

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

**MEETING MINUTES**

Board Meeting Location:  
Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District  
5469 E. Olive Ave., Fresno CA, 93727  
and California Natural Resources Agency  
715 P. Street, Room: 20-104 (Mojave Room)  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
and online Via Teams

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

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

**Member Vance** led the pledge of allegiance.

**B. ROLL CALL**

	<b>Present/ Teleconference</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Late</b>
Macaulay	X		
Auston	X		
Bredefeld		X	
Richardson	X (left at 11:09)		
Montes	X		
Benson	X		
Sandoval	X TC		
Hudson	X TC		
Norris	X TC		
Vance	X		
Gresham	X		
Forhan	X (left at 10:20)		
Chavez			905
O'Connell	X		
Ruiz	X		

**Karbassi replaced Richardson at 11:09 a.m.**

**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.

**The Board went into closed session at 9:04 a.m.**

- 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

**The Board returned from closed session at 10:06 a.m. The meeting resumed at 10:30 a.m. as posted.**

**Attorney Report:**

**No items to report.**

**E. PUBLIC COMMENT AND BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

**F. CONSENT ITEMS**

**F-1. INFORMATION ITEM:** Conservancy Budget Update.

**F-2. ACTION ITEM:** San Joaquin River Parkway Trust License Agreement.

**Motion: To approve, Member Chavez.**

**Second: Member Richardson.**

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
Macaulay	X		
Auston	X		
Bredefeld			
Richardson	X		
Montes	X		
Benson	X		
Sandoval	X		
Hudson	X		
Norris	X		
Vance	X		
Gresham	X		
Forhan			
Chavez	X		
O'Connell	X		
Ruiz	X		

**G. REGULAR SESSION ITEMS**

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

**INFORMATION ITEM, THE BOARD DOES NOT NEED TO TAKE ANY ACTION AT THIS TIME.**

**G-2. INFORMATION ITEM:** Strategic Plan Update.

**INFORMATION ITEM, THE BOARD DOES NOT NEED TO TAKE ANY ACTION AT THIS TIME.**

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

**INFORMATION ITEM, THE BOARD DOES NOT NEED TO TAKE ANY ACTION AT THIS TIME.**

~~**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.~~

**Motion: Item Removed to a later date**

**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.

**Motion: To approve Member Vance**

**Second: Member Karbassi**

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
Macaulay	X		
Auston	X		
Bredefeld			
Karbassi	X		
Montes	X		
Benson	X		
Sandoval	X		
Hudson	X		
Norris	X		
Vance	X		
Gresham	X		
Forhan			
Chavez	X		
O'Connell	X		
Ruiz	X		

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

**Motion: To approve Member Vance**

**Second: Member Auston.**

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
Macaulay	X		
Auston	X		
Bredefeld			
Karbassi	X		
Montes	X		
Benson	X		
Sandoval	X		
Hudson	X		
Norris	X		
Vance	X		
Gresham			X
Forhan			
Chavez	X		
O'Connell	X		
Ruiz	X		

**H. ADMINISTRATIVE AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**H-1.** Deputy Attorney General Report

**H-2.** Executive Officer Report

**H-3.** Board Members' Reports and Comments

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

**I. 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**

**Chairperson Macaulay adjourned the meeting at 12:02 p.m.**