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**The San Joaquin River Conservancy Governing Board
Will hold a regular meeting on
August 5, 2026
Call to order will begin at 9:00 a.m.**

**Board Meeting Location:
San Joaquin River Conservancy Headquarters
10637 N Lanes Rd, Fresno, CA 93730;**

**and California Natural Resources Agency
715 P. Street, Room: 20-105 (Farallon Room)
Sacramento, CA 95814;**

**and Donner Memorial State Park Visitor Center
12593 Donner Pass Rd, Truckee, CA 96161;**

**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. PUBLIC COMMENT AND BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Ten minutes of the meeting are reserved for members of the public who wish to address the Conservancy Board on items of interest that are not on the agenda and are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Conservancy. Speakers shall be limited to three minutes. The Board is prohibited by law from taking any action on matters discussed that are not on the agenda; no adverse conclusions should be drawn if the Board does not respond to public comments at this time.

E. CLOSED SESSION

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

E-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.

- E-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.

F. CONSENT ITEMS

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

- F-1. INFORMATION ITEM:** Conservancy Budget Update.
- F-2. INFORMATION ITEM:** River West Project Update.
- F-3. INFORMATION ITEM:** Circle V Demolition Project Update.
- F-4. INFORMATION ITEM:** River Vista Restoration Project Update.

G. REGULAR SESSION ITEMS

- G-1. INFORMATION ITEM:** State Parks Forward Initiative.
- G-2. INFORMATION ITEM:** Parks CA Presentation.
- G-3. INFORMATION ITEM:** Fresno State Internship Presentation.
- G-4. ACTION ITEM:** Strategic Plan Adoption.
- G-5. ACTION ITEM:** Fee Policy Approval and Begin Regulations Process.

H. ADMINISTRATIVE AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- H-1.** Deputy Attorney General Report
- H-2.** Chief 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 next meeting will be held on Wednesday September 9, 2026.

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.



AGENDA ITEM

August 5, 2026

Item: F-1

To: San Joaquin River Conservancy Governing Board

From: Kari Kyler Daniska, Chief Executive Officer

Signed by:
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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	(3,718,911.57)
Committed Funds (SJRC Board)*	(4,300,000.00)
Unallocated Balance	\$1,481,088.43

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	(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	(5,115,000.00)
Unallocated Balance	\$5,115,000.00

GENERAL FUND (July 2021- June 2029):

GENERAL FUND (0001)	\$15,000,000.00
Expenses	(8,602,334.05)
Unallocated Balance	\$6,397,665.95

FISCAL YEAR 2026 - 2027:

ENVIRONMENTAL LICENSE PLATE FUND (14000)	\$461,000.00
Expenses	(457,380.00)
Unallocated Balance	\$3,620.00
SAN JOAQUIN RIVER CONSERVANCY FUND (10002)	\$450,000.00
Expenses	(85,800.00)
Unallocated Balance	\$364,200.00
PROP 84 - PROGRAM DELIVERY (10006)	\$512,000.00
Expenses	(180,000.00)
Unallocated Balance	\$332,000.00

* 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's Chief Executive Officer, Kari Kyler Daniska, at kari.daniska@sjrc.ca.gov.



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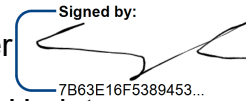
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Item: F-2

To: San Joaquin River Conservancy Governing Board

From: Kari Kyler Daniska, Chief Executive Officer

Subject: **INFORMATION ITEM:** River West Project Update.

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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 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 – Core Project (Core Project).

The Wildlife Conservation Board approved the River West Project and awarded grant funding on November 18, 2021, issuing a Notice to Proceed to the City of Fresno on January 7, 2022.

The proposed River West Fresno, Eaton Trail Extension will extend the existing Lewis S. Eaton Trail by approximately 2.4 miles, beginning near the Perrin Avenue alignment at State Route 41 and continuing to Spano Park within the City of Fresno. The project includes a 22-foot-wide trail corridor consisting of a 12-foot-wide paved multi-use trail, an eight-foot-wide hard natural surface trail for equestrian use, and two-foot-wide shoulders.

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

On September 29, 2022, the Fresno City Council approved a contract with Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group to complete the final engineering design and provide permitting support for the project. The City of Fresno and Provost & Pritchard have since advanced the project to the 95% design stage and are currently in the final phase of completing the engineering plans while continuing to secure the permits necessary for construction and implementation.

The City of Fresno has completed the project's 95% design plans for the River West Fresno, Eaton Trail Extension. Based on the latest estimates, the total construction cost for the entire project is approximately \$23,274,551, while the estimated construction cost for the Core Project is approximately \$13,663,000. These cost estimates are expected to continue increasing over time due to inflation and market conditions.

To date, the Conservancy has approved \$172,000 in Proposition 40 bond funds and \$5,550,000 in Proposition 68 bond funds for the Core Project. In addition, the City of Fresno has included \$2,000,000 in Measure C funds and \$1,500,000 in Measure P funds in its Fiscal Year 2026–27 budget to support the Core Project.

During Fiscal Year 2025–26, the Conservancy received approval from the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) for its Proposition 4 Grant Program Guidelines through the emergency rulemaking process. Following OAL approval, the City of Fresno submitted a Letter of Intent for the River West Core Project. After review, the Conservancy determined that the proposal met the program requirements and invited the City to submit a full grant application for funding consideration.

In May 2026, the Conservancy Board approved an award of \$5,115,000 in Proposition 4 bond funds and authorized the Chief Executive Officer to execute a grant agreement with the City of Fresno for the River West Core Project. With this award, the Core Project is now fully funded for implementation and construction. The City of Fresno anticipates breaking ground on the project by the end of 2026.

PHASE II:

Implementation and construction of Phase II is currently estimated at \$9,611,592. However, this cost estimate is expected to continue increasing over time due to inflation and market conditions.

The Conservancy does not have build authority for capital delivery projects exceeding \$1,502,000 - in accordance with Department of Finance Budget Letter 26-02 (Attached). Therefore, the Conservancy, in coordination with the Department of General Services (DGS), is proposing to proceed with Phase II of the project utilizing the DGS project management process.

Under this approach:

- DGS would review the Phase II design documents and work with the City of Fresno to make any changes, as necessary.
- The City of Fresno would be directed to obtain all required State permits and approvals, including those from DGS Real Estate Services Division (RESA), DGS Division of the State Architect (DSA), and the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM).
- The Conservancy would retain the City of Fresno to provide bidding assistance and construction design support and direct the City of Fresno to coordinate with DGS throughout the project.
- DGS would conduct the formal public works bidding process for Phase II in accordance with the Public Contract Code and all applicable statutory requirements.
- Following contract award, the DGS-selected General Contractor would complete construction, with inspection and oversight provided by DGS-RESA and the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

As part of the Conservancy's ongoing partnership with the City of Fresno, the City has indicated that it is preparing a letter of intent to request funding from the Conservancy's remaining Proposition 4 funds.

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

BUDGET LETTER

SUBJECT: THE STATE CONTRACT ACT—PROJECT COST THRESHOLD ADJUSTMENTS	NUMBER: 26-02
REFERENCES: PUBLIC CONTRACT CODE SECTIONS 10105, 10108, 10108.5, AND 10108.6	DATE ISSUED: March 18, 2026
	SUPERSEDES: BL 24-04

TO: Agency Secretaries
Department Directors
Department Budget and Accounting Officers
Department of Finance Budget and Accounting Staff

FROM: DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

Budget Officers are requested to forward this Budget Letter (BL) to the Department Facilities Manager.

This BL adjusts the dollar threshold for a project subject to Division 2, Part 2, Chapter 1 of the Public Contract Code (State Contract Act), which defines: (1) a project that requires oversight by the Department of General Services (DGS); (2) the maximum cost for a project to be budgeted as a minor capital outlay project; and (3) for the Resources Agency departments, the project cost threshold to require a competitive bid and the maximum day labor amount.

Section 10105 of the Public Contract Code defines a “project” as the erection, construction, alteration, repair, or improvement of any state structure, building, road, or other state improvement of any kind with a total cost exceeding a specified amount that is biennially adjusted by the Director of Finance to reflect the percentage change in the annual California Construction Cost Index (CCCI) as used by DGS.

Section 10108 of the Public Contract Code establishes the maximum cost of a project that may be budgeted as a minor capital outlay project. It also requires the project cost amount be adjusted biennially for CCCI.

Section 10108.5 of the Public Contract Code applies to departments within the Resources Agency, except those otherwise specified in section 10107. This section requires a **biennial** CCCI adjustment to: (1) the project dollar threshold for DGS oversight; (2) the cost threshold that determines when a Department of Forestry and Fire Protection project must be competitively bid; and (3) the maximum day labor amount.

A summary of these new dollar thresholds for calendar years 2026 and 2027 follows:

Adjusted Project Cost Threshold		2026 and 2027 Amounts
Section 10105	DGS oversight required for projects over:	\$484,000
Section 10108	Minor capital outlay project limit:	\$1,157,000
Section 10108.5	DGS oversight is required for projects over: (applies to departments within the Resources Agency)	\$1,502,000

Competitive bidding required for projects over: <i>(applies to the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection)</i>	\$150,000
Maximum day labor amount: <i>(applies to departments within the Resources Agency)</i>	\$303,000

Pursuant to Section 10108.6, Department of Finance approval is required for any department's request for exemption from DGS oversight, should the project or class of projects exceed \$3,000,000.

For any questions, contact your Capital Outlay budget analyst.

/s/ Sally Lukenbill

Sally Lukenbill
Program Budget Manager



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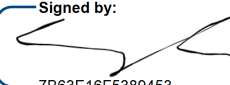
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Item: F-3

To: San Joaquin River Conservancy Governing Board

From: Kari Kyler Daniska, Chief Executive Officer

Subject: **INFORMATION ITEM:** Circle V Demolition Project Update.

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RECOMMENDATION:

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SUMMARY:

Planning and pre-demolition coordination for the Circle V Demolition Project (Project) has continued to progress with the Department of General Services (DGS) over the summer. Key progress includes the following:

- The HazMat Survey and Report were completed.
- The State Fire Marshal building permit was issued.
- Notifications were sent to local Native tribes and a local non-profit organization.
- The Project Notice of Exemption was published.
- The DGS Project Director is in the process of developing the General Requirements for the Project's bid package.

The following table outlines the anticipated next steps in project delivery and timeline.

Bid advertisement on Cal eProcure	09/23/2026
Pre-bid walk	10/07/2026
Bids due	11/04/2026
Notice to Proceed	02/01/2027

The construction schedule is anticipated to be 210 calendar days.

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

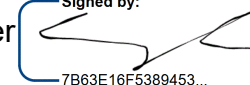


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Item: F-4

To: San Joaquin River Conservancy Governing Board
From: Kari Kyler Daniska, Chief Executive Officer
Subject: **INFORMATION ITEM:** River Vista Restoration Project Update.

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RECOMMENDATION:

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SUMMARY:

Planning and pre-demolition and restoration coordination for the River Vista Restoration Project (Project) has continued to progress with the Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) and Department of General Services (DGS) over the summer. Key progress includes the following:

- May 28, 2026 WCB Board Approval of River Vista Planning and Implementation Projects.
- WCB Grant Agreements were signed.
- The Project Notice of Determination was published.
- The DGS CRUISE Request was submitted and DGS staff assignments are in progress for planning and implementation.

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



AGENDA ITEM

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Item: G-1

To: San Joaquin River Conservancy Governing Board

From: Kari Kyler Daniska, Chief Executive Officer

Subject: **INFORMATION ITEM:** State Parks Forward Initiative Update.

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RECOMMENDATION:

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

BACKGROUND:

On April 22 — Earth Day — Governor Gavin Newsom and First Partner Jennifer Siebel Newsom announced State Parks Forward, a major initiative to expand California's State Park System. The announcement, held along the San Joaquin River at Sycamore Island, marks the largest planned expansion of the system in decades, including the creation of three new Central Valley state parks and up to 30,000 acres of additional parkland statewide.

Under this initiative, six Conservancy properties totaling approximately 874 acres will be incorporated into the new San Joaquin River Parkway State Park. This represents a significant milestone in advancing long-term public access, habitat conservation, and outdoor recreation along the San Joaquin River.

SUMMARY:

On July 15, 2026 California State Parks launched an online public survey - "[State Parks Forward survey](#)" - initiating the planning process for the proposed state park along the San Joaquin River. This survey will help shape the future of the newly proposed state parks coming to the Central Valley.

The State Parks Forward visioning survey has been made available online at parks.ca.gov/forward, and will remain open until Sept. 4, 2026. They are asking the community and other stakeholders to share their thoughts and ideas about:

- What would make these park properties most valuable to you.
- Preferred recreational activities or programs at the future state park.
- Your vision for the future of these parks.

The Conservancy has also produced a flyer to distribute locally and to partners to garner additional feedback (Attachment 1).

The release of the State Parks Forward survey marks an important milestone for the San Joaquin River Conservancy, as California State Parks moves into active planning for the state park envisioned along the San Joaquin River—advancing shared goals to expand public access, enhance habitat conservation, and strengthen recreation opportunities.

In addition to the survey, the Conservancy has been working closely with the State Parks Chief of Acquisition and Real Property Services to draft the term sheet, letter of intent, and the memorandum of understanding, and to begin the property transfer process. These coordination efforts ensure that early planning, acquisition steps, and interagency responsibilities are clearly defined and aligned with the Conservancy's Master Plan and long-term vision for the San Joaquin River Parkway.

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

Help shape the future of the San Joaquin River Parkway

The *State Parks Forward* visioning survey is available online at parks.ca.gov/forward, and will remain open until Sept. 4, 2026. Share your thoughts and ideas about:

- What would make these park properties most valuable to you.
- Preferred recreational activities or programs at the future state park.
- Your vision for the future of these parks.

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Ayuda a dar forma al futuro de el Parque del Río San Joaquín

La encuesta de visión de “*State Parks Forward*” está disponible en línea en parks.ca.gov/forward y permanecerá abierta hasta el 4 de Septiembre de 2026.

Comparta sus opiniones e ideas sobre:

- ¿Qué haría que estas propiedades del parque fueran más valiosas para usted?
- Actividades o programas recreativos preferidos en el futuro parque estatal.
- Su visión para el futuro de estos parques.

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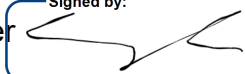
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Item: G-2

To: San Joaquin River Conservancy Governing Board

From: Kari Kyler Daniska, Chief Executive Officer

Subject: **INFORMATION ITEM:** Presentation from President and CEO of Parks California.

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RECOMMENDATION:

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SUMMARY:

Parks California is a nonprofit organization and the official statutory partner of California State Parks. Parks California plays a central role in strengthening and expanding the State Park system by leveraging its resources, project expertise, and funding programs to deliver park improvements statewide. The organization works closely with businesses, public agencies, and other nonprofits to generate funding through Park Programs and Park Grants—supporting major initiatives such as State Parks Forward, Outdoors for All, and contributing to the establishment of the San Joaquin River Parkway State Park.

With the recent rollout of the State Parks Forward Initiative, the Conservancy has begun actively meeting and collaborating with Parks California. These discussions have focused on shared goals for public access, park planning, and the long-term stewardship of Conservancy-owned properties transitioning into the State Park system.

In alignment with this growing collaboration, Kindley Walsh Lawlor, President and CEO of Parks California, will provide a presentation to the Governing Board outlining how Parks California can support State Parks and California Natural Resources Agency more broadly during the implementation of the State Parks Forward initiative and beyond (Attachment 1).

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



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Item: G-3

To: San Joaquin River Conservancy Governing Board

From: Kari Kyler Daniska, Chief Executive Officer

Subject: **INFORMATION ITEM:** Presentation from Fresno State Intern Erandy Guerrero.

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RECOMMENDATION:

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SUMMARY:

Last school year, the Conservancy had the opportunity to host three social media interns in partnership with Fresno State. The interns assisted with creating, drafting, and scheduling content across our social media platforms, helping increase engagement and strengthen the Conservancy's public presence. They were also of great support to Conservancy Staff during the Earth Day Event at Sycamore Island, where the State Parks Forward Initiative was announced, by coordinating additional media support from Fresno State, covering the event, and preparing content and press releases.

This summer, the Conservancy had the opportunity to welcome back a Fresno State intern, Erandy Guerrero, who previously served with us during the last school year. We are pleased to share that her return has been a tremendous benefit to our outreach and communications efforts.

Specifically, has been providing translation services for outreach materials and social media content, ensuring our communications were more inclusive and accessible to Spanish-speaking community members.

At this time, I would like to invite Erandy to speak to the Governing Board about her experience and what she has gained from her internships with the Conservancy.

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



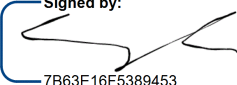
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Item: G-4

To: San Joaquin River Conservancy Governing Board

From: Kari Kyler Daniska, Chief Executive Officer

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Subject: **ACTION ITEM:** Strategic Plan Adoption.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the San Joaquin River Conservancy Governing Board receive a presentation of the Draft 2026–2030 Strategic Plan and approve the draft as final and adopt it. This action will formally conclude the Conservancy’s one-year strategic planning process and allow staff to begin implementation of the goals, strategies, and timelines outlined in the Strategic Plan.

SUMMARY:

Staff is providing this update to inform the Governing Board that the one-year planning process for the 2026–2030 Strategic Plan has been completed. As described in the strategic planning timeline (Attachment 1), the Conservancy conducted outreach throughout the stakeholder engagement and outreach period, which included conducting steering committee meetings, tribal consultations, community presentations, public workshops, coordination with partner agencies, and a 30-day public comment period.

With the conclusion of the stakeholder engagement and outreach period, the Conservancy released the Draft 2026-2030 Strategic Plan for public review and comment. The Conservancy received three public comment letters (Attachment 2), each of which was reviewed and addressed, as necessary and appropriate.

It is recommended that the San Joaquin River Conservancy Governing Board receive a presentation of the Draft 2026–2030 Strategic Plan for review and subsequent adoption. This action will formally conclude the Conservancy’s one-year strategic planning process and allow staff to begin implementation of the goals, strategies, and timelines outlined in the Strategic Plan.

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



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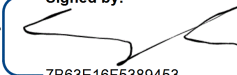
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Item: G-5

To: San Joaquin River Conservancy Governing Board

From: Kari Kyler Daniska, Chief Executive Officer

Subject: **ACTION ITEM:** Fee Policy Approval and Begin Regulations Process.

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RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the San Joaquin River Conservancy Governing Board approve the proposed Fee Policy, proposed fee regulation language and authorize staff to submit to the Office of Administrative Law for formal review.

SUMMARY:

The Conservancy has completed development of its proposed Fee Policy and Fee Regulations, which establish formal procedures for collecting day use fees, special event fees, and permit administration across Conservancy owned and managed properties. These regulations are authorized under Public Resources Code Sections 32529 and 32536 and are intended to ensure that the Conservancy can sustainably operate, maintain, and manage public access to its lands.

The proposed Fee Policy (Attachment 1) and regulatory language (Attachment 2) is the next major step in implementing the Board-directed fee program initiated in October 2024. At that time, the Board requested the development of both a fee collection policy and formal regulations prior to authorizing fee collection.

The proposed fee policy:

- Details fee collection procedures for Conservancy Staff.

The proposed regulations:

- Establish authority and procedures for collecting fees on Conservancy owned properties.
- Support the opening, operation, and maintenance of Conservancy owned and operated by providing a dedicated revenue stream.
- Implement statutory requirements that Conservancy properties shall not be opened to the public unless adequate funds are available for management.

The policy and regulations have been developed in coordination with partner agencies and subject matter experts. Fee policy research included comparisons to other state conservancies, State Parks, National Parks, and local city and county fee structures.

It is recommended that the San Joaquin River Conservancy Governing Board receive a presentation of the proposed Fee Policy and approve the Fee Policy, fee regulation language and authorize staff to submit to the Office of Administrative Law for formal review.

The Office of Administrative Law may revise these documents during formal review. Additional Board approval will be sought prior to finalizing the Fee Policy and Regulations, as required.

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

Attachment 1: Proposed Fee Policy

Attachment 2: Fee Regulations Language