

**The San Joaquin River Conservancy Governing Board
February 6, 2026 Meeting Minutes**

A. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairperson Macaulay called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Melisa Dasilva lead the pledge of allegiance.

B. ROLL CALL

	Present	Absent	TC	Late
Macaulay	X			
Auston	X			
Bredefeld	X			
Richardson	X			
Mejia	X			
Vance	X			
Barber	X			
Norris		X		
Cash			X	
Hudson			X	
Benson	X			
Forhan	X			
O'Connell	X			
Chavez		X		
Ruiz			X	

Ruiz is attending remotely, not voting.

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 Board left for closed session at 1:03 p.m.

D-1. Gov. Code, § 11126(c)(7)(A) Consultation with real property negotiators concerning terms of negotiations, including price and terms of payment.

D-2. Government Code Section 11126(a)(1) Public Employee Performance Evaluation

Closed Session is anticipated to last an hour.

The Board meeting will resume with Public Comment at approximately 2:00 P.M.

Board returned from closed session at 2:10 pm.

E. PUBLIC COMMENT AND BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

CONSENT ITEMS

F-1. INFORMATION ITEM: Conservancy Budget Update.

F-2. INFORMATION ITEM: Reminder to File Statements of Economic Interest and Complete Biennial Ethics Training, Due Tuesday, April 1, 2026.

F-3. INFORMATION ITEM: Proposition 4 Grant Program.

F-4. INFORMATION ITEM: Strategic Plan Update.

F-5. ACTION ITEM: Approve 2026 Meeting Calendar.

Motion: To approve all Member Forhan.

Second: Member Richardson.

	Yes	No	Abst
Macaulay	X		
Auston	X		
Bredefeld	X		
Richardson	X		
Mejia	X		
Vance	X		
Barber	X		
Norris			
Cash	X		
Hudson	X		
Benson	X		
Forhan	X		
O'Connell	X		
Chavez			
Ruiz			

H. REGULAR SESSION ITEMS

G-1. ACTION ITEM: Elect a Board Chair and Vice Chair.

Motion: Member Richardson nominated Kacey Auston for board chair.

	Yes	No	Abst
Macaulay	X		
Auston	X		
Bredefeld	X		
Richardson	X		
Mejia	X		
Vance	X		
Barber	X		
Norris			
Cash	X		
Hudson	X		
Benson	X		
Forhan	X		
O'Connell	X		
Chavez			
Ruiz			

Motion: Member Auston nominated Nick Richardson for vice chair.

	Yes	No	Abst
Macaulay	X		
Auston	X		
Bredefeld	X		

Richardson	X		
Mejia	X		
Vance	X		
Barber	X		
Norris			
Cash	X		
Hudson	X		
Benson	X		
Forhan	X		
O'Connell	X		
Chavez			
Ruiz			

G-2. ACTION ITEM: Adopt Resolution 26-01 Expressing Appreciation for RiverTree Volunteers.
Motion: To approve, Member Richardson.
Second: Member Bredefeld.

	Yes	No	Abst
Macaulay	X		
Auston	X		
Bredefeld	X		
Richardson	X		
Mejia	X		
Vance	X		
Barber	X		
Norris			
Cash	X		
Hudson	X		
Benson	X		
Forhan	X		
O'Connell	X		
Chavez			
Ruiz			

G-3. ACTION ITEM: Adopt Resolution 26-02 Expressing Appreciation for Bobby Macaulay.
Motion: To approve, Member Forhan.
Second: Member Richardson.

	Yes	No	Abst
Macaulay			X
Auston	X		
Bredefeld	X		

Richardson	X		
Mejia	X		
Vance	X		
Barber	X		
Norris			
Cash	X		
Hudson	X		
Benson	X		
Forhan	X		
O'Connell	X		
Chavez			
Ruiz			

I. 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.

J. NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 4, 2026, 10:00 a.m. at the San Joaquin River Conservancy Headquarters.

K. ADJOURN

Chairperson Macaulay adjourned the meeting at 3:35 p.m.

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