

MINUTES
SAN JOAQUIN AREA FLOOD CONTROL AGENCY
BOARD MEETING OF MAY 14, 2026

STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL 2:00 PM

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

2. PLEDGE TO FLAG 2:01 PM

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS 2:01 PM

None.

4. CONSENT ITEMS 2:02 PM

4.1) Approve Minutes from February 12, 2026, Board Meeting

4.2) Approve the final purchase and sale agreement between the San Joaquin Area Flood Control Agency (SJAFCOA) and the City of Stockton for the purchase of a portion of San Joaquin County Assessor Parcel Number 071-140-17 and the amended Resolution 26-04

4.3) Receive Informational Report on Requests for Proposals

Public Comments: None.

Motion: To approve Consent Item 4.1
Moved by: Director DeBrum, Seconded by Director Halford
Vote: Motion carried 6-0
Yes: Director Blower, Director Canepa, Director DeBrum, Director Dresser, Director Gardea, Director Halford
Absent: Director Lazard, Director Singh, Director Villapudua

Motion: To approve Consent Items 4.2, 4.3
Moved by: Director Halford, Seconded by Director DeBrum
Vote: Motion carried 6-0
Yes: Director Blower, Director Canepa, Director DeBrum, Director Dresser, Director Gardea, Director Halford
Absent: Director Lazard, Director Singh, Director Villapudua

5. NEW BUSINESS 2:03 PM

5.1) Authorization for Additional Use of the Detention Basin No. 2 Site

Public Comments: None.

Motion: Authorization for Additional Use of the Detention Basin No. 2 Site
Moved by: Director Gardea, Seconded by Director DeBrum
Vote: Motion carried 6-0
Yes: Director Blower, Director Canepa, Director DeBrum, Director Dresser, Director Gardea, Director Halford
Absent: Director Lazard, Director Singh, Director Villapudua

5.2) Certification of Final Combined Supplemental Environmental Assessment II / Supplemental Environmental Impact Report for the San Joaquin River Basin, Lower San Joaquin River California Project – Compensatory Mitigation Plan

Public Comments: None.

Motion: Certification of Final Combined Supplemental Environmental Assessment II / Supplemental Environmental Impact Report for the San Joaquin River Basin, Lower San Joaquin River California Project – Compensatory Mitigation Plan
Moved by: Director DeBrum, Seconded by Director Canepa
Vote: Motion carried 6-0
Yes: Director Blower, Director Canepa, Director DeBrum, Director Dresser, Director Gardea, Director Halford
Absent: Director Lazard, Director Singh, Director Villapudua

5.3) Appointing a New Paradise Cut Bypass Expansion and Multi-Benefit Project Advisory Committee (AC) Member

Public Comments: None.

Motion: Appointing a New Paradise Cut Bypass Expansion and Multi-Benefit Project Advisory Committee (AC) Member
Moved by: Director Dresser, Seconded by Director Halford
Vote: Motion carried 6-0
Yes: Director Blower, Director Canepa, Director DeBrum, Director Dresser, Director Gardea, Director Halford
Absent: Director Lazard, Director Singh, Director Villapudua

6. BRIEFINGS 2:27 PM

6.1) Paradise Cut Informational Briefing

Public Comments: None.

Background and project status update.

The next Paradise Cut Advisory Committee Meeting is scheduled for May 28, 2026 at 10:00AM.

7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT 2:47 PM

- a. Chair Blower, Director Halford, and Director DeBrum traveled to Washinton D.C. to meet with delegation members' offices of Senator Padilla, Senator Schiff, Congressman Harder (personally), and Congressman Gray.
- b. The directors met with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Headquarters - Planning Division and a Section 203 representative. Discussions focused on securing Workplan funding to keep Phase 1 advancing, navigating the Section 203 process, and resolving policy issues linked to the Ideker farm induced flooding.

Chair Blower and Executive Director met with Lee Forsgren, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army. Forsgren noted that San Joaquin County's initiatives align perfectly with the Administration's goals, specifically the use of Section 203 and developing mitigation sites for projects.

The pending Section 221MOU agreement ensures that local investments will be credited toward Phase 2 once the project receives federal authorization.

- c. Senator Padilla's and Schiff's Congressionally Directed Spending List will be released soon. Projects on this list will secure funding. The Senators emphasized the importance of local community backing, and special thanks go to the Board Members and their respective agencies for demonstrating this crucial support.
- d. A Design Charrette for the 14-Mile Slough Phase B gate structure will take place at 10:00 AM at the Stribley Community Center. USACE personnel, design consultants, and the marina owner will collaborate to gather input for the new gate, which will feature a design similar to the Smith Canal Gate.

8. COUNSEL REPORT 2:50 PM

Reminder that there are bi-annual ethics training requirements, harassment prevention training and new bi-annual requirements for financial literacy training that need to be completed. A free training will be held on June 2 at Downey Brand office in Sacramento, with free lunch. If you have already completed this training, send copies of your certificates to the office.

9. BOARD COMMENTS 2:52 PM

Director Blower provided comments.

10. CLOSED SESSION 2:57 PM

None.

11. ADJOURNMENT 2:58 PM

The meeting adjourned at 2:58 pm. The next upcoming Board Meeting will be held June 11, 2026 at 2pm at the San Joaquin Council of Governments.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the meeting room is wheelchair accessible and disabled parking is available. If you have a disability and need disability-related modifications or accommodations to participate in this meeting, please contact the Board's office at (209) 299-4200. Requests must be made one full business day before the start of the meeting.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Suen', is positioned above a horizontal line.

DARREN SUEN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
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