CENTRAL SAN JOAQUIN WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Board of Directors – Regular Meeting Minutes

April 16, 2026
12:25 p.m. – 3:14 p.m.

1. PRELIMINARY

Meeting Called to Order	12:25 p.m.
Directors Present	Thompson, Chiappe, Van-Groningen, Veldstra
Directors Absent	Wagner; Brumley (arrived 12:44 p.m.)
Staff Present	Kevin King (General Manager), Anne-Liisa Larks, Tyler Brouillard, Carson Henry
Conflict of Interest	None Identified

The agenda was approved as amended. Item 6.3 (Resolution No. 2026-04-03, Employee Handbook) was removed at the request of General Manager King.

ACTION TAKEN

Agenda approved as amended.

Moved: Veldstra | Seconded: Chiappe | Ayes: 4 | Noes: 0 | Abstain: 0 | Absent: 2

2. PRESENTATIONS

No presentations were scheduled for this meeting.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)

Josh Barton of Barton Ranch addressed the Board regarding a pending annexation application, reaffirming his interest and willingness to complete any outstanding requirements. The Board acknowledged the comments and noted that the newly formed Ad-hoc Committee on Governance and Service Area Strategy will be reviewing annexation matters over the next 6–12 months. Staff was directed to keep Mr. Barton informed of relevant committee and Board discussions.

4. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

4.1 General Manager's Report

Surface Water Allocation – 2026

General Manager King reported ongoing engagement with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) regarding the 2026 Water Year allocation. As of April, USBR has maintained its classification of the year as "Critically Dry." The District remains hopeful that an updated allocation determination may be announced at the Annual Meeting on April 23, 2026. Notably, the operations plan for the Eastside Contractors has been revised to use the San Joaquin River Index rather than inflows to New Melones. District staff has been preparing the system for surface water delivery; recent rains have left the system fully charged.

Discussion was held regarding the potential to purchase water from neighboring regional partners if needed.

SGMA / Groundwater Documentation

GM King reported he is working with Stockton East Water District (SEWD) to develop a detailed administrative record documenting excess storage in New Melones. This effort supports the District's appeal to the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority (ESJGWA) regarding the conflicting priorities between SGMA requirements and current USBR water allocations.

2026 Annual Meeting

The 2026 Annual Meeting is scheduled for April 23, 2026. Agenda items will include approval of the Annual Engineer's Groundwater Investigation Report and presentations on District operations, the Capital Improvement Program, SGMA updates, and system improvements.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

The following routine items were approved in a single motion:

- 5.1 — Approval of Minutes from the March 19, 2026, Board Meeting
- 5.2 — Treasurer's Report for March 2026
- 5.3 — Transactions Report since reporting for March 2026
- 5.4 — Budget to Actuals Report for March 2026

ACTION TAKEN

Consent Calendar items 5.1 through 5.4 approved.

Moved: Veldstra | Seconded: Chiappe | Ayes: 4 | Noes: 0 | Abstain: 0 | Absent: 2

6. SCHEDULED ITEMS

6.1 — Special Water Counsel Selection (Resolution No. 2026-04-01)

The Board conducted interviews with two candidates for Special Water Counsel:

- Lauren Lane, Partner – Baker, Manock & Jensen: Presented her proposal and addressed questions regarding State and Federal water law experience, client communication approach, and confirmed no conflict of interest.
- Arthur Godwin, Partner – Robbins, Browning & Godwin: Presented his proposal and addressed questions regarding State water law experience, client communication approach, and confirmed no conflict of interest.

Following the interviews, the Board convened in closed session from 2:04 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. with no reportable action. Upon return to open session, the Board voted to authorize the General Manager to negotiate and execute a contract with selected counsel.

ACTION TAKEN

General Manager Kevin King authorized to negotiate and execute a professional services agreement for Special Water Counsel with Lauren Lane of Baker, Manock & Jensen.

Moved: Veldstra | Seconded: Brumley | Ayes: 5 | Noes: 0 | Abstain: 0 | Absent: 1

6.2 — Director Compensation Policy (Resolution No. 2026-04-02)

As directed at a prior meeting, General Manager King presented compensation options for Board member meeting attendance pursuant to California Water Code § 20200. Discussion addressed per-meeting rates and monthly caps.

ACTION TAKEN

Resolution No. 2026-04-02 adopted. Director compensation set at $150 per meeting attended, with a maximum of four meetings per month ($600 monthly cap).

Moved: Veldstra | Seconded: Chiappe | Ayes: 5 | Noes: 0 | Abstain: 0 | Absent: 1

6.3 — Item Removed from Agenda

Item 6.3 — Review and Consider Approval of Resolution No. 2026-04-03 (Employee Handbook) was removed from the agenda prior to the meeting at the request of the General Manager.

6.4 — Surface Water Billing Adjustment (Customer 2040, Location 28)

The Board reviewed the staff report and considered public comment from Lewis Mensonides regarding a surface water billing dispute. Discussion addressed District billing processes and the specific circumstances of the account.

ACTION TAKEN

Surface water billing adjustment granted for Customer 2040, Location 28, contingent upon payment of all outstanding balances within 30 days.

Moved: Veldstra | Seconded: Chiappe | Ayes: 5 | Noes: 0 | Abstain: 0 | Absent: 1

6.5 — Independent Auditor's Report – FY 2024/2025

General Manager King presented the FY 2024/2025 Independent Auditor's Report, reviewing the District's fiscal position as of June 30, 2025.

ACTION TAKEN

Independent Auditor's Report for Fiscal Year 2024/2025 accepted.

Moved: Van Groningen | Seconded: Brumley | Ayes: 5 | Noes: 0 | Abstain: 0 | Absent: 1

6.6 — SWEEP Block Grant Cost Share Agreement

General Manager King presented an opportunity to join a regional cost-share partnership with North San Joaquin Water Conservation District, Stockton East Water District, Waterford Irrigation District, and South San Joaquin Irrigation District to prepare a State Water Efficiency and Enhancement Program (SWEEP) Block Grant Concept Proposal. The District's estimated share is $1,250, which would enable the District to offer SWEEP Block Grants to its customers.

ACTION TAKEN

General Manager authorized to execute a Cost Share Agreement with NSJWCD, SEWD, WID, and SSJID for the SWEEP Block Grant Concept Proposal.

Moved: Chiappe | Seconded: Thompson | Ayes: 5 | Noes: 0 | Abstain: 0 | Absent: 1

7. CLOSED SESSION

The Board convened in closed session to address the following matters:

- Anticipated Litigation – Gov. Code §54956.9(d)(4): Potential claims related to miscellaneous collections and billing matters.
- Anticipated Litigation – Gov. Code §54956.9(d)(4): Potential claims related to the sale or conveyance of water into the District's service area from an outside entity.
- Conference with Labor Negotiator – Gov. Code §54957.6: Consideration of wages, salaries, and benefits for unrepresented employees. Agency Representative: General Manager.

No reportable action was taken in closed session.

8. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

No reportable action was taken in closed session pursuant to Government Code §54957.1.

9. BOARD ACTIVITY & UPCOMING MEETINGS

Meetings Since Last Board Meeting

- Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority – April 8, 2026 (no report made)

Upcoming Meetings

Meeting	Date / Time
CSJWCD Special Board Meeting & 2026 Annual Meeting	April 23, 2026 @ 10:30 a.m.
Ad Hoc Committee: Governance & Service Area Strategy	TBD
Ad Hoc Committee: Finance & Budget FY 2026/2027	TBD
CSJWCD Regular Board Meeting	May 21, 2026 @ 12:00 p.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:14 p.m.

Phillip Brumley, Secretary/Treasurer
Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District

Date: 5/21/26