATION ITEM: Strategic Plan Update.

G-3. INFORMATION ITEM: Funding Plan for Remaining River West Elements.

G-4. ACTION ITEM: San Joaquin River Western Reaches Access Activation Plan Presentation and Proposal for Additional Funding for the Completion of the CEQA Process.

G-5. ACTION ITEM: Approve Proposition 4 Guidelines and Grant Applications to be submitted to Office of Administrative Law as part of Emergency Regulations Process.

G-6. ACTION ITEM: Adopt Resolution 25-05 Expressing Appreciation for Kent Gresham.

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. NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE

The San Joaquin River Conservancy Governing Board will not meet in the months of December or January. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 4, 2026, time and location to be determined.

J. 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.

STRATEGIC PLANNING PUBLIC WORKSHOP WILL BEGIN AT 1:00 P.M.

**November 5, 2025****Item: F-1****To:** San Joaquin River Conservancy Governing Board**From:** Kari Kyler Daniska, Chief 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)
Committed Funds (SJRC Board)*		(996,334.87)
Balance		\$00.00

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)
Committed Funds (SJRC Board)*		(2,000,000.00)
Unallocated Balance		\$3,311,088.43

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		-
Committed Funds (SJRC Board)*		(5,550,000.00)
Unallocated Balance		\$00.00

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	(7,661,880.39)
Unallocated Balance	\$7,338,119.61

FISCAL YEAR 2025 - 2026:

ENVIRONMENTAL LICENSE PLATE FUND (14000)	\$444,000.00
Expenses	(399,214.38)
Unallocated Balance	\$44,785.62

SAN JOAQUIN RIVER CONSERVANCY FUND (10002)	\$450,000.00
Expenses	(\$138,574.38)
Unallocated Balance	\$311,425.62

PROP 84 - PROGRAM DELIVERY (10006)	\$512,000.00
Expenses	(408,993.64)
Unallocated Balance	\$103,006.36

* The funds have been authorized by the SJRC Board and are currently pending approval by the WCB Board for encumbrance.

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



AGENDA ITEM

November 5, 2025

Item: F-2

To: San Joaquin River Conservancy Governing Board

From: Kari Kyler Daniska, Chief Executive Officer 

Subject: **ACTION ITEM:** License Agreement for San Joaquin River Parkway and Conservation Trust for Stewardship Activities, Educational Programs and Fundraising.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the San Joaquin River Conservancy Governing Board approve a license agreement with the San Joaquin River Parkway and Conservation Trust for Stewardship Activities, Educational Programs, and Fundraising.

SUMMARY:

License agreements may be issued by the San Joaquin River Conservancy Governing Board to an appropriate group, organization, business, or agency to allow their agents and participants to enter units, including those that are otherwise closed to the public, to conduct activities and programs for educational, recreational, tribal, resource management, and similar beneficial public service purposes.

The San Joaquin River Parkway and Conservation Trust currently have an executed license agreement with the San Joaquin River Conservancy for Stewardship Activities, Educational Programs and Fund-Raising, which expires November 18, 2025.

The San Joaquin River Parkway and Conservation Trust have requested renewal of a non-exclusive, revokable, License Agreement to enter Conservancy owned properties to conduct Stewardship Activities, Educational Programs and Fundraising Activities. The new agreement, if approved by the board, would commence upon signature and be in effect for 3 years. Conservancy Staff have prepared a proposed license agreement for the Conservancy Governing Boards consideration (Attachment 1). Prior to issuance, the Conservancy's Legal Counsel will review the proposed license agreement and make any necessary modifications and revisions.

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



THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
RESOURCES AGENCY
SAN JOAQUIN RIVER CONSERVANCY

LICENSE AGREEMENT
San Joaquin River Parkway and Conservation Trust
Stewardship, Education Programs and Fund Raising

1. Identification of Parties.

This License Agreement is entered into upon signature by both parties between the State of California, San Joaquin River Conservancy (hereafter referred to as "Conservancy") and San Joaquin River Parkway and Conservation Trust (hereafter referred to as "Parkway Trust").

2. Description of Property.

The State of California is the owner of certain real property, under the management jurisdiction of the Conservancy within the San Joaquin River Parkway, as defined in the San Joaquin River Conservancy Act (Public Resources Code section 32510), situated in Fresno and Madera Counties, California (hereafter referred to as the "Property").

3. Consideration.

The consideration for this License Agreement is the public benefit, and the furtherance of the goals and policies of the San Joaquin River Conservancy Act to provide for conservation of and education about the natural, cultural, and recreational resources within the Parkway. In addition, the consideration for this License Agreement is to further implement the buildout of the San Joaquin River parkway and the supporting goals in the Conservancy's Master plan and strategic plan.

4. Grant of License.

Conservancy grants to Parkway Trust a revokable, non-exclusive License (hereafter referred to as the "License") to enter and use the Property for the following purposes:

- a) Parkway Trust-Supervised Stewardship Activities, including but not limited to, litter and debris cleanup on Conservancy-owned Property, gate security, invasive plant management, vegetation management, fire fuel reduction, minor repairs of fences, gates, irrigation, or infrastructure, species and aquatic monitoring, and special maintenance related to events and special activities conducted pursuant to the license with members, partners, and/or volunteers;
- b) Parkway Trust-Supervised Educational Programs, including but not limited to, nature walks, canoe/kayak exploration trips, traditional ecological or educational lessons, River Camp or school sponsored field trips/events, and cultural resource programs and events for children and adults;

and

c) Parkway Trust-Supervised Fund-Raising activities, staff supervised fund-raising events and programs for children, older students, and adults. Parkway Trust shall be allowed to conduct events scheduled pursuant to Section 9 of this license and to enter the property before and after those events as necessary to perform any special maintenance related to the events.

This license permit provides a unique opportunity for the Parkway Trust to seek donations and raise funds that will benefit the San Joaquin River Parkway.

1. All events that include seeking donations or fund-raising must be clearly identified in the event approval request.
2. The event approval request must include what project, property, or purpose the money received will benefit.
3. All donations and/or funds raised must be reported to the Conservancy, see post-activity reporting.

Events held for the purpose of political campaigns and/or political fund-raising are strictly prohibited.

This License Agreement does not include events that serve or sell alcoholic beverages.

Pre-activity, pre-event site reconnaissance by event coordinators shall also be scheduled in advance with the Conservancy.

Parkway Trust may not use the Property for any other purpose or business without obtaining Conservancy's prior written consent.

5. Independent Entity.

In exercising the rights granted by, and requirements of, this License, Parkway Trust is an independent entity, and its agents and employees are not contractors or agents of the Conservancy.

6. Term of License.

The term of this license will commence on the effective date (listed above) and remain in effect for three (3) years from that date, unless revoked in accordance with Section 7.

7. Revocation.

The Conservancy may revoke this License at will by having a written revocation notice delivered to Parkway Trust at least 30 days prior to the termination date specified in the notice.

8. Exercise of Rights.

In exercising the rights granted under this License Agreement, Parkway Trust must use reasonable care and may not unreasonably increase the burden on the Property.

9. Schedule of Use – Event Request.

Parkway Trust shall provide 30 days notice for special event requests review and approval. A special event is defined as a non-routine occasion that stands out from everyday operations or property use. Special events should be viewed as a way to promote the Conservancy, encourage public uses consistent with our mission, create and improve community, and encourage new users to visit Conservancy owned properties, thus increasing future attendance and revenue.

A special event permit is required if any of the following exists:

- The activity is significantly different from general property use;
- Participants are charged additional fees beyond regular use fees;
- There is greater potential hazard or liability to the State than is incurred through typical daily activities;
- The event requires exclusive use of an area within the property;
- The event interferes significantly with the public's use of an area (this type of event should not occur during peak season or result in the entire closure of a unit to the public);
- There is a need for additional staffing to host, lead, or provide event management and oversight;
- The activity has a significant impact on the resources;
- The event involves the sale of items or services or where donations are requested.

Parkway Trust shall provide 72 hours' notice for stewardship activities and educational programming event requests.

Said notice shall not be deemed approved until Parkway Trust receives written approval by Conservancy. Said advance notice shall allow the Conservancy Executive Officer ("Executive Officer") to determine if the proposed use is safe and appropriate given then-known conditions at the location, and to notify any lessees, regulatory interests, or others of the date and time of use. The Executive Officer, at their sole and absolute discretion, may direct the Parkway Trust to select an alternate location or time for the event, or may withhold permission for the proposed access. Scheduled activities approved may be later barred by the Executive Officer, in their sole and absolute discretion, if site conditions change, new information about the conditions becomes available, or this License is revoked in accordance with Section 7. The Executive Officer, at their sole and absolute discretion, shall make reasonable effort to accommodate proposed authorized activities. Permission for proposed activities that are consistent with the intent and authorized purposes shall not be unreasonably withheld, nor shall previously approved scheduled uses be unreasonably barred, relocated or rescheduled.

Event requests shall include but are not limited to:

Event Name

Brief description of activities
Purpose of activity or event
Location
Date
Estimated number of participants
Estimated volunteer hours if applicable
If is event is a fund raiser or donations will be sought
Where the money generated be allocated
Restrooms and sanitation area used
Parking plan
Property access assistance needed for entry, if so, list all dates access is desired

10. Notices.

Any notices or statements herein requested or required to be given by one party to the other shall be in writing. Said notice shall not be deemed received until Parkway Trust receives written confirmation of receipt of notice from the Conservancy.

Emailed notices are preferred and should be sent to the Conservancy at info@sirc.ca.gov.

If mailed notices are necessary, the Conservancy's mailing address is PO Box 28338 Fresno, CA 93729.

If mailed notices are necessary, the Parkway Trust's mailing address is 11605 Old Friant Rd, Fresno, CA 93730.

Either party hereto may by written notice change the address to which such notices or statements may be sent.

11. Special Provisions.

The Conservancy reserves the right to utilize new policies and procedures once in place over the term of this License Agreement. When new request forms, special-use event forms, or post-reporting forms are adopted they will supersede details in this License Agreement as directed by the Conservancy.

Parkway Trust shall provide adequate supervision of each event from set up throughout the event until cleanup, by assigning an employee or officer as the event supervisor. The supervisor shall perform a reconnaissance of the site immediately prior to use and shall be responsible for ensuring that potential hazards are avoided to the extent possible, including but not limited to any associated with vehicle access, parking, roadways, trails, bridges, other improvements, river and pond banks, eroded slopes, debris, vectors, and venomous animals. The supervisor must maintain communications capability by ensuring there is a functional mobile phone in their possession during the event. The supervisor shall ensure the participants stay within agreed upon boundaries for the activity, and that they do not stray into other areas. The supervisor shall ensure the site is properly closed and locked after the event. Minors participating as volunteers or as students must be enrolled in Parkway Trust volunteer programs and be supervised at all times by qualified staff. Adult volunteers must be enrolled as such with the Parkway Trust.

A copy of the Parkway Trust liability waiver shall be provided to the Conservancy.

Parkway Trust shall ensure that all waste generated by its activities under this License are properly removed from the Property and disposed of at its expense. Parkway Trust shall make adequate provisions for employee and participant restrooms and sanitation. At the Conservancy Executive Officer's sole discretion, portable restrooms, at the expense of Parkway Trust, may be required for events. Parkway Trust shall cooperate with the Conservancy to ensure that the burden of planning, expense, and coordination with lessees and other agencies, related to the activities authorized by this License is borne by Parkway Trust. All fishing license requirements apply. All boating and waterways regulations apply. For canoes and kayaks of any length one I, II, III, or V Coast Guard-approved Personal Flotation Device for each person must be on board the vessel. Further information regarding water safety can be found at <http://www.dbw.ca.gov/>.

12. Post-Activity Reports.

a. Parkway Trust shall provide the Conservancy with a summary report after every activity online at: <https://forms.office.com/g/RUWae2X3P5>

The online reporting tool captures the number of participants, volunteer hours, location and brief activity description. In section 8 of the summary report, the Parkway Trust shall provide the additionally requested information:

- Funds raised
- Funds allocation
- Condition of site

b. Parkway Trust shall make the Conservancy aware of any unusual site conditions if any are encountered after each reconnaissance visit or activity by email: Cheryl.Moxley@sjrc.ca.gov and Kari.Daniska@sjrc.ca.gov

13. Improvements.

Parkway Trust shall place no improvements of any kind or nature on the Property without first obtaining the written permission of the Conservancy. All approved improvements will become the property of the Conservancy.

14. Property Damage.

Parkway Trust shall keep the portions of the Property used by it in good, clean and safe condition, free of waste and debris, at all times. Parkway Trust shall be responsible for any and all damage to the Property, including but not limited to fences, gates, and facilities therein, caused by the use thereof by Parkway Trust.

15. Indemnification and Insurance.

A. Conservancy.

The term "Conservancy," as used in this section, includes the San Joaquin River Conservancy,

its members, officers, agents and/or employees, and the successors and assigns of any of them.

B. General.

Parkway Trust agrees to release, hold harmless, indemnify, and defend (with counsel approved by Conservancy) the Conservancy from and against all liability, claims, losses, damages, fines, penalties, cost, and expenses (including, without limitation, attorney's fees, in addition to costs of suit and judgment) incurred by the Conservancy for loss of or damage to any property or loss of the use thereof or for injury to or death of any person arising or resulting from:

- (1) The occupancy, maintenance, and/or use of the Property by Parkway Trust, its agents, employees, invitees, or any third party (other than an agent, employee or invitee of Conservancy), or
- (2) The Parkway Trust's material breach of any provision of this License, to the extent not caused or contributed to by the negligence, active or passive or otherwise, of Conservancy, its employees, agents, invitees or any other person.

C. Environmental Impairment.

Parkway Trust shall not use, store, transport or release any hazardous substance in, on or near the Property. Should any discharge, leakage, spillage, emission, or pollution of any type occur upon or from the Property due to Parkway Trusts use and occupancy thereof, Parkway Trust at its expense, shall be obligated to clean all the property affected thereby, whether owned or controlled by Conservancy or any third person, to the satisfaction of Conservancy (insofar as the property owned or controlled by Conservancy is concerned) and any governmental body having jurisdiction over the subject matter.

Parkway Trust shall indemnify, hold harmless, and defend Conservancy against all liability, cost, and expense (including, without limitation, any fines, penalties, judgments, litigation costs and attorney's fees) incurred by Conservancy as a result of Parkway Trusts breach of this section, or as a result of any such discharge, leakage, spillage, emission or pollution, regardless of whether such liability, cost or expense arises during or after the License term, except to the extent the liability, cost or expense is caused by the Conservancy.

D. Insurance.

Throughout the term of this License, Parkway Trust shall provide and maintain comprehensive general liability insurance, including but not limited to bodily injury and property damage insurance with limits of liability of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 general aggregate, and automobile liability insurance with limits of liability of not less than \$1,000,000 per accident for bodily injury and property, for liability assumed by Parkway Trust under this License. Parkway Trust shall insure, or be a qualified self-insured, with respect to the applicable laws relating to workers' compensation coverage (California Labor Code Section 3700), for all of employees, students, and participants engaged in the authorized activities on or about the Conservancy's facilities.

Such insurance shall be obtained from a company or companies authorized to transact business in the State of California. Parkway Trust shall provide the Conservancy with an endorsement or certificate with such policy or policies specifying that:

(a) The State of California, the San Joaquin River Conservancy, and its members, officers, agents and employees, are included as additional insureds for any liability resulting from, growing out of, or in any way connected with or incident to this License; and

(b) The State of California and the San Joaquin River Conservancy are not responsible for premiums and assessment on the insurance policy.

(c) the insurance company or companies will provide the San Joaquin River Conservancy with a thirty-day written notice before canceling the insurance policy or policies acquired pursuant to this paragraph, not renewing the insurance policy, or before reducing any liability coverage thereunder. Upon issuance by the insurer, broker, or agency of a notice of cancellation, non-renewal, or reduction in coverage or in limits, Parkway Trust shall furnish the Conservancy with a new certificate and applicable endorsements for such policy(ies). In the even any policy is due to expire during this Agreement, Parkway Trust shall provide a new certificate, and applicable endorsements, evidencing renewal of such policy not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the expiration date of the expiring policy.

Prior to commencing work under this License, Parkway Trust shall furnish Conservancy with a copy of said endorsements or certificates.

Parkway Trust hereby warrants that it will not cancel or reduce its insurance coverage without prior written notice to the Conservancy, and that it will immediately notify the Conservancy in writing of any cancellation of coverage initiated by the insurer.

Nothing in this License is intended to create in the public or any member thereof rights as a third-party beneficiary hereunder.

16. License Non-assignable.

This License is personal to Parkway Trust and shall not be assigned. Any attempt to assign the License shall automatically terminate it. No legal title or leasehold interest in the Property is created or vested in Parkway Trust by the grant of this License.

17. Compliance with Laws.

Parkway Trust, at its expense, shall comply with all applicable laws, regulations, rules and orders with respect to the use of the Property, regardless of when they become or became effective, including, without limitation, those relating to health, safety, noise, environmental protection, waste disposal, and water and air quality, and furnish satisfactory evidence of such compliance upon request of Conservancy.

Parkway Trust shall obtain and comply with the terms and provisions of all licenses, permits, and approvals required by any local, regional, state, or federal organization with authority to regulate the activities of Parkway Trust under this License. Parkway Trust shall comply with all regulations adopted by the Conservancy.

18. Media Contacts and Recognizing Conservancy as the landowner.

Parkway Trust shall obtain Conservancy approval prior to contacting representatives from the media regarding events scheduled on Conservancy property. Any events that are media focused shall be approved by the Conservancy in writing prior to contacting the media. All

media, tabletop displays, and event advertising shall include The State of California, San Joaquin River Conservancy as the landowner.

19. Default.

Parkway Trust shall be in default under this License if Parkway Trust fails or refuses to fulfil any covenant or condition.

If Parkway Trust fails to cure a default within five (5) days after notice from Conservancy to do so, Conservancy shall have the right, without further notice and in addition to any other remedies Conservancy may have at law or equity, to revoke this License forthwith.

If either party takes any steps or brings an action to compel performance of or to recover for breach of any term of this License, the losing party shall pay reasonable attorney's fees of the prevailing party, in addition to the amount of judgment and costs.

20. Nonwaiver.

Conservancy's failure to enforce or exercise its rights under any term, condition, or covenant of this License shall not be construed as a waiver of such rights or such term, covenant, or condition.

21. Representation and Warranties.

Parkway Trust represents and warrants to the Conservancy that: (i) Parkway Trust and its authorized signatory, have full right, power and authority to execute this Agreement; and (ii) Parkway Trust's execution and performance of this Agreement will not violate any laws, ordinances, covenants, mortgages, licenses or other agreements finding on Parkway Trust.

22. Severability

If any provision of this Agreement is declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction the remaining terms shall remain effective, provided that elimination of the invalid provision does not materially prejudice either party with regard to its respective rights and obligations; in the event of material prejudice, then the adversely affected party may terminate this Agreement.

23. Entire Agreement.

This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between Conservancy and Parkway Trust relating to the License. Any prior agreements, promises, negotiations, or representations not expressly set forth in this License are of no force and effect. Any amendment to this License shall be of no force and effect unless it is in writing and signed by the Conservancy and Parkway Trust.

CONSERVANCY:

Date:

San Joaquin River Conservancy
Kari Kyler Daniska, Executive Officer

Parkway Trust:

Date:

San Joaquin River Parkway and Conservation Trust
Sharon Weaver, Executive Officer



AGENDA ITEM

November 5, 2025

Item: G-1

To: San Joaquin River Conservancy Governing Board

From: Kari Kyler Daniska, Chief Executive Officer 

Subject: **INFORMATION ITEM:** Central Valley Community Foundation Presentation.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

SUMMARY:

The Central Valley Community Foundation (CVCF) is the only nationally accredited community foundation exclusively serving Merced, Mariposa, Madera, Fresno, Tulare, and Kings counties. CVCF offers innovative, flexible tools for charitable giving and help donors maximize the impact of their contributions. CVCF is committed to creating a more just and thriving Central Valley.

Ashley Swearengin, President and CEO of Central Valley Community Foundation will now provide a presentation on how CVCF and other non-profit partners can assist the San Joaquin River Conservancy in fulfilling its mission. They will also be sharing a brief video clip that spotlights Parkway projects.

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



November 5, 2025

Item: G2

To: San Joaquin River Conservancy Governing Board

From: Kari Kyler Daniska, Chief Executive Officer 

Subject: **INFORMATION ITEM:** Strategic Plan Update.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

SUMMARY:

The Conservancy has initiated the strategic planning process and has created a timeline showing the anticipated steps and milestones (Attachment 1).

The Executive Officer has open office hours on Tuesdays from 9-11 AM, started meeting with stakeholder groups and community members to gather feedback, and has regular meetings with an internal steering committee for the development of the strategic plan.

Potential goals or areas of focus in the Strategic Plan include:

- Find Opportunities for Long-Term Stable Funding
- Strengthening Tribal Partnerships
- Execute Strategic Land Acquisitions
- Align Investments to Maximize Parkway Development and Access
- Expand Access to Recreational and Educational Opportunities and Programs
- Expand and Accelerate Environmental Restoration and Stewardship
- Evaluate Conservation Outcomes and Adaptive Management

Additionally, three public workshops will be held to gather comments. Workshops will be held in Fresno and Madera County after regularly scheduled Board meetings. The final presentation of the strategic plan to the Governing Board is anticipated to take place in August of 2026.

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

Attachment 1: Strategic Planning Timeline



San Joaquin River Conservancy Strategic Plan Timeline

Aug
2025

Sep

Oct

Nov

Dec

Jan

Feb

Mar

Apr

May

Jun

Jul

Aug
2026

Stakeholder Engagement & Outreach

Admin
Draft Plan

Finalize
Plan

Steering Committee Meetings

Strategic
Planning
Kickoff

Public
Workshop

Public
Workshop

Public
Workshop

Final
Presentation
to Board



AGENDA ITEM

November 5, 2025

Item: G-3

To: San Joaquin River Conservancy Governing Board

From: Kari Kyler Daniska, Chief Executive Officer 

Subject: **INFORMATION ITEM:** Funding Plan for Remaining River West Elements

RECOMMENDATION:

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

BACKGROUND:

In September 2021, the San Joaquin River Conservancy Governing 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 approximately \$22,000,000. The revised construction cost estimate for the Core Project is approximately \$13,000,000. 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

During the August 2025 Board meeting, the Board authorized \$6,546,334 in Proposition 68 and Proposition 84 bond funds to be awarded to the City of Fresno for implementation of the River West Fresno – Core Project. That brings the allocated total to \$6.7 million.

This Fiscal Year 2025–26, the Conservancy is preparing the Proposition 4 guidelines for submission to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) under the emergency regulation process. Upon OAL approval, the Conservancy will have approximately \$5,115,000 in Proposition 4 funds available for eligible projects. The City of Fresno has expressed interest in applying for this funding when available.

During Fiscal Year 2026–27, the City of Fresno intends to contribute \$2 million in Measure C funds and \$500,000 in Measure P funds toward the River West project. In the same period, the Conservancy will have approximately \$5,035,000 available in Prop 4 for projects.

The City of Fresno is committed to identifying value engineering opportunities with the Conservancy to reduce project construction costs. Staff will continue to update the San Joaquin River Conservancy Governing Board as design of the River West Project is finalized and planning and construction progresses.

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

Current Conservancy Allocated Funds

- Prop 40 - \$172,000
- Prop 84 - \$996,334.87
- Prop 68 - \$5,550,000
- **Total - \$6,718,334.87**

Future Conservancy Funds Available for Fiscal Year 25/26

- Prop 4 - \$5,115,000
- **Total - \$5,115,000**

Future Conservancy and City Funds Available for Fiscal Year 26/27

- Measure C - \$2,000,000
- Measure P - \$500,000
- Prop 4 - \$5,035,000
- **Total - \$7,535,000**

Grand Total Available- \$19,368,334.87



AGENDA ITEM

November 5, 2025

Item: G-4

To: San Joaquin River Conservancy Governing Board

From: Kari Kyler Daniska, Chief Executive Officer 

Subject: **ACTION ITEM:** San Joaquin River Western Reaches Access Activation Plan; Presentation and Proposal for Additional Funding for the Completion of the CEQA Process.

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive revised San Joaquin River Western Reaches Access Activation Plan presentation and proposal for additional funding needed to complete the CEQA process. Discuss presentation and proposal and provide direction to the Executive Officer on how to proceed.

BACKGROUND:

The San Joaquin River Western Reaches Access Activation Plan is the preliminary design of the downstream portion of the 2018 San Joaquin River Parkway Master Plan Update and includes approximately 3.5 miles of parkway from the Milburn Overlook to Camp Pashayan, near the High-Speed Rail, Union Pacific Railroad, and State Route 99 bridges over the river. The San Joaquin River Western Reaches Access Activation Plan provides for public access to the San Joaquin River and designs recreational amenities at the Camp Pashayan site. It also developed a specific layout for a recreational trail along the river, extending approximately four miles eastward to Millburn Avenue and the City of Fresno Milburn Overlook, and setting the stage for additional connectivity and river access called for in the Master Plan Update. Together, these efforts will provide new opportunities for enjoyment of the San Joaquin River for underserved communities in Fresno and Madera Counties.

Under a grant from the California Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) Fresno Building Healthy Communities (Fresno BHC) worked with project stakeholders and a consultant team headed by WRT, Inc. to engage the public and prepare preliminary designs, construction cost estimates and documentation under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the San Joaquin River Western Reaches Access Activation Plan, Grant Agreement No. WC-2087 AD).

As part of the grant funded scope of services that started in June 2021, public input guided the planned site improvements of Camp Pashayan, and the parkway was designed in accordance with the Master Plan Update. In accordance with CEQA, an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) was prepared to analyze the effect of the project on the environment and to recommend mitigation, monitoring and reporting

needed for the implementation of the project. The IS/MND includes biological and cultural studies and other impact analysis such as air quality emissions estimations.

At the October 2023 San Joaquin River Conservancy Governing Board Meeting, Conservancy staff requested the approval to publicly circulate the IS/MND. After discussion, the Conservancy Governing Board approved the recommendation to accept the IS/MND, allowing for the closeout of the Wildlife Conservation Board grant with Fresno Building Healthy Communities (Fresno BHC). At that time, the IS/MND was held in the Administrative Draft level and not released for public circulation and comment.

With the WCB grant completed and now closed out, there are no additional funds allocated for the completion of the CEQA process and adoption of the IS/MND by the Conservancy Governing Board. When the CEQA process is completed, and the IS/MND is adopted, capital funds can be made available for elements of the San Joaquin River Western Reaches Access Activation Plan that the Conservancy Governing Board prioritizes for construction.

SUMMARY:

At the October 2024 meeting, the San Joaquin River Conservancy Governing Board heard a presentation regarding the proposal for additional funding for the completion of CEQA on the Western Reaches Project. Board members recommended that the plans be reviewed again to ensure that they align with the Parkway Master Plan and provided comments.

Michael Osborn, Professional Engineer with Provost & Pritchard, will now provide a presentation requesting additional funding to complete the CEQA process, resulting in the adoption of the IS/MND, that addresses the additional comments from the Conservancy Governing Board.

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



AGENDA ITEM

November 5, 2025

Item: G-5

To: San Joaquin River Conservancy Governing Board

From: Kari Kyler Daniska, Chief Executive Officer 

Subject: **ACTION ITEM:** Approve Proposition 4 Guidelines and Grant Applications to be submitted to Office of Administrative Law as part of Emergency Regulations Process.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the San Joaquin River Conservancy Governing Board approve the Conservancy's Proposition 4 Guidelines and Grant Application materials for submission to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) as part of the emergency regulations process. It is further recommended that the San Joaquin River Conservancy Governing Board authorize the Executive Officer to make any minor, non-substantive revisions requested by OAL. Should OAL request substantive changes, staff will return to the San Joaquin River Conservancy Governing Board for further review and approval of the revised guidelines.

SUMMARY:

The Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond of 2024 ("Proposition 4") was enacted by the voters on November 5, 2024, to fund \$10 billion in public improvements throughout the State of California. The primary objective of Proposition 4 is to tackle our most urgent climate needs by investing in preventing devastating wildfires, providing clean, safe drinking water and boosting water supplies, and protecting California's iconic landscapes. Proposition 4 project investments aim to assist communities that have been historically underserved by allocating a minimum of 10 percent of available funds to severely disadvantaged communities and a minimum of 40 percent of available funds to disadvantaged communities.

The Conservancy has received approximately \$11 million to support local assistance grants under its Proposition 4 Grant Program. The funds are allocated as follows:

- \$82,500 – Bond Fund Fee
- \$770,000 – Program Delivery
- \$10,147,500 – Projects

To help expedite implementation of Proposition 4 bond programs, budget trailer legislation—Chapter 106, Statutes of 2025 (AB 149, Committee on Budget)—authorizes administering departments to utilize the emergency regulation process to develop and adopt program guidelines and selection criteria. This authority enables departments to

proceed more quickly than would be possible under the standard rulemaking process outlined in the Administrative Procedure Act (APA). However, this approach is less streamlined than the Governor's original proposal, which would have fully exempted Proposition 4 programs from APA requirements.

The Conservancy has prepared its Proposition 4 Guidelines, Pre-Application and Full Application (see Attachment 1) for submission to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) as part of the emergency regulation process. In accordance with OAL requirements, the Conservancy must provide at least five working days' notice of the proposed emergency action prior to submitting the emergency regulation package.

The Conservancy will submit the following materials to OAL as part of the emergency regulation package:

1. Proposed Emergency Regulation Text and STD Form 400
2. Finding of Emergency, STD Form 399, Mailing List, and Statement of Reasons and Rulemaking Record completed for Board approval.

After submission of the emergency regulation package, OAL allows interested parties five calendar days to submit comments on the proposed emergency regulations.

Once submitted, OAL has ten calendar days within which to review and make a decision on the proposed emergency rulemaking file. If OAL approves the emergency rulemaking, OAL will file the approved regulation with the Secretary of State. If OAL disapproves of the regulation, it must write a decision explaining the reasons for disapproval.

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San Joaquin River Conservancy



PROPOSITION 4 GRANT PROGRAM

Funded by the

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Act of 2024 (Proposition 4)



Grant Guidelines

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Direct all inquiries, correspondence and grant applications to:

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I. Introduction

The San Joaquin River Conservancy is an agency of the State of California created by the Legislature to create the San Joaquin River Parkway by: acquiring 5,900 acres from willing sellers for Parkway purposes; enhancing and restoring riparian, floodplain, and other habitats, and conserving natural and cultural resources on its lands; and developing and managing its lands for public recreational and educational uses compatible with resource protection. The Conservancy also assists other entities in conserving and improving their lands for the Parkway. The Conservancy works to facilitate the development of the Parkway, cultivate public support, and secure its future.

The Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond of 2024 (“Proposition 4”) was enacted by the voters on November 5, 2024, to fund \$10 billion in public improvements throughout the State of California. The primary objective of Proposition 4 is to tackle our most urgent climate needs by investing in preventing devastating wildfires, providing clean, safe drinking water and boosting water supplies, and protecting California’s iconic landscapes. Proposition 4 project investments aim to assist communities that have been historically underserved by allocating a minimum of 10 percent of available funds to severely disadvantaged communities¹ and a minimum of 40 percent of available funds to disadvantaged communities².

II. Overview of the Conservancy Grant Program

The Conservancy has approximately \$11 million available for local assistance grants over the life of its Proposition 4 Grant Program. The minimum local assistance grant amount is \$50,000 for implementation projects. The Conservancy plans to issue one Notice of Funding Availability (“NOFA”) in 2025, with applications accepted continuously thereafter. The NOFA will be posted on the Conservancy’s website, and will be sent to local media, public agencies, Tribes and nonprofit organizations. Conservancy staff will undertake extensive outreach to encourage applications from economically disadvantaged communities.

III. Eligible Applicants

State and local public agencies (including joint powers authorities), nonprofit organizations with 501(c)3 tax exempt status and Tribes recognized by the state or federal governments are eligible.

¹ Communities with median household incomes less than 60 percent of the statewide average.

² Communities with median household incomes less than 80 percent of the statewide average.

IV. Use of Proposition 4 Funds

Funding Priorities. Projects that implement the following Conservancy objectives as listed below will be eligible for support from Proposition 4.

1. Objective 1: Reduce risks of climate change impact upon communities, fish and wildlife, and natural resources. This includes:

I. Acquisition Projects that:

- i. Preserve and maintain natural and cultural areas that are critical to and for species that are endangered or threatened or that are critical to the health of the natural ecosystem.
- ii. Support land conservation, where conserved land reduces greenhouse gas emissions by both preventing emissions and sequestering existing gases.
- iii. Support the 30x30 initiative in acquiring private lands and returning them to conservation or expanding existing conservation areas or create new ones and protect vital ecosystems.

II. Habitat Enhancement and Restoration Projects that:

- I. Remove invasive plants that contribute to global warming, use excessive amounts of water or harm endangered or threatened species of plants or animals and replace them with native plants.
- II. Enhance watershed related natural features, such as washes, channels, streams or riverbeds.
- III. Improve groundwater supply by enhancing flow into the aquifer through washes, alluvia fans, or streams.
- IV. Improve ecosystem through restoration work that supports biodiversity, resilience to disturbances, and the ability to support a wide range of plants and animal life, including healthy soil, dust suppression, and clean water.
- V. Prevent wildfire through the removal of invasive plant species to enhance fire prevention by reducing fuel loads, preventing fire spread, and allowing native fire-resistance vegetation to thrive.

2. Objective 2: Increase Public Access.

Eligible projects include:

- I. Enhancing access to outdoor recreation, including but not limited to:
 - a. Visitor-serving improvements (including buildings, visitor center facilities, native plant landscaping and shade infrastructure), in parks, public open spaces or recreational areas.

- b. Trails through urban or natural landscapes, whether for hiking, biking, walking or equestrian use.
- II. Community access project improvements, such as disabled access improvements, interpretative features that provide education about habitat conservation, cultural artifacts or local history.
- III. Restoration projects that support natural features and habitat areas that expand public access and enhances access to outdoor recreation.

3. Objective 3: Co-Benefits to Disadvantaged Communities.

Projects that benefit Disadvantaged or Severely Disadvantaged Communities will be given top priority. The Conservancy seeks to invest in these areas to mitigate the disproportionately negative impact to residents, particularly children and senior citizens. The Conservancy will allocate a minimum of 40 percent of available funds to disadvantaged communities and 10 percent to severely disadvantaged communities (as those terms are defined in footnotes 1 and 2) and other areas traditionally underserved by outdoor access or recreational amenities.

I. (S)DAC and Vulnerable Population Definitions

- a. **Disadvantaged community (DAC):** A community with a median household income of less than 80 percent of the area average or less than 80 percent of statewide median household income.
- b. **Severely disadvantaged community (SDAC):** A community with a median household income of less than 60 percent of the area average or less than 60 percent of statewide median household income.
- c. **Vulnerable population:** A subgroup of population within a region or community that faces a disproportionately heightened risk or increased sensitivity to impacts of climate change and that lacks adequate resources to cope with, adapt to, or recover from such impacts. (Note: tribes are considered vulnerable populations)
 - i. **Tribe:** A federally recognized Native American tribe or a nonfederally recognized Native American tribe listed on the California Tribal Consultation List maintained by the Native American Heritage Commission

V. Project Requirements

- a) All projects must comply with applicable environmental review requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
- b) All applicants must agree to comply with the state audit requirements applicable to Proposition 4 funding, including that the grantee retain for at least three years following final payment, satisfactory financial records relating to the project and make them available to the Conservancy upon request.
- c) All projects must comply with applicable federal, state and local permitting requirements.
- d) Projects involving construction, demolition, restoration and similar activities must comply with prevailing wage requirements (except to the extent certified conservation corps or volunteer services are used), and if applicable, public contracting laws.
- e) Any acquisitions must be from willing sellers for a price that does not exceed the fair market value of the property as determined by a Conservancy-approved appraisal, and the property acquired will be encumbered with a deed restriction in favor of the Conservancy that requires perpetual use of the property for conservation or other purposes consistent with the Conservancy's mission.
- f) Projects are encouraged to include the California Conservation Corps or certified conservation corps where feasible such as the Urban Conservation Corps.
- g) No funds will be granted to complete environmental mitigation requirements of other projects, except where the grant funds would support only aspects of the project that exceed the minimum mitigation requirements of the applicable permit condition.
- h) Staff costs and expenses that are related to the funded projects and are included in the approved project budget may be paid with grant funds.
- i) Grantees whose projects are funded must execute a grant agreement with the Conservancy that includes all provisions required by Proposition 4 and state law, as well as the Conservancy's standard insurance and indemnification provisions. (Copies available upon request.)
- j) Grantees who receive funding for acquisitions and conservation easements are required to provide spatial data to the California Conserved Areas Database and/or the California Conservation Easement Database (<https://calands.org/>). These Geographic Information System (GIS) databases inform state planning and policy, including the state's goal to conserve 30% of lands and coastal waters by 2030 (also known as the State's 30x30 Initiative). Grantees can submit spatial data or request help

via email to cpad@calands.org. Grantees can work closely with their grant administrator to discuss additional confidentiality measures to protect data and culturally sensitive information, particularly California Native American Tribal Grantees. Grantees must submit proof of reporting to the Conservancy before the end of the grant term.

- k) If applicable, Grantee must provide at least one sign, denoting the grant funding source (“San Joaquin River Conservancy, Proposition 4 Grant Program”). The cost of the sign should be included in the approved project budget to be paid with grant funds. Grantee shall also include the grant funding source in all social media and press releases.

VI. Application and Review Process

Applications will be accepted continuously beginning on a future date to be determined after public comment period. The first step in the application process is for the applicant to complete the pre-application form. The Pre-Application Form is included in these guidelines as Exhibit 1. Pre-Application Forms must be emailed to info@sjrc.ca.gov. Conservancy staff will review the Pre-Application Form and will contact the applicant to discuss the project. Applicants whose projects are deemed eligible will be notified to complete the full application and narrative (“Full Application”). The Full Application requirements are set forth below, under “VI. Contents of Full Application.” Applicants whose projects are appropriate for conservation corps participation should also use the [CORPS CONSULTATION PROCESS](https://ccc.ca.gov/collaborate/consultation/) (<https://ccc.ca.gov/collaborate/consultation/>). A confirmation letter or application must be submitted from the Urban Conservation Corps (UCC) or California Conservation Corps (CCC) confirming consultation and collaboration.

Submitted applications/proposals will be reviewed and evaluated for compliance with grant guidelines by staff, and, where appropriate, with Tribal consultation, biological consultation, and independent professionals with relevant expertise. SJRC will recommend or require Tribal consultation when appropriate. Staff will then recommend grant awards for consideration to the Conservancy Board. The board meetings are public in accordance with the Bagley Keene Act, and applicants may address the board regarding their applications.

Projects that meet evaluation criteria as described above will be eligible for funding, but the board retains discretion to reject any and all eligible projects. Implementation grant awards shall be made after compliance with CEQA has been achieved.

Contents of Full Application

The Full Application consists of an application and certification form and a required written narrative not to exceed 10 pages (exclusive of exhibits such as photos, charts, schedules, staff resumes and support letters), that addresses the following:

1. **Project Description.** Provide a detailed explanation of the project, along with accompanying exhibits (e.g., conceptual designs, charts, etc.).
2. **Project Location.** Include a map with enough detail to allow a person unfamiliar with the area to locate the project, along with photos as needed to depict the current condition of the site as applicable. If the applicant does not own the land, please document site control or describe a plan for obtaining it.
3. **Schedule.** List proposed estimated starting and completion dates, together with significant milestones. In the alternative, the applicant may list the time periods required for each stage.
4. **Budget and Cost Effectiveness.** Detail the costs of the entire project and sources of all funds, including those requested from the Conservancy. Describe any use of the California Conservation Corps, volunteers or similar resources.
5. **Organizational Capacity.** Describe the applicant's staff capacity and record of accomplishing similar projects. Highlight local projects and achievements. Attach resumes of lead staff persons or contractors.
6. **Benefits to Underserved Communities.** If applicable, explain how the project will serve disadvantaged communities, severely disadvantaged communities or areas otherwise documented to be underserved by outdoors access or recreational amenities. Projects that are located in or adjacent to, and/or benefit and serve, a disadvantaged or severely disadvantaged community, should document that in their application.
7. **Environmental Review.** To the extent possible, describe the proposed environmental review for the project. If you have considered whether the project qualifies for exemption under CEQA or has already been subject to environmental review for a larger project, provide the relevant exemption or project information.
8. **Project Sustainability.** Describe how the future of the project can be sustained to maximize the fulfillment of Proposition 4 objectives, including ongoing maintenance and public access.
9. **Project Support.** Describe support anticipated from interested stakeholders, such as public agencies, nonprofit organizations, community groups, local businesses or landowners. To strengthen the application,

provide letters of support from partnered agencies and community groups. If any significant opposition is expected, please describe that as well.

10. **Response to Project Evaluation Criteria.** Explain in detail how the project fulfills the project evaluation criteria set forth in the next section.

VII. Project Evaluation Criteria

Project applications must also include and address the following which will be the basis of evaluation:

- a) **Objectives.** The extent to which the project fulfills one or more objectives of the grant guidelines.
- b) **Technical effectiveness and innovation.** Use of methods and techniques based on best available science, innovative and interdisciplinary approaches and demonstrated readiness to proceed with implementation.
- c) **Cost Effectiveness.** Efficient use of funds and maximization of value.
- d) **Leveraged financial support.** The ability of projects to leverage Conservancy funds by including funding or in-kind contributions from other public agencies or private funding sources.
- e) **Collaboration.** Private/public partnerships or cooperative projects among governmental agencies will be preferred, including use of the California Conservation Corps or certified community conservation corps in appropriate projects. Letters of acknowledgement need to be provided for collaborative and partnered projects.
- f) **Grantee capacity.** Applicants shall demonstrate relevant technical capability and a proven track record at implementing similar projects.
- g) **Local economic benefits.** The extent to which a project benefits severely economically disadvantaged communities or disadvantaged communities (as those terms are defined in footnotes 1 and 2) or other areas traditionally underserved by outdoor access or recreational amenities.
- h) **Public and community support.** Evidence of the level of community and local stakeholder support.
- i) **Consistence with Established Local Plans.** The extent to which a project contributes to the implementation of existing environmental, recreational, climate change and similar plans, such as the San Joaquin River Parkway Master Plan Update 2018, the State of California 30x30 Initiative, Outdoor Access for All, etc.

VI. Additional Information

A. Ineligible Projects

Funds must be spent consistent with the funding source. Examples of ineligible projects include, but are not limited to:

1. Projects cannot be used to fund acquisitions of land by eminent domain.
2. Projects that include acquisition of property for more than fair market value.
3. Projects that include both acquisition and development.
4. Projects that are intended to correct problems caused by inadequate routine maintenance.
5. Projects that would be used to fulfill mitigation requirements imposed by law.
6. Projects cannot establish or increase any endowment.

B. Signage Requirements and Funding Acknowledgement

If awarded a grant prior to beginning the project, the grantee shall submit a plan to the Executive Officer to acknowledge the Conservancy's support. This plan must include press releases, social media postings during the agreement term, acknowledging Conservancy funding when speaking with the media, volunteers and the public about this Project and include a description of the Project on the Grantee's website acknowledging funding from the Conservancy.

In addition, the grantee shall submit a signage plan describing the number, design, placement and wording of the signs, or the specifications of a proposed, alternative method. The cost of the signs is an eligible cost. Temporary and permanent signage are required conditions under this agreement.

C. Proof of Insurance

Must provide certificate of insurance during the grant period for Workers Compensation, General Liability (\$1,000,000 per occurrence for bodily injury / \$2,000,000 general aggregate limit) and Automobile Liability (\$1,000,000 per accident for bodily injury and property damage) including required endorsements.

D. Grant Provisions

Following Conservancy Board approval of a grant, staff will prepare a grant agreement with detailed conditions specific to the project. The grant agreement will be the binding legal agreement between the Conservancy and its grantee. The grant agreement must be signed by the grantee before funds are disbursed. Several typical grant agreement provisions are:

1. Actual awards are conditional upon funds being available from the State.

2. Grantees must submit a detailed project work program and budget for Conservancy approval.
3. Grant funds will be paid in arrears on a reimbursement basis.
4. Site control from applicant or the landowner is needed prior to commencing work.
5. Grantees may be required to reimburse the Conservancy for some or all of the disbursed grant funds if the project is not successfully completed.
6. Grantees must maintain liability insurance during grant term and include the San Joaquin River Conservancy as an “additional insured.”
7. Expenses incurred before the Conservancy grant agreement is executed are not reimbursable.
8. The project complies with all applicable current laws and regulations affecting development projects, including but not limited to, legal requirements for construction and implementation, building codes, health and safety codes, state contractor’s and other licenses, and disabled access laws.
9. Grantee must certify that all applicable permits have been obtained.
10. Grantees must comply with signage requirements acknowledging funding source.
11. Grantees must sign the grant agreement and exhibits, as needed, and comply with general terms and conditions in order to receive funds.

E. Advanced payments may be considered by the Conservancy and determined on a case-by-case basis, under these conditions:

1. Any organization requesting advance payments must provide written justification and statement of need
2. Advance payments are limited to 25% of grant award

F. Grant expenses

1. Labor Costs

- a. Project Implementation – The grantee’s employee labor implementing a project will be reimbursed at rates equal to compensation actually provided to the employee (salary plus benefits, including fringe benefits). The cost of a grantee’s labor/staff time to implement specific project tasks (for example, prepare a management plan, determine trail alignments) should be included in and billed to specific tasks in the budget.
- b. Project Management – the scope of work may include a task called “Project Management”. This task should cover labor costs, not otherwise billed, that are associated with administering a specific Conservancy grant (for

example, managing contracts, paying consultants, billing, maintaining accounting records, and other time spent on managing the project).

2. Other Direct Costs

No markups on direct expenditures, these should be billed at cost.

G. Indirect Costs or Overhead

Overhead or indirect costs refer to the non-project-specific expenses involved in running a business. Examples of these costs include rent, computers, telephones, office supplies, internet access, copy machines, and electricity. However, certain types of indirect costs cannot be charged to the Conservancy, including food and beverages, fundraising expenses, lobbying, and entertainment costs. Additionally, any cost billed as a direct expense cannot be included in overhead calculations. Both “overhead” and “indirect costs” are acceptable terms that refer to the same category of expenses.

If a grantee wishes to recover overhead costs from a Conservancy grant, these costs should be listed as a line item in the approved project budget. Grantees that intend to charge overhead to a Conservancy grant must be able to document the validity of these charges. One common approach for documentation is to create a Cost Allocation Plan for their organization. While other methods may be acceptable, it is ultimately the grantee’s responsibility to ensure compliance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) guidelines.

The Conservancy limits overhead recovery to a maximum of 12% of the grant amount.

H. Payment Process

Funds cannot be disbursed until there is a fully executed grant agreement between the Conservancy and grantee and satisfactory site control is provided, including a Memorandum of Understanding for operations and maintenance (if applicable); CEQA/NEPA (if applicable) is completed; and signage is installed. As stated above, project payments are made on a reimbursement basis (i.e., the grantee pays for services, products or supplies; submits invoices and proof of payment; and is then reimbursed by the Conservancy). Each Request for Disbursement (RFD) submitted will require a progress report with supporting documentation. It generally takes 4-6 weeks to process payment once a complete RFD is submitted to the Conservancy. The last ten percent of the grant amount will be withheld until all deliverables and signs are installed and will be issued as a final payment upon project completion.

I. Use of Project Property

The grantee must maintain and operate the property acquired, restored or developed in a manner consistent with the grant agreement and grant guidelines. Land acquisition, conservation, and trail easement proposals must include a plan describing the proposed restrictions and reservations for the easement and the funding mechanism available to support the plan. The final conservation easement terms and conditions are subject to approval by the Conservancy.

Grantees must own the land or hold a lease, long-term agreement, or other legal, long-term interest in the land that is satisfactory to the Conservancy.

J. Project Monitoring and Reporting

The Full Application must include a monitoring and reporting component that explains how the effectiveness of the project will be measured and reported. In addition, Conservancy staff will work with grantees to develop appropriate monitoring and reporting templates and procedures. The monitoring and reporting components will vary depending on the nature of the project.

K. State Audit and Accounting

Audit Requirements

If the project is selected for audit, the grantee will be contacted in advance. The audit shall include all books, papers, accounts, documents, or other records of the grantee, as they relate to the project for which the funds were granted.

The grantee must have the project records, including the source documents and canceled checks, readily available and provide an employee with knowledge of the project to assist the auditor. The grantee must provide a copy of any document, paper, record, or the like, requested by the auditor.

Accounting requirements

The grantee must maintain an accounting system that:

- accurately reflects fiscal transactions, with the necessary controls and safeguards,
- provides a good audit trail, including original source documents such as purchase orders, receipts, progress payments, invoices, timecards, canceled checks, etc.
- provides accounting data so the total cost of each individual project can be readily determined.

Records Retention

Project records must be retained for a period of twenty (20) years after final payment is made by the Conservancy or ten (10) years following an audit, whichever is longer. A project is considered complete upon receipt of final grant payment from the Conservancy.

Ongoing Project Reporting

Grantees are required to submit reports on the progress of the project as requested by the Conservancy through the term of the grant agreement. Entities will be provided with a final report of tasks completed and final accounting, including matching and in-kind contributions with the final invoice.

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SJRC PROJECT PRE-APPLICATION:

(Up to 4 pages not including photographs or maps)

Send completed pre-application to info@sjrc.ca.gov. To be accepted by our system, the pre-application must be a **MS Word document** with the phrase “PreApp” or “Pre-App” in the file name. Please include all maps and photos in the same **Word document**. If you need to attach maps or photos as separate files, make sure they are in a .pdf file format only.

Project

Project Name: Click or tap here to enter text

Brief Summary (one paragraph): Click or tap here to enter text.

Total cost (round up to nearest \$1,000):

Amount requested from SJRC (round up to nearest \$1,000):

Start date: Click or tap to enter a date.

End date: Click or tap to enter a date.

Project type (select one): Choose an item.

Primary Habitat Type (select one): Choose an item.

Total Acres:

Location

Primary County: Choose an item.

Specific location (Assessor Parcel Number or address if available): Click or tap here to enter text.

Nearest City (distance and direction): Click or tap here to enter text.

Latitude (decimal degrees):

Longitude (decimal degrees):

Point represented by the Latitude and Longitude coordinates (e.g., center of project site): Click or tap here to enter text.

Is the Project in a Disadvantaged or Climate Vulnerable Community? Use both mapping tools:

Severely Disadvantaged Community? (select one): Choose an item.

75-100th percentile in CalEnviroScreen? (select one): Choose an item.



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Applicant

Organization name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Organization type: Choose an item.

Primary applicant's contact name and title: Click or tap here to enter text.

Phone: Click or tap here to enter text.

E-mail address: Click or tap here to enter text.

Mailing address: Click or tap here to enter text.

Landowner

Landowner name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Landowner type: Choose an item.

Project Overview

Describe the proposed project. Quantify the project's goals and expected outcomes/benefits. Identify the major tasks involved in the project. Describe why the project is needed. Attach a map of the project location (and photos if helpful) and briefly describe the project location. Be specific about the portion of the project that would be funded by this request.

Click or tap here to enter text.

Environmental Review (CEQA)

The proposed project.... (select the appropriate answer):

- ☐ Is not a project under CEQA. Briefly specify why in the box below.
- ☐ Is exempt under CEQA. Provide the CEQA exemption number and specify how the project meets the terms of the exemption in the box below.
- ☐ Requires Neg Dec, MND, or EIR. Specify the lead CEQA agency (the agency preparing the document) and the (expected) completion date in the box below. Please note that WCB will need to review and approve any CEQA document.

**Note: All SJRC project approvals are considered a discretionary action. CEQA applies in situations where a governmental agency can use its judgment in deciding whether and how to carry out or approve a project. A project subject to such judgmental controls is called a "discretionary project" and is subject to CEQA.*

Click or tap here to enter text.



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Other Funding Sources

Please list all of the sources of cost share. Please indicate if other funding sources have been secured or are pending (applied for but not yet awarded).

Source	Amount (\$)	Status - Secured / Applied for
e.g.: California Natural Resources – Prop 1		Secured
e.g.: National Fish and Wildlife Foundation		Applied for
TOTAL	\$	

Add or delete rows as necessary.

Maps/Photographs

Attach location maps, designs, plans, engineering drawings, color photographs, etc., to help describe your proposal. Label photos with a one sentence description.

[Click or tap here to enter text.](#)



SJRC GRANT APPLICATION FORM

*Note: every question must be answered for the application to be considered for funding. Use N/A where applicable.

Project

Project Name: [Click or tap here to enter text](#)

If applicable, what is the Native American name of your project site? [Click or tap here to enter text](#)

Brief Summary (one paragraph): [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Total cost (round up to nearest \$1,000):

Amount requested from SJRC (round up to nearest \$1,000):

Start date: [Click or tap to enter a date.](#)

End date: [Click or tap to enter a date.](#)

Project type (select one): [Choose an item.](#)

Applicant

Organization name: [Click or tap here to enter text](#)

Organization type: Other, specify

Primary applicants contact name and title: [Click or tap here to enter text](#)

Phone: [Click or tap here to enter text](#)

E-mail address: [Click or tap here to enter text](#)

Mailing address: [Click or tap here to enter text](#)

Signatory Name and Title: [Click or tap here to enter text](#)

Landowner

Organization type: [Choose an item.](#)

Primary landowners contact name and title: [Click or tap here to enter text](#)

Phone: [Click or tap here to enter text](#)

E-mail address: [Click or tap here to enter text](#)

Signatory Name and Title: [Click or tap here to enter text](#)

Signatory Address: [Click or tap here to enter text](#)

Signatory Email: [Click or tap here to enter text](#)

State Elected Officials

Assembly District Number and Representative (<https://www.assembly.ca.gov/>):

Senate District Number and Representative (<https://www.senate.ca.gov/>):

Location

Briefly describe the project location. Identify any previous SJRC projects that you are aware of on the site, property or nearby. Describe historic and current land uses.

- County(ies): [Click or tap here to enter text](#)
- Nearest City and Distance To: [Click or tap here to enter text](#)
- Specific Location (APN or Address): [Click or tap here to enter text](#)
- Latitude (Decimal Degrees): [Click or tap here to enter text](#)
- Longitude (Decimal Degrees): [Click or tap here to enter text](#)
- What is represented by the lat/long coordinates (e.g., center of project site)? [Click or tap here to enter text](#)

BOARD MEETING DATES

Projects must meet readiness standards in order to be considered for funding approval at a board meeting (e.g., CEQA documents must be completed no less than 15 days prior to the board meeting where funding approval may be considered).

PURPOSE AND NEED

1. Describe the specific problems (current conditions, limiting factors, etc.), issues, or unserved needs the project will address. [Click or tap here to enter text](#)
2. Describe the goals and objectives, quantify expected outcomes and benefits of the project. Be specific. [Click or tap here to enter text](#)
3. What would happen to the project if no funds were available from SJRC? What project opportunities or benefits could be lost if the project is not implemented? [Click or tap here to enter text](#)

APPROACH

4. Thoroughly describe the full project, the scientific merit of the approach, use of best available science, and methodologies and technologies to be used. [Click or tap here to enter text](#)
5. Describe the actions required to solve the identified problem(s). [Click or tap here to enter text](#)
6. Provide a description of how the data and other information generated from the project will be handled, stored, and made publicly available. [Click or tap here to enter text](#)
7. Provide a detailed workplan as an attachment.

CONSISTENCY WITH STATE, FEDERAL, REGIONAL AND LOCAL PLANS

8. Identify and discuss how the proposed project meets the specific goals, strategic initiatives, and objectives outlined in the SJRC Strategic Plan. *Click or tap here to enter text*
9. How does your project support the State's Pathway's to 30x30 strategy (<https://www.californianature.ca.gov/>)? *Click or tap here to enter text*
10. Describe ecosystem benefits, such as restoration or enhancement of rare species habitats, or the protection of priority vegetative communities (macrogroups) identified in the [State Wildlife Action Plan](#) and/or [CDFW's Areas of Conservation Emphasis](#). Describe those benefits and how they alleviate existing ecological problems. *Click or tap here to enter text*
11. Identify any key plan(s) that the proposed project supports or will help achieve its goals. For example, [Central Valley Joint Venture 2020 Implementation Plan](#), [2018 San Joaquin River Parkway Master Plan](#), [State Wildlife Action Plan](#), etc. *Click or tap here to enter text*

DURABILITY AND CLIMATE RESILIENCY

12. Describe how the proposed project will deliver enduring sustainable benefits. *Click or tap here to enter text*
13. Describe the provisions to maintain the benefits and how long management and maintenance activities will occur. Implementation grants shall require a long-term management plan of the grantee to maintain the improvements for typically 20-25 years. *Click or tap here to enter text*
14. For projects involving restoration or construction, describe a plan for monitoring, evaluating, and reporting project effectiveness. Describe the adaptive management strategies (compiling baseline data, adaptive management strategies, documentation, etc.), if applicable. Who will be responsible for funding and implementing on-going management and monitoring? For planning projects, does the project include development of monitoring and metrics for project success? *Click or tap here to enter text*
15. Describe how the proposed project will provide habitat and/or species resilience to climate change:
 - a) What are the projected climate impacts? Tools such as [CalAdapt](#) and the Department of Fish and Wildlife's [Areas of Conservation Emphasis](#) can aid in identifying climate vulnerabilities and potential resilience in the project area. *Click or tap here to enter text*
 - b) How would the project address those impacts and provide long-term climate resilience? *Click or tap here to enter text*
 - c) Will there be net, long-term carbon sequestration benefits from the project, taking into consideration the carbon emissions from construction and vehicle miles traveled to the site for management and monitoring? How is this evaluated? *Click or tap here to enter text*

16. Are there any protections or restrictions affecting the project (e.g., utility easements, conservation easements, mineral rights, etc.)? *Click or tap here to enter text*

PROJECT TEAM QUALIFICATIONS

17. Describe the project team's qualifications, experience, and capacity to perform the proposed tasks to complete the proposed project. Provide specific examples of similar projects completed to date. *Click or tap here to enter text*

PROJECT READINESS

18. Are the environmental documents complete and all required State, federal and local permits for the projects obtained? If not, what is the anticipated date for completion.

Click or tap here to enter text

19. For implementation projects: is the project shovel-ready? If yes, describe. *Click or tap here to enter text*

For planning projects, will the planning project result in an implementation-ready project? If yes, describe. *Click or tap here to enter text*

20. A CEQA determination is required prior to WCB approval. What is the status of CEQA for the proposed project?

- a) If complete, what document was prepared?

Provide the State Clearinghouse Number and a copy of the NOD or NOE, and associated CEQA document. *Click or tap here to enter text*

- b) If using a CEQA exemption, specify which exemption(s) apply and the basis for this determination. *Click or tap here to enter text*

- c) If CEQA is not complete, specify who is the "lead agency" under CEQA, status of the CEQA documents, what documents are under consideration, and when the documents will be submitted to the State Clearinghouse. *Click or tap here to enter text*

For more information on CEQA, visit the [Governor's Office of Planning and Research CEQA](#) page.

21. Provide a complete line-item budget for the proposed project. Submit budget electronically along with the application. Budget tasks should be consistent with the work plan tasks and sufficiently detailed to describe project costs.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT AND COLLABORATION

22. Does the project have broad-based public and institutional support, at the local, regional, or larger scale? Describe efforts to include stakeholders in project planning, design, outreach/education, implementation, monitoring, and maintenance. *Click or tap here to enter text*

23. a) Is the Project Area in a Severely Disadvantaged Community (SDAC)? Use the [DWR Disadvantaged Communities Mapping Tool](#). Select one [Choose an item](#).

- b) Is the Project in an area mapped as being between the [75th and 100th percentile in CalEnviroScreen](#)? Select one [Choose an item](#).
24. Will the project benefit or serve severely disadvantaged or climate vulnerable communities? If yes, describe services and/or benefits provided. [Click or tap here to enter text](#)
25. Will the project include work undertaken by the California Conservation Corps or a Local Conservation Corps? [Click or tap here to enter text](#)
26. Describe which tribe(s) were consulted for this project, the outcome, and any on-going discussions. [Click or tap here to enter text](#)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION - ONLY AS APPLICABLE

27. **Use of Herbicide:** If the proposed project will use herbicides, complete the [Herbicide Questionnaire](#)
28. **Planning Projects:** For planning projects, describe potential or secured funding for project implementation. [Click or tap here to enter text](#)
29. **Groundwater Sustainability Plan:** Is the proposed project located within a medium or high priority groundwater basin and what is the status of the [Groundwater Sustainability Plan](#)?
30. **Stream Flow:** Projects must measurably enhance stream flows (a change in the amount, timing, and/or quality of the water flowing down a stream, or a portion of a stream, to benefit fish and wildlife) at a time and location necessary to provide fisheries or ecosystem benefits that improve upon existing flow conditions, are measurable, and significant, in that they help alleviate a limiting factor.
- a) How significant is the anticipated stream flow enhancement in the context of the stream's current (pre-project) flow regime? Will the limiting factor be eliminated or reduced and by how much? Provide analysis and documentation to demonstrate the significance of expected stream flow benefits and the likelihood that anticipated outcomes will be realized.
 - b) Quantify to the best of your ability the stream flow benefits anticipated from successful completion of the project (i.e. length of stream improved, flow enhancement in cfs, water quality improvements, as applicable).
 - c) If applicable, please complete and attach the [Water Rights Supplemental Questionnaire](#).
31. **Inland Wetlands Conservation Program Project:** Explain how the project advances habitat and/or species conservation objectives of the Central Valley Joint Venture.
32. **Wildlife Corridors:** Does the proposed project address wildlife barriers as described in the [CDFW's 2020 Wildlife Movement Barrier Priorities](#) list? What is the proposed project's location connectivity score based on the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's (CDFW) [Areas of Conservation Emphasis \(ACE\) Terrestrial Connectivity](#) dataset?
33. **Public Access and ADA:** Does the proposed project include public access? If so, describe how the project will enhance public access and Americans with Disabilities Act

(ADA) accessibility. Be specific (e.g., the project will install one ADA compliant fishing pier, ADA compliant vault toilet, and 2 miles of accessible trails). [Click or tap here to enter text](#)

By signing this form, I certify that I am authorized to apply for this grant and the information contained in this application and its attachments is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

SIGNATURE

Name:

Title:

Date Signed:

END OF APPLICATION

CHECKLIST NEXT PAGE

CHECKLIST

- ☐ Application is signed
- ☐ [Budget Template](#) completed
- ☐ A Payee Data Record ([Standard Form 204](#))
- ☐ Resolution from applicant's governing board ([Resolution Sample](#))
- ☐ CDFW letter of support if on CDFW lands
- ☐ Support letters. Letters should be current and specific to the proposed project and include contact information of the individual submitting the letter (if available).
- ☐ Project location maps
 - ☐ Regional map – clearly identify project location in relation to prominent area features
 - ☐ Site-scale map – clearly delineate project site and boundaries on an appropriately scaled map
- ☐ Representative photographs showing project area and specific problems and issues the project is addressing
- ☐ Detailed project drawing showing relevant features of the proposed project. Include engineering design drawings, if available
- ☐ GIS, Arcmap, KMZ, KML shapefiles, if available
- ☐ Land Tenure/Site Control/ Landowner Access agreements or templates that cover the life of the project (typically 20-25 years).
- ☐ Workplan: Provide a workplan. [Workplan examples](#)
- ☐ Management Plan: Provide a management plan. [Management Plan examples](#)
- ☐ Project Timeline: Provide a timeline, Gannt chart, or similar option to show project timelines, milestones, and deliverables.

Category	Evaluation Criteria
Purpose and Need	
Approach	The extent to which the proposed project's approach seem likely to result in a successful project, how well the approach will meet the goals and objectives, and the appropriateness of the methodologies and technologies. How well the underlying scientific basis for the proposed work is clearly explained (e.g., does it include a clearly articulated conceptual model, if applicable) and is it based on the best available science.
Consistency with State, Federal, Regional and Local Plans	
Durability and Climate Resiliency	The extent to which the project benefits will be maintained over time. The extent to which the application addresses a project's ability to improve climate resilience in fish, wildlife, water, habitats, and infrastructure.
Project Team Qualifications	
Project Readiness	The extent to which a proposal demonstrates that access to the property, environmental compliance, permitting, planning, engineering, design, or other necessary preparations for the project are sufficient for prompt project implementation.
Budget	
Community Support and Collaboration	The extent to which an application demonstrates that the project has broad-based public and institutional support, engaged in public and stakeholder outreach, and supports local communities.
Additional Information Only if Applicable	



AGENDA ITEM

November 5, 2025

Item: G-6

To: San Joaquin River Conservancy Governing Board

From: Kari Kyler Daniska, Chief Executive Officer

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kari Kyler Daniska", written over a horizontal line.

Subject: **ACTION ITEM:** Adopt Resolution 25-05 Expressing Appreciation for Kent Gresham.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the San Joaquin River Conservancy Governing Board adopt Resolution of Appreciation 25-05 for State Parks San Joaquin Sector Superintendent Kent Gresham 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:

Kent Gresham began working for California State Parks in 1996 as a seasonal Park Aide at Caswell Memorial State Park on the Stanislaus River north of Modesto. After working at both Caswell and Oceano Dunes State Vehicular Recreation Area while in college, he attended the State Park Peace Officer (Ranger) Academy in 1998. Upon graduation from the Academy, he held his first Ranger position at Hungry Valley State Vehicular Recreation Area in Gorman California at the top of the Grapevine.

In 2002 he transferred to Millerton Lake State Recreation Area to be Millerton's first ever State Park Peace Officer K-9 handler. In 2007 he promoted to Supervising Ranger and in 2010, accepted the acting San Joaquin Sector Superintendent position and began serving as a Board Member on the San Joaquin River Conservancy Governing Board.

In 2012 he was promoted to the permanent San Joaquin Sector Superintendent position and has now served as a Conservancy Board member for over 15 years. After 29 years of service to California State Parks, he is looking forward to the next chapter in life and will forever be connected with Millerton Lake and the San Joaquin River.

The Conservancy appreciates Mr. Gresham's dedication to the people of the San Joaquin Region and the lasting contributions he has made to this Board and community.