

**MINUTES
SAN JOAQUIN AREA FLOOD CONTROL AGENCY
BOARD MEETING OF JANUARY 22, 2026**

STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL 2:01 PM

Present:	Absent:
Director Blower	Director Dresser
Director Canepa	Director Lazard
Director DeBrum	Director Singh
Director Gardea	
Director Halford	
Director Villapudua	

2. PLEDGE TO FLAG 2:01 PM

3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS 2:02 PM

3.1) Elect a Chair & Vice-Chair for the San Joaquin Area Flood Control Agency Board of Directors for 2026

Chair Canepa nominated:

Chair: Michael Blower
Vice-Chair: Charlie Halford

Motion: Elect a Chair & Vice-Chair for the San Joaquin Area Flood Control Agency Board of Directors for 2026
Moved by: Director Blower, Seconded by Director DeBrum
Vote: Motion carried 6-0
Yes: Director Blower, Director Canepa, Director DeBrum, Director Gardea, Director Halford, Director Villapudua
Absent: Director Dresser, Director Lazard, Director Singh

Executive Director Suen and the Board of Directors gave thanks to Chair Canepa for his hard work and leadership to the San Joaquin Area Flood Control Agency.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS 2:07 PM

Dominick Gulli provided comments.

5. CONSENT ITEMS 2:10 PM

- 5.1) Approve Minutes from November 13, 2025, Board Meeting
- 5.2) Receive Semi-Annual Report of Master Services Agreements issued under delegated authority for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Public Comments: Dominick Gulli provided comments.

Motion: To approve Consent Items 5.1 and 5.2
Moved by: Director Halford, Seconded by Director Canepa
Vote: Motion carried 6-0
Yes: Director Blower, Director Canepa, Director DeBrum, Director Gardea, Director Halford, Director Villapudua
Absent: Director Dresser, Director Lazard, Director Singh

6. NEW BUSINESS 2:13 PM

- 6.1) Adopt a Resolution to accept Independent Auditor's Report and Financial Statements for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2025

Sylvia Razniak introduced the agency's Auditor's Jeff Stone and Shelvina Bains who reported on the audit with no significant findings and no non-compliance.

Public Comments: Dominick Gulli provided comments.

Motion: To adopt a Resolution to accept Independent Auditor's Report and Financial Statements for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2025
Moved by: Director DeBrum, Seconded by Director Villapudua
Vote: Motion carried 6-0
Yes: Director Blower, Director Canepa, Director DeBrum, Director Gardea, Director Halford, Director Villapudua
Absent: Director Dresser, Director Lazard, Director Singh

- 6.2) Mid-Year Budget Review and Approval of Budget Adjustments for Fiscal Year 2025/26 for the San Joaquin Area Flood Control Agency

Public Comments: Dominick Gulli provided comments and asked questions.

Motion: Resolution to approve the proposed mid-year operating fund, levee construction and maintenance assessment, and operations and maintenance assessment district funds, and capital budget adjustments and associated actions for fiscal year 2025/2026 for the San Joaquin Area Flood Control Agency
Moved by: Director Gardea, Seconded by Director Villapudua
Vote: Motion carried 6-0
Yes: Director Blower, Director Canepa, Director DeBrum, Director Gardea, Director Halford, Director Villapudua
Absent: Director Dresser, Director Lazard, Director Singh

- 6.3) Approve the purchase of Real Property and authorize the Executive Director to execute a purchase and sale agreement between the Agency and City of Stockton for portion of San Joaquin County Assessor Parcel Number 071-140-170

Public Comments: Dominick Gulli provided comments and asked questions.

Motion: Approve the purchase of Real Property and authorize the Executive Director to execute a purchase and sale agreement between the Agency and City of Stockton for portion of San Joaquin County Assessor Parcel Number 071-140-170
Moved by: Director Canepa, Seconded by Director Halford
Vote: Motion carried 6-0
Yes: Director Blower, Director Canepa, Director DeBrum, Director Gardea, Director Halford, Director Villapudua
Absent: Director Dresser, Director Lazard, Director Singh

6.4) Issuance of the Mossdale Tract Program 2025 Annual Adequate Progress Report

Public Comments: Dominick Gulli provided comments.

Motion: Issuance of the Mossdale Tract Program 2025 Annual Adequate Progress Report
Moved by: Director Halford, Seconded by Director DeBrum
Vote: Motion carried 6-0
Yes: Director Blower, Director Canepa, Director DeBrum, Director Gardea, Director Halford, Director Villapudua
Absent: Director Dresser, Director Lazard, Director Singh

7. BRIEFINGS 3:25 PM

None.

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT 3:25 PM

1. Executive Director Suen thanked San Joaquin County for the use of the room and the assistance of their support staff who helped us get setup to run this meeting. We will be back at the San Joaquin Council of Governments next month.
2. Phase 1 of all geotechnical work for the entire project is now complete. The start of the design phase can begin. Now we know what the geotechnical properties were along the levees and with this information, the US Army Corps of Engineers can assess what type of improvements are needed.
3. TS30L is a 2-year construction project per the US Army Corps of Engineers' timeline. The project has been winterized for now and will be back under construction by April 15th. There will be a ribbon cutting in the fall for project completion.
4. In the Lathrop-Manteca area SJAFCA is seeking another way to complete the Feasibility Study under Section 203. There are two firms that are preparing RFPs to do the Section 203 work. Staff will come back to the Board with information on Section 203 and possibly a request for direction. Staff are also working with the Department of Water Resources and the Central Valley Flood Protection Board on a consensus that Section 203 would be the proper path forward.
5. For the Urban Flood Risk Reduction Project (UFRR), the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) document has been released for public comments. The comment period will close on February 2, 2026. Earlier this month, Staff presented at the cities of Manteca and Lathrop, to keep them informed of the document and that the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is available. There is technical work happening with geotechnical borings, real estate work, and project design, that continue to progress the UFRR project.
6. The Paradise Cut Bypass Expansion & Multi-Benefit Project is supported by SJAFCA and led by the State. An Advisory Committee meeting was held last Monday to discuss the three alternatives. None of these alternatives have landowner support, so Staff are working with

the Department of Water Resources to refine these three alignments to be more receptive to the downstream landowners and the South Delta Water Agency. SJAFCA will receive an additional one million dollars that the Board has delegated authority to the Executive Director to receive, and those funds will go towards furthering this project.

7. The Letter of map revision (LOMR) effective date is February 9, 2026. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has notified SJAFCA that they have received a letter of appeal from Mr. Dominic Gulli and Mr. Dennis Hicks. They have made comments and FEMA will be reviewing the comments and informing SJAFCA whether that will affect the effective date.

Public Comments: None

9. COUNSEL REPORT 3:30 PM

As all of you are public agency board members, all board members are obligated to file Form 700. Board members are also obligated to do two hours of training every year for ethics and two hours for sexual harassment prevention. Legislature has also added another two hours of obligatory financial training.

Please talk to your appointing boards about this training. Downey Brand is also working on providing free training for our clients and they will provide notification to you.

10. BOARD COMMENTS 3:31 PM

Director Gardea and Director Blower provided comments.

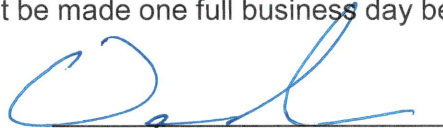
11. CLOSED SESSION 3:31 PM

None.

12. ADJOURNMENT 3:32 PM

The meeting adjourned at 3:32 pm. The next upcoming Board Meeting will be held February 12, 2026, at 2pm at the San Joaquin Council of Governments.

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DARREN SUEN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
SAN JOAQUIN AREA FLOOD
CONTROL AGENCY

January 22, 2026, SJAFCA Meeting Minutes