

**MINUTES
SAN JOAQUIN AREA FLOOD CONTROL AGENCY
BOARD MEETING OF AUGUST 14, 2025**

STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA

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

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

Although Director Blower was not present for roll call, he arrived at 1:03 PM.

2. PLEDGE TO FLAG 1:00 PM

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS 1:01 PM

Dominick Gulli provided written and verbal comments at the meeting. The Public Comment period included comments for all agenda items.

4. CONSENT ITEMS 1:09 PM

4.1) Approve Minutes from June 12, 2025, Board Meeting

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

5. NEW BUSINESS 1:09 PM

5.1) Letter of Intent with the City of Stockton regarding the Agency's commitment to continue performing the Aquatic Weed Control on a portion of Five Mile Slough

Motion: To approve the Letter of Intent with the City of Stockton regarding the Agency's commitment to continue performing the Aquatic Weed Control on a portion of Five Mile Slough
Moved by: Director Blower, Seconded by Gardea
Vote: Motion carried 6-0
Yes: Director Blower, Director Canepa, Director Dresser, Director Gardea, Director Halford, Director Singh
Absent: Director DeBrum, Director Lazard, Director Villapudua

- 5.2) Approve Amendment No. 7 to the Funding Agreement with the California Department of Water Resources for Smith Canal Gate Project Urban Flood Risk Reduction Program

Motion: To approve Amendment No. 7 to the Funding Agreement with the California Department of Water Resources for Smith Canal Gate Project Urban Flood Risk Reduction Program

Moved by: Director Blower, Seconded by Director Gardea

Vote: Motion carried 6-0

Yes: Director Blower, Director Canepa, Director Dresser, Director Gardea, Director Halford, Director Singh

Absent: Director DeBrum, Director Lazard, Director Villapudua

- 5.3) Delegated Authority for Acquisition of Real Property Interests

Motion: To authorize delegated authority for acquisition of Real Property interests

Moved by: Director Blower, Seconded by Director Halford

Vote: Motion carried 6-0

Yes: Director Blower, Director Canepa, Director Dresser, Director Gardea, Director Halford, Director Singh

Absent: Director DeBrum, Director Lazard, Director Villapudua

6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT 1:38 PM

1. The Corps of Engineers is proceeding with construction on the levee next construction season. They are working to construct the access road and stockpiling materials near the site.
2. Funding for Phase 1 for the Lower San Joaquin River Project was not received. There is funding for the Lower San Joaquin River project through FY 28, which will keep the project moving forward. We will continue to advocate for funding on a regular basis.
3. Representative Harder, who has been very supportive of our efforts, was trying to do a legislative amendment to increase funding for both Phase 1 and Phase 2 but has been unsuccessful. Both Senators Schiff and Padilla have placed earmarks in their Energy and water Appropriations Bill, but that Bill has not come out yet. It is expected to be out in September, so there is a chance there could be some funds there for Phase 2.
4. Phase 2, Section 221 agreement with the Army Corps of Engineers, is a way to ensure that SJAFCA receives reimbursement for work that the federal government acknowledges interest in. This work would be credited by the federal government later on when the project is authorized. This agreement is routing through the Army Corps of Engineers.
5. The inter-basin excess transfer credit agreement has been approved by the Corps of Engineers. We are in the process of finalizing an agreement with Sutter Butte Area Flood Control Agency and will be bringing that back to the Board for authorization and informational purposes.
6. September 15-17, 2025, SJAFCA Board Members and staff will be in Washington D.C. for a visit with the Assistant Secretary of the Army and others at the Army Corps of Engineers Headquarters.
7. Executive Director Suen was invited to become a Board Member at the National Waterways Conference.

7. COUNSEL REPORT 1:42 PM

Counselor Shapiro is an Advisory Board member of the National Association of Flood and Stormwater Management Agencies and is able to push on the issues holding up the Phase 2 study. There is a federal case called Ideker which resulted in the Corps of Engineers being liable for some dam reoperations in Missouri. This has caused the Corps of Engineers to be more conservative in their planning efforts, which has affected the Phase 2 project on Mossdale. Mr. Shapiro has had conversations with the Corps and has used this opportunity to push this particular project. He also will be traveling with SJAFCA to Washington DC in September to meet with the Corps in person and continue to push on these issues for SJAFCA.

8. BOARD COMMENTS 1:45 PM

None.

9. ADJOURNMENT 1:45 PM

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 pm. The next meeting will be a Regular Board Meeting to be held on September 11, 2025 at 1:00 PM.

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DARREN SUEN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
SAN JOAQUIN AREA FLOOD
CONTROL AGENCY

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