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Program Highlights

SJAFCA Commissions Smith Canal Gate Project

With a snip of giant scissors, a ribbon across the Smith Canal Gate was cut on October 23 during a ceremony attended by local, state and federal officials. The celebration culminated 15 years of planning and work to provide up to 200-year flood protection for ~8,500 property owners in the Smith Tract, many of whom have been living with a costly flood insurance mandate since 2008. SJAFCA is awaiting final project documents from the construction contractor that are necessary to finalize the project accreditation package for FEMA. The package is expected to be submitted to FEMA by the end of 2024. The federal agency is expected to issue a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) sometime in 2025. Once new maps are in place, Smith Tract properties will no longer be required to pay for high-risk flood insurance. Collectively, this will save property owners hundreds of thousands of dollars per year while providing them access to lower cost flood insurance.



Lower San Joaquin River Project to Break Ground in April 2025

This month, the US Army Corps of Engineers will complete tree and vegetation clearing on TS30L (Tenmile Slough dryland levee adjacent to Brookside). The work was necessary to prepare for the levee degrade and reconstruction that is scheduled to begin in April 2025. The USACE recently awarded a \$17.9 million construction contract for that work to Ahtna-Forgen JV. The TS30L segment, slated for completion in November 2026, is the first project under the USACE's \$1.4 billion Lower San Joaquin River Project. In March 2025, more than 3,300 property owners within the Brookside area will receive an update on planned construction and opportunities for public engagement.

ONGOING ISSUES MANAGEMENT

- » Mitigation planning and implementation for the Lower San Joaquin River Project
- » Federal appropriations for Lower San Joaquin River Project Phases I & II
- » Land acquisition process and timing for Lower San Joaquin River Project Phases I & II

MEETINGS/EVENTS

- » SJAFCA Board Meeting:
10 a.m., November 21

More info:

www.sjafca.org/about-sjafca/board-meetings

RECENTLY COMPLETED ACTIVITIES

- » Smith Canal Gate ribbon cutting
- » TS30L Vegetation and tree clearing
- » USACE award for \$17.9M TS30L construction contract to Ahtna-Forgen JV
- » \$75M in state funding secured for the Mossdale Tract Urban Flood Risk Reduction Project
- » Implementation of the Mossdale Tract Overlay Assessment District
- » State funding for Paradise Cut Bypass Expansion and Multi-Benefit Project
- » Completion of Bay Area Council grant work on climate resiliency

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- » Submission of Smith Canal Gate accreditation package to Federal Emergency Management Agency (Q4 2024)
- » TS30L groundbreaking and construction (Q2 2025)
- » USACE Tentatively Selected Plan for Lower San Joaquin River Feasibility Study Phase II (Q1 2025)
- » 65% design of second increment of LSJRP at Shima Tract Phase A (Q1 2025)
- » Public draft Environmental Impact Report for Mossdale Tract Urban Flood Risk Reduction Project (Q2 2025)
- » Adequate progress to achieve flood risk management objectives in Mossdale area (Q4 2024)
- » Report to Board on updated Climate Change Policy

Strategic Plan Implementation Progress

Adopted in 2019 and updated in 2024, SJAFA's Strategic Plan presents the Agency's mission statement, goals, objectives, and priority actions. Progress on implementing priority actions are highlighted below.



Priority Action	% Complete	Target End
1 Lower San Joaquin River Project Implementation: 1. Complete Construction at TS30L by 2025 2. Shima Tract Phase A, Construction Contract Award by Q1 2026 3. Phase E (SJ River Right, French Camp, Duck Creek): 10% by Aug 2025 4. CEQA/NEPA for Mitigation Strategy by Dec 2024	6% 56% 24% 13%	9.21.26 3.31.26 8.1.25 4.30.25
2 Smith Canal area Letter of Map Revision Package by Q2 2024	30%	12.31.24
3 Submit Smith Canal Gate credit to USACE	85%	4.1.25
4 Partner with USACE on Phase 2 of Federal Study (Mosssdale Tract) » Partner annually with State of ca on Federal advocacy » Tentatively Selected Plan and Locally Preferred Plan by Jan 2025 » Section 221 MOU for federal credit of Non-Federal Sponsor investments by Dec. 2025 » Obtain signed Chief's Report by Q1 2027	76% 41% 25%	1.31.25 12.31.25 3.31.27
5 Implement Urban Flood Risk Reduction Project in Mosssdale Tract: 1. Public Draft EIR by June 2024 2. Complete dryland levee design by June 2025 3. Start dryland levee construction in 2026	55% 41% 25%	6.30.25 12.30.25 5.1.27
6 1. Achieve 200-year protection in Mosssdale Tract as required by law 2. Complete annual adequate progress reporting	35% CONTINUOUS	12.1.40
7 Refine Mosssdale project(s) considering climate change information	CONTINUOUS	
8 Complete formation of Overlay Assessment and Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District in Mosssdale Tract by Aug. 2024	100%	8.30.24
9 Update CIP planning	CONTINUOUS	
10 Implement public outreach program(s)	CONTINUOUS	
11 Enhance strategic relationships through various partnership opportunities	CONTINUOUS	
12 Advance actions and scope regional efforts identified in Regional Flood Management Plan	CONTINUOUS	
13 Advance Paradise Cut Bypass Expansion and Multi-benefit Project with Feasibility Study initiation in June 2024	CONTINUOUS	
14 Develop regional climate resiliency framework by Sept 2024	25%	9.1.24

- Work is complete or ongoing and on schedule
- Work is upcoming or ongoing but trending off schedule; aspects are recoverable
- Work will or has missed significant scheduled milestones