



# CENTRAL SAN JOAQUIN WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

## CENTRAL SAN JOAQUIN WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2026  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

### 1. PRELIMINARY

#### 1.1. Call Meeting to Order

Board President Richard Wagner called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m.

#### 1.2. ROLL CALL

Directors Present: Richard Wagner, President of the Board; Phillip Brumley, Secretary/Treasurer; Grant Thompson, Vice-President; Bryan Van-Groningen, and Richard Veldstra

Directors Absent: Anthony Chiappe

Staff Present: Steve Knell, Interim General Manager; Kevin King, General Manager; Anne-Liisa Larks.

#### 1.3. Approval of Agenda

Kevin King requested the deletion of 5.4 "Budget to Actual Report" and the addition of 6.13 "Review and Consideration of the Auriga IT Contract".

MOVED: Richard Veldstra

SECONDED: Phillip Brumley

AYES: 5

NOES: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 1

ACTION: Agenda approved as amended

#### 1.4. Pledge of Allegiance

#### 1.5. Conflict of Interest

None

### 2. PRESENTATIONS

No Presentations Scheduled

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### **3. PUBLIC COMMENT (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)**

No Public Comments were received.

### **4. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

#### 4.1. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT: Interim General Manager Steve Knell reported that:

- The CSDA Membership quote had been revised from \$375 to \$9,391.00. CSDA has offered a free six (6) month trial membership which expires on June 30, 2026;
- The Weeks Crossing encroachment agreement is in the final stages of review. There is a quote for the pipe hauling on the statement of obligations, and that the repairs have been delayed due to the wet weather;
- The District permanent lighted sign will be installed on 02/20/26;
- The District is advised that the well monitoring proposal for the Farmington School Site will be presented at the next meeting of their Board. However, communication with the Farmington School contact has been hit or miss; and
- Powers has completed his well testing but was unable due to coordination issues to test any lift/surface water pumps. Discussion was had regarding the delaying of the report to wait until surface water pumps can be tested or moving forward with the deep well information.

Incoming General Manger Kevin King reported that:

- He attended the most recent ESJGWA meeting in place of the Interim General Manager; and
- He had conducted Staff Meetings in anticipation of his transition to General Manager and these meetings had helped him evaluate the most pressing District needs.

#### 4.2. OPERATIONS REPORT: Incoming General Manager Kevin King reported that:

- Field Staff is developing a monthly schedule with projections for inclusion in the operations report so that the Board will be aware of actual and future field operations tasks;
- The spray quote has been reviewed by Senior Field Staff and the Incoming General Manager for approval. The first priority will be Mariposa Drain and it is anticipated that there will be extra loads of spray material for use at the secondary priority location.
- The tree trimming at the Pump Stations has been delayed due to inclement weather.
- Field Staff has received a bid for the trash rack and screen for Pump Station #2 from a local welder and may be presented at the next Board Meeting for approval; and
- Field Staff continues to complete required trainings from CSDA and ACWA/JPIA.

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**5. CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 5.1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of Minutes from January 14, 2026, Board Meeting.

MOVED: Richard Veldstra

SECONDED: Bryan Van Groningen

AYES: 5

NOES: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 1

ACTION: Minutes from January 14, 2026, Board Meeting are approved

- 5.2. TREASURER'S REPORT: Approve Treasurer's Report for January 2026.

MOVED: Richard Veldstra

SECONDED: Phillip Brumley

AYES: 5

NOES: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 1

ACTION: Treasurer's Report for January 2026 is approved.

- 5.3. STATEMENT OF OBLIGATIONS: Review and Approve Obligations for January 2026.

Discussion was had regarding the Dino and Sons proposed bill for the work associated with the Weeks Crossing and the appropriate cost of such services. Management and Staff were directed to obtain additional bids.

MOVED: Richard Veldstra

SECONDED: Bryan Van Groningen

AYES: 5

NOES: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 1

ACTION: Statement of Obligations is approved with the removal of the Dino and Sons billing.

**6. SCHEDULED ITEMS**

- 6.1. GENERAL MANAGER: Review and Consider Approval of Resolution No. 2026-02-01: Appointment of General Manager and Delegation of Authority.

MOVED: Richard Veldstra

SECONDED: Phillip Brumley

AYES: 5

NOES: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 1

ACTION: Approve Resolution 2026-02-01 Appointment of Kevin King as General Manager and Delegation of Authority.

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- 6.2. FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026 BUDGET: Review and Consider Approval of Resolution No. 2026-02-02: Adopting Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Budget.

MOVED: Phillip Brumley

SECONDED: Bryan Van Groningen

AYES: 5

NOES: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 1

ACTION: Approve Resolution 2026-02-02 Adoption of Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Budget.

- 6.3. FISCAL YEAR 2026/2027 BUDGET: Review and Consider Appointment of Ad Hoc Committee on Finance and Budget for Fiscal Year 2026/2027.

General Manager Kevin King reported on the new budgetary process which will involve multiple stages including review at the Staff level, review by the Finance ad-hoc committee, a first presentation to the Board 60 days before FY26/27, and a Final Board approval in June.

MOVED: Richard Veldstra

SECONDED: Grant Thompson

AYES: 5

NOES: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 1

ACTION: Approve the creation of an Ad Hoc Committee on Finance and Budget for Fiscal Year 2026/2027 composed of Phillip Brumley and Bryan Van Groningen.

- 6.4. BANKING AUTHORIZATION: Review and Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 2026-02-03: Authorizing Officers and Trustees as Signatories for District Funds Held by the Bank of Stockton.

MOVED: Richard Veldstra

SECONDED: Phillip Brumley

AYES: 5

NOES: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 1

ACTION: Approve Resolution No. 2026-02-03: Authorizing Officers and Trustees as Signatories for District Funds Held by the Bank of Stockton.

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- 6.5. **BANKING AUTHORIZATION:** Review and Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 2026-02-04 Authorizing Officers and Trustees as Signatories to District Funds held by San Joaquin County Auditor/Controller.

MOVED: Richard Veldstra

SECONDED: Phillip Brumley

AYES: 5

NOES: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 1

ACTION: Approve Resolution No. 2026-02-04 Authorizing Officers and Trustees as Signatories to District Funds held by San Joaquin County Auditor/Controller.

- 6.6. **BANKING AUTHORIZATION:** Review and Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 2026-02-05: Authorizing Officers and Trustees as Signatories for District Funds Held by Oak Valley Bank.

MOVED: Richard Veldstra

SECONDED: Phillip Brumley

AYES: 5

NOES: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 1

ACTION: Approve Resolution No. 2026-02-05: Authorizing Officers and Trustees as Signatories for District Funds Held by Oak Valley Bank.

- 6.7. **BANKING AUTHORIZATION:** Review and Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 2026-02-06: Authorizing the General Manager to Execute a Local Agency Subsidiary Agreement for Enrollment in the State of California Department of Government Services' Cal-Card Program with US Bank.

MOVED: Richard Veldstra

SECONDED: Grant Thompson

AYES: 5

NOES: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 1

ACTION: Approve Resolution 2026-02-06 Authorizing the General Manager to Execute a Local Agency Subsidiary Agreement for Enrollment in the State of California Department of Government Services' CAL-Card Program with US Bank.

- 6.8. **VENDOR ACCOUNTS:** Review and Consider Authorizing the General Manager to Establish Accounts with Various Vendors.

General Manager Kevin King reviewed the need for the District to open Vendor Accounts with Strand Ace Hardware, Staples, United Rentals, Holt, Denair Lumber, Les Schwab, Haidlen Ford, and O'Reilly Auto Parts.

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MOVED: Grant Thompson  
SECONDED: Bryan Van Groningen  
AYES: 5  
NOES: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0  
ABSENT: 1

ACTION: Approve and Authorize the General Manager to open accounts with various vendors.

- 6.9. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM: Review and Consider Approval of the District's Capital Improvement Program Requirements for 2026 Water Year.

Consultant Steve Knell reviewed the changes made to the CIP Program terms pursuant to Board direction at Board Meeting of January 14, 2026 and the need for this program/project under SGMA and for reporting on the GSP.

MOVED: Richard Veldstra  
SECONDED: Grant Thompson  
AYES: 5  
NOES: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0  
ABSENT: 1

ACTION: Approve the District's Capital Improvement Program for 2026.

- 6.10. GOVERNANCE & SERVICE AREA STRATEGY: Review and Consider Appointment of Ad Hoc Committee on Governance and Service Area Strategy.

General Manager Kevin King review the need of the Board to appoint an Ad Hoc Committee on Governance and Service Area Strategy to help guide and direct staff on the immediate and medium term goals of the District and advise on regional partnerships.

MOVED: Grant Thompson  
SECONDED: Phillip Brumley  
AYES: 5  
NOES: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0  
ABSENT: 1

ACTION: Approve the creation of an Ad Hoc Committee on Governance and Service Area Strategy composed of Richard Wagner and Richard Veldstra.

- 6.11. SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY FARM BUREAU: Review and Consider San Joaquin County Farm Bureau Membership.

Discussion was had regarding the previous Board approval and the information provided by the San Joaquin County Farm Bureau regarding training. This matter was tabled until the information regarding trainings could be verified.

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6.12. **BOARD WORKSHOP: Review and Consider Scheduling Board Workshop & District Tour.**

Discussion was had regarding the importance of the Directors familiarity with the District delivery system. Staff was directed to provide a list of stops and coordinate dates with Directors Grant Thompson and Bryan Van Groningen and other interested directors.

MOVED: Grant Thompson

SECONDED: Phillip Brumley

AYES: 5

NOES: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 1

ACTION: Approve the creation of an Ad Hoc Committee on Governance and Service Area Strategy composed of Richard Wagner and Richard Veldstra.

6.13. **IT CONTRACT: Review and Consider Authorizing the General Manager to execute an IT contract with Auriga and purchase associated necessary IT equipment**

General Manager Kevin King reviewed the key terms of the proposed Auriga IT Services agreement: the total agreement is for approximately \$22,000.00 and includes installation of a secure internet cables, upgrades to the District firewall, and upgrades IT equipment for the Board room and all Staff Members. Auriga has set out 30, 60, and 90 days project phases for completion of known IT upgrades and evaluation of an IT needs report. Discussion was had regarding the District's past investment in IT and needs of the District moving forward.

MOVED: Phillip Brumley

SECONDED: Grant Thompson

AYES: 4

NOES: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 2

ACTION: Approve and authorize the General Manager to execute the IT contract with Auriga and purchase necessary IT equipment.

**7. CLOSED SESSION**

7.1. **EXISTING LITIGATION: Government Code §54956.9(d)(1)**

Case Name: Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District v. Stockton East Water District  
(One Case)

7.2. **CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS: Government Code §54956.8**

Agency Negotiator: General Manager

Negotiating Parties: Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District and Stockton East Water District

Under Negotiation: Terms and conditions related to the potential transfer, disposition, and integration of District assets and related service responsibilities in connection with a potential merger.

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- 7.3. EXISTING LITIGATION: Government Code §54956.9(d)(1)  
Case Name: California Sportfishing Protection Alliance v. Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority  
(One Case)
- 7.4. ANTICIPATED LITIGATION: Government Code §54956.9(d)(4)  
Significant Exposure to Litigation:  
Potential claims related to miscellaneous collections and billing matters.  
(Number of potential cases: One or more)
- 7.5. ANTICIPATED LITIGATION: Government Code §54956.9(d)(4)  
Significant Exposure to Litigation:  
Potential claims related to the sale or conveyance of water into the Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District service area from an outside entity.  
(Number of potential cases: One or more)
- 7.6. PERSONNEL MATTER: Government Code §54957  
Subject: Evaluation of Public Employee Performance, Including Establishment of Initial Performance Expectations  
Title: General Manager
- 7.7. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR: Government Code §54957.6  
Agency Designated Representative: General Manager  
Employee Organization: Unrepresented Employees  
Subject: Consideration of wages, salaries, and benefits
- 8. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION - Government Code §54957.1**  
No Reportable Action
- 9. BOARD OF DIRECTOR COMMENTS/REPORTS/ACTIVITY**
- 9.1. BOARD ACTIVITY:  
Meetings Since Last Board Meeting
- Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority – February 11, 2026
- Upcoming Meetings Meeting
- Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority – March 11, 2026
  - Advisory Water Commission – March 18, 2026
  - CSJWCD Board Meeting – March 19, 2026 @ 12:00 pm
- 10. ADJOURN**

*Philip Bundy* 3/19/26