

**MINUTES FOR THE JUNE 23, 2026
REGULAR MEETING OF THE SSJID BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The Board of Directors of the South San Joaquin Irrigation District (SSJID) met in person in regular session in the District Boardroom at 9:00 a.m., with public access provided via the online Zoom meeting platform. President Spyksma called the meeting to order and led the flag salute. Upon roll call the following members were noted present:

DIRECTORS: HOLBROOK ROOS SPYKSMA VAN RYN WESTSTEYN
ABSENT: NONE

Also present were General Manager Peter Rietkerk; General Counsel Mia Brown; Engineering Department Manager Forrest Killingsworth; and Clerk of the Board Danielle Barney.

Public Comment – None

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Approval of Checks in the amount of \$752,373.85; Accounts Payable Wires in the amount of \$1,684,021.32; and Payroll dated June 5, 2026 in the amount of \$817.05, and June 12, 2026 in the amount of \$326,859.25.
- B. Approval of the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of June 9, 2026
- C. Financial Report through May 30, 2026

Director Weststeyn referenced the Balance Sheet, and requested clarification about the line item “Investment in Tri-Dam Project.” Ms. Sonya Williams, SSJID Finance and Administration Manager, responded that the amounts were based on the annual adjustment in Tri Dam investments, and that Tri-Dam distributes payouts twice annually.

Director Weststeyn referenced Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position, and inquired about the large difference in revenue for “Proposition 13 Subvention (Prop 13),” for May 2026 versus May 2025. Ms. Williams responded that property tax revenue can vary and/or fluctuate based on tax increases, property sales, and collection of payments. She added that calculations estimate higher revenues, for Prop 13, will be received for 2026 than in 2025.

- D. Investment Report for May 30, 2026
- E. Approval of the 2026 Water Supply Demand Assessment
- F. Accept and File Notice of Completion for the SSJID Drain 11 Emergency Repairs, Airport Way

MOTION: A motion was made by Director Weststeyn and seconded by Director Van Ryn to approve the Consent Calendar as submitted.

The motion passed 5 to 0 by the following vote:

AYES: HOLBROOK ROOS SPYKSMA VAN RYN WESTSTEYN
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

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COMMUNICATIONS

Item #1 – Directors’ Reports

Director Roos thanked the Division Managers and Maintenance Crews for their hard work.

Director Weststeyn commended the Division Managers and Maintenance Crews for the excellent water quality and flows this irrigation season.

Director Weststeyn reported that he attended the SSJID Finance Committee meeting, on June 22. Discussion included the Matrix Study regarding District services, financial projections, and a mid-year budget update.

Director Van Ryn thanked all management and staff for their service to the District and expressed appreciation for the work done on and around his property.

Director Holbrook referenced the Managers’ Reports, dated June 23, 2026, and commented on the following:

- Water Treatment Plant (WTP) – WTP Mechanic, Robert Jones, passed his backflow certification exam, and obtained his crane operators certification. Currently pursuing cross-connection certification.
- Irrigation Operations – Inquired about the vacuum truck status. SSJID General Manager Peter Rietkerk responded that staff are working on an analysis to present to the Board detailing equipment costs, types, long-term maintenance, and life cycle costs.

President Spyksma reported that he attended the SSJID Finance Committee meeting, on June 22, and added that discussion included renting versus purchase of a vacuum truck for the District.

President Spyksma referenced the Managers’ Reports, and commented on SSJID staff attendance at the American Society of Safety Professionals (ASSP) Conference, in Anaheim, on June 15-17. He stated that participation at ASSP is excellent opportunity to keep abreast of awareness and innovations in safety practices.

Item #2 – Various Reports

The Managers’ Reports, for June 23, 2026, were provided in electronic form to the Board on June 19, 2026.

Mr. Rietkerk stated that Irrigation Operations management staff are in the process of getting their OSHA 30 certifications. He explained that OSHA 30 is a thirty (30) hour, in-depth, safety training program for supervisors, forepersons, and workers with safety responsibilities, and educates on how to recognize, avoid and prevent workplace hazards.

Mr. Rietkerk commended WTP Manager Justin Ashworth and his staff for their work researching process alternatives to the use of carbon dioxide, and efforts to optimize continued operations at the WTP. Mr. Rietkerk further commended staff for their work integrating solar farm monitoring into SSJID controls and alarms, and more fully utilizing monitoring platform features.

Mr. Rietkerk reported that, on June 10, the District hosted a tour for the Almond Board of California participants, that included industry professionals representing banking, media, and environmental organizations, both domestic and abroad. He, along with Public and Government Relations Manager Katie Patterson, and Engineering Department Manager Forrest Killingsworth, gave a presentation on District operations, water management priorities, and innovative technologies. Mr. Rietkerk noted the networking opportunity to foster future collaborations with regional water districts.

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Mr. Rietkerk reported on a recent meeting with the City of Manteca (City) regarding the French Camp Outlet Canal (FCOC), and Manteca Unified School District (MUSD) drainage issues. He added that it was a constructive meeting, which was followed by a Board letter sent to the City addressing said issues.

President Spyksma addressed Mr. Bill Schwandt, SSJID Electric Utility Manager, and requested information about the District being highlighted in the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) and the US Department of Energy's National Laboratory of the Rockies (NLR) solar farm case study titled, "PV Plant Decommissioning and Repowering Case Study: Robert O. Schulz Solar Farm, South San Joaquin Irrigation District." Mr. Schwandt explained that the study focuses on the Solar Farm's recent repowering project, being that our Solar Farm was the largest tracking solar farm of its kind established in California, therefore the first to undertake a repowering project of this kind. He added that the study is an excellent read, and that he would provide hard copies to the Board.

ACTION CALENDAR

Item #3 – PUBLIC HEARING – Consider Proposed 2025 Urban Water Management Plan

President Spyksma announced the commencement of the public hearing and presentation regarding approval of the proposed SSJID 2025 Urban Water Manager Plan (UWMP).

- a. Presentation of Staff Regarding Proposed SSJID 2025 UWMP: Mr. Charles Galea, WTP Operations Supervisor, addressed the Board and explained that the public hearing is the last step in the process to adopt the SSJID 2025 Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP). He further explained that the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) requires an update of the UWMP every five (5) years, and that he has been working with SSJID Water Resources Coordinator Brandon Nakagawa, and EKI Environment and Water (EKI) on the UWMP Update. Mr. Galea stated that EKI will give a brief presentation on the background of the UWMP. Following the presentation, staff will recommend that the Board adopt Resolution No. 26-19-W Adopting the 2025 UWMP and the 2025 Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP). The deadline to submit the UWMP Update to DWR is July 1, 2026.

Mr. Dave Umezaki, Principal Engineer, EKI, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the SSJID 2025 UWMP Update which detailed the definition and requirements of the UWMP; the purpose of the UWMP for long-term water planning strategies, water shortage contingency plans, and prerequisites for State grants and infrastructure funding; SSJID's water service area; service area demographics; historical water demands; future water demand projections; supply versus demand; supply shortfall projections in dry years; and the WSCP Update.

- b. Questions of Staff from Board: Board and staff discussion included the state-mandated Sustainable Groundwater Management Plan (SGMA) effects on the UWMP, clarification of city water allocations from the WTP, and feedback from the cities about the proposed WTP Phase 2 Expansion Project.
- c. Public Comments: None
- d. Closing Staff Comments: Mr. Galea thanked Mr. Nakagawa and EKI for their hard work and assistance on the 2025 UWMP Update and 2025 WSCP Update.
- e. Close of Public Hearing: President Spyksma announced the close of the public hearing at 9:40 a.m.

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Item #4 – Consider Approval of SSJID 2025 Urban Water Management Plan Update; and Adoption of Resolution No. 26-19-W Adopting the 2025 Urban Water Management Plan

MOTION: A motion was made by Director Roos and seconded by Director Weststeyn to approve the 2025 Urban Water Management Plan; and Adoption of Resolution No. 26-19-W Adopting the 2025 Urban Water Management Plan.

**SOUTH SAN JOAQUIN IRRIGATION DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 26-19-W**

**ADOPTION OF 2025 URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN AND
WATER SHORTAGE CONTINGENCY PLAN**

WHEREAS, the South San Joaquin Irrigation District (“SSJID”) is a California irrigation district operating under and by virtue of Division 11 of the California Water Code; and

WHEREAS, the Urban Water Management Planning Act, California Water Code Section 10610 *et seq.*, requires urban water suppliers to prepare and adopt an Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) and Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP) every five years on or before July 1st in years ending in one (1) and six (6); and

WHEREAS, the SSJID is an urban water supplier and wholesaler as defined by the Urban Water Management Planning Act; and

WHEREAS, California Water Code Section 10652 exempts from the California Environmental Quality Act the preparation, adoption, and amendment of UWMPs; and

WHEREAS, SSJID notified the County of San Joaquin and the Cities of Escalon, Lathrop Manteca, Ripon, and Tracy of the opportunity to participate in the development of the 2025 UWMP; and

WHEREAS, SSJID prepared a Draft 2025 UWMP pursuant to the California Water Code and DWR guidance; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Government Code Section 6066, the District published a legal notice in the Manteca Bulletin on June 9 and 16, 2026 notifying the public of the availability of the Draft 2025 UWMP on the District’s website and of the time and place for the public hearing to be held at 9:00 a.m. on June 23, 2026 at a regularly scheduled meeting of the SSJID Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, District staff posted the Draft 2025 UWMP and WSCP to the SSJID website for public review; and

WHEREAS, the District Board of Directors duly held a public hearing at its regular meeting on June 23, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED, by the Board of Directors of the South San Joaquin Irrigation District as follows:

1. The 2025 UWMP and WSCP are hereby adopted; and
2. Staff is hereby directed to file the adopted UWMP and WSCP with DWR and other required agencies; and

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3. The General Manager is hereby authorized and directed to take appropriate action to implement the 2025 UWMP and WSCP.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Board of Directors hereby reserves the right to modify and adopt the UWMP consistent with the California Water Code and DWR guidance should conditions change or if new information becomes available.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 23rd day of June 2026 by the following vote:

AYES:	HOLBROOK ROOS SPYKSMA VAN RYN WESTSTEYN
NOES:	NONE
ABSTAIN:	NONE
ABSENT:	NONE

Item #5 – Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 26-18-X Ordering the Destruction of Certain Records in Accordance with Records Management and Records Retention Schedule

Ms. Denise Freiwald, SSJID Accountant, addressed the Board, and stated that the District’s on-site records storage building had reached capacity. Upon inspection, eighty (80) storage boxes have been identified for destruction in accordance with the District’s Records Retention Policy adopted in 2015. Ms. Freiwald explained that the records due for destruction have exceeded the retention periods; have satisfied applicable retention requirements; and are not subject to litigation holds, audits, and public records requests.

Ms. Freiwald noted that Resolution No. 26-18-X, Attachment A, contains the list of storage boxes to be destroyed.

MOTION: A motion was made by Director Holbrook and seconded by Director Van Ryn to adopt Resolution No. 26-18-X Ordering the Destruction of Certain Records in Accordance with Records Management and Records Retention Schedule.

**SOUTH SAN JOAQUIN IRRIGATION DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 26-18-X**

**ORDERING THE DESTRUCTION OF CERTAIN RECORDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH
RECORDS MANAGEMENT AND RECORDS RETENTION SCHEDULE**

WHEREAS, California Government Code Section 60200 et seq. allows the legislative body of any special district to establish a policy regarding the destruction or disposal of any record that is not expressly required by law to be filed and preserved; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to California Government Code Section 60200 et seq., the South San Joaquin Irrigation District (“District”) adopted Resolution No. 15-04-Y implementing a records retention policy and schedule (“Retention Policy”); and

WHEREAS, said Retention Policy complies with the “Local Government Records Program” administered by the Office of the California Secretary of State; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Retention Policy, the District may dispose of selected records after the Board of Directors adopts a resolution finding that the destruction of such records will not adversely affect any interest of the district or the public; and

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WHEREAS, the District maintains a list by category of the types of records destroyed or disposed of that reasonably identifies the information contained in the records for each category; and

WHEREAS, the records listed on Exhibit A, incorporated herein in its entirety, exceed the retention period established by the Retention Schedule and therefore are eligible for destruction; and

WHEREAS, the relevant District personnel and District General Counsel have physically inspected said records and have determined that said records no longer serve a business, historical, or other purpose of the District, and the destruction thereof will not adversely affect any interest of the District or the public.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED by the Board of Directors of the South San Joaquin Irrigation District:

1. The records listed on Exhibit “A” exceed the retention period set by the District’s Record Retention Policy.
2. Said records no longer serve a business, historical, or other purpose of the District, and the destruction thereof will not adversely affect any interest of the District or the public.
3. Said records are hereby authorized for immediate destruction.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 23rd day of June, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES:	HOLBROOK ROOS SPYKSMA VAN RYN WESTSTEYN
NOES:	NONE
ABSTAIN:	NONE
ABSENT:	NONE

Item #6 – Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 26-21-P Declaration of Exempt Surplus Property

Ms. Mia Brown, SSJID General Counsel, addressed the Board and clarified that staff recommendation was not for the actual disposition of real property, but rather for declaration of the subject District property as “exempt” for future disposition in accordance with the Surplus Land Act (SLA)” (Government Code §54200 et seq).

Ms. Brown provided detailed explanations of the District’s proposed exempt surplus property, being a strip of land forty (40) feet wide which contains an unnamed spillway ditch connecting the District’s Lateral “We” to Drain 8 (District Property). The District Property was acquired by Grant Deed, recorded April 3, 1941, Volume 736, Page 15, San Joaquin County Official Records. She noted that the grant deed contains a reversionary clause that provides “...if....the South San Joaquin Irrigation District, by Resolution of its Board of Directors, officially abandons said strip of land, said strip of land will then revert to the Grantor herein, his heirs, or successors.”

The District no longer needs the District Property for present or future use. The surrounding parcels are slated for development as part of the Machado Ranch development project, and the Developer has requested that the District quitclaim the District Property to the owner of the adjacent parcels. The District and the Developer entered into a “Letter Agreement” dated and approved by the Board action on January 13, 2026, in which the District tentatively agreed to facilitate the quitclaim, contingent upon: 1) the Developer acquiring title to the adjacent parcel; and 2) the District declares the property exempt under the SLA, and approval of the exemption finding by California Department of Housing and Community Development.

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The District will receive a financial benefit, at fair market value, when and if the District Property is transferred to the Developer.

Board discussion requested the inclusion of a plat map in the staff report, for any future like transactions, to assist in a clear identification of a subject property.

MOTION: A motion was made by Director Holbrook and seconded by Director Roos to adopt Resolution No. 26-21-P Regarding Declaration of Exempt Surplus Property.

**SOUTH SAN JOAQUIN IRRIGATION DISTRICT
RESOLUTION No. 26-21-P**

DECLARING EXEMPT SURPLUS PROPERTY

WHEREAS, the South San Joaquin Irrigation District (“District”) is the owner in fee simple of certain real property situate in the City of Manteca, San Joaquin County, California described as follows (“Property”):

All that portion of 40.00 foot wide strip of land granted to South San Joaquin Irrigation District (SSJID) by Grant Deed recorded April 3, 1941 in Volume 736 of Official Records, at Page 15, San Joaquin County Records lying in a portion of Parcel 3 as described in that certain Certificate of Compliance recorded December 23, 2022 as Document No. 2022-143965, San Joaquin County Records.

and

WHEREAS, the Property was acquired by, and granted to, the District for the sole purpose of serving as a right-of-way for the location and operation of a spillway ditch; and

WHEREAS, the spillway ditch and Property are no longer needed for the present or future use by the District, and are hereby declared “surplus property;” and

WHEREAS, the Surplus Land Act (Government Code sections 54220 et seq.) generally governs the sale of surplus land; and

WHEREAS, the Surplus Land Act also provides for land to be declared “exempt surplus land” if said land meets one or more of the definitions contained in Government Code section 54221(f)(1); and

WHEREAS, Government Code section 54221(f)(1)(E) includes “surplus land that is a former street, right-of-way, or easement, and is conveyed to an owner of an adjacent property;” and

WHEREAS, the District intends to convey the Property to the adjacent landowner (San Joaquin County Assessor’s Parcel No. 241-320-83).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the South San Joaquin Irrigation District that:

1. The foregoing Recitals are true, correct, and incorporated herein.

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2. The Property was acquired by and granted to the District for the sole purpose of serving as a right of way for a spillway ditch, and the Property and spillway ditch are no longer needed for present or future use by the District.
3. The Property will be transferred to the owner of adjacent land (San Joaquin County Assessor's Parcel No. 241-320-83).
4. The Property is no longer needed for present or future use by the District, and is hereby found to be and formally declared to be "exempt surplus property" as defined by Government Code section 54221(f)(1)(E).
5. District staff are hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary and proper to effectuate the declaration of the Property as "exempt surplus property" in compliance with the California Department of Housing and Community Development Guidelines.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the South San Joaquin Board of Directors at a regular meeting of said Board held on the 23rd day of June, 2026, by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	HOLBROOK ROOS SPYKSMA VAN RYN WESTSTEYN
NOES:	NONE
ABSTAIN:	NONE
ABSENT:	NONE

Item #7 – Discussion and Board Direction Regarding the California Special Districts Association Board of Directors "Seat C" Election for 2027-2029

Mr. Rietkerk addressed the Board regarding the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) Board of Directors "Seat C" election for the 2027-2029 term. He explained that Director Weststeyn is the Board-appointed primary representative to the CSDA, and voting delegate, thereby registered to cast a vote in the upcoming election. Mr. Rietkerk further explained that "Seat C" represents San Joaquin County in its Sierra Network Territory.

Mr. Rietkerk stated that Director Weststeyn was seeking direction or consensus from the Board regarding a selected candidate for the election. He named the three (3) candidates, Peter Kampa (incumbent), Scott Holbrook, and Christy Jewell, and requested any knowledge of or recommendations for the named.

Director Holbrook commented on the good job that Incumbent Peter Kampa has done as our CSDA Representative. He elaborated on Mr. Kampa's professionalism, engagement with the District, and open communication.

Board consensus selected to vote for candidate Peter Kampa. Director Weststeyn will cast his electronic ballot for Peter Kampa in the CSDA Board of Directors Seat C election. The voting period ends on July 24, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

Items #8, #9, and #10 to be Discussed Following Closed Session

It was announced that all remaining items on the Closed Session agenda would be discussed. The Board took a brief recess at 9:49 a.m. and convened to Closed Session at 10:00 a.m.

Item #11 – CLOSED SESSION

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RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The Board returned to Open Session at 12:26 p.m.

Item #12 – ANNOUNCEMENT OF REPORTABLE ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

Disclosure of reportable actions taken in Closed Session, pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.1:
There were no reportable actions taken in Closed Session.

Item #8 – Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 26-20-P Finding Potential Acquisition of Certain County-Owned Parcels Adjacent to the Woodward Reservoir Exempt from CEQA

Ms. Brown addressed the Board regarding potential acquisition of Stanislaus County-owned real property adjacent to Woodward Reservoir (Woodward) and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements.

Ms. Brown explained that the District owns Woodward and several adjacent parcels, and Stanislaus County (County) owns other parcels of real property abutting Woodward. The County has been utilizing its parcels and the District's parcels for the operation of public recreation pursuant to a License Agreement (Agreement) with the District. The Agreement between SSJID and the County terminates on October 15, 2026.

To provide continued public recreation at Woodward, the District will require several County-owned parcels along the southern edge of Woodward, namely Assessor Parcel Numbers (APNs) 002-007-009, 002-009-006, 002-009-007, and 002-007-024. In addition, the District may wish to acquire several parcels along the north side of Woodward, namely APNs 002-002-011, 002-009-001, 002-009-004, and 002-002-013. These listed potential acquisitions have been confirmed by outside legal counsel to be exempt from CEQA, attesting that activity will not have a significant effect on the environment due to "unusual circumstances."

Staff recommended that the Board adopt Resolution No. 26-20-P Finding Potential Acquisition of Certain County-Owned Parcels Adjacent to the Woodward Reservoir Exempt from CEQA.

MOTION: A motion was made by Director Holbrook and seconded by Director Weststeyn to adoption Resolution 26-20-P Finding Potential Acquisition of Certain County-Owned Parcels Adjacent to the Woodward Reservoir Exempt from CEQA.

**SOUTH SAN JOAQUIN IRRIGATION DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 26-20-P**

**FINDING THAT POTENTIAL ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN COUNTY-OWNED
PARCELS ADJACENT TO THE WOODWARD RESERVOIR EXEMPT FROM CEQA**

WHEREAS, the South San Joaquin Irrigation District ("District") and the County of Stanislaus ("County") own different portions of land abutting the Woodward Reservoir. The County currently manages all fishing and recreation activities on the land adjacent to the Woodward Reservoir in part pursuant to the Grant of License Agreement and Amendment One thereto dated December 1, 1985, and March 7, 2001, respectively, with the District for District-owned land. ("License Agreement," attached hereto as Exhibit 1); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section (1)(c) of the License Agreement, the District seeks early termination of that agreement and proposes to purchase the parcels along the southern edge of Woodward Reservoir that are currently used for (and necessary for continuation of) recreational operations at Woodward Reservoir ("Recreational Parcels" at APNs 002-007-009, 002-009-006, 002-009-007, and 002-007-024). The effective

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termination date of the license is October 15, 2026, when the County will end its operation of the recreational facilities and transfer the operation to the District. Upon termination of the license, the District has the right to acquire the Recreational Parcels pursuant to the License Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the District offered to purchase the Recreational Parcels from the County via letter on March 25, 2026, which included an independent appraisal and title summary pursuant to Government Code sections 7267.1 and 7267.2; and

WHEREAS, the District may also seek to purchase or lease from the County up to four (4) additional parcels along the northern edge of Woodward Reservoir for which there are currently two uses—one for radio control model airplanes, and the other for Go Karts—consisting of approximately 559.34 acres, and identified by APNs 002-002-011, 002-009-001, 002-009-004, and 002-002-013 (“North Parcels”); and

WHEREAS, regarding such proposed acquisitions, the District is the lead agency for purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA, Pub Resources Code §§ 21000 et seq.); and

WHEREAS, upon acquisition in fee of the Recreational Parcels and in the event of fee acquisition or lease of the North Parcels, the District will continue and manage all existing operations on the Recreational Parcels and the North Parcels in a manner similar to the County. There is no proposed or contemplated change in land use for these parcels; and

WHEREAS, as more fully described in the District’s Staff Report of June 23, 2026 (attached hereto as Exhibit 2 and incorporated herein by reference), because there is no proposed or contemplated change in existing land use upon acquisition of the Recreational Parcels or Northern Parcels, such acquisitions are subject to the Class 1 Existing Facilities and the “common sense” exemptions to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA,” CEQA Guidelines §§ 15061 subd. (b)(3), 15301). Additionally, as more fully described in Exhibit 2, such acquisitions are not subject to any of the exceptions to categorical exemptions principally because there would be no change in land use on the affected parcels, and also because the relied-upon exemptions are not location-based, there are no similar projects proposed at or near the affected parcels that could result in significant cumulative impacts, there are no unusual features or environmental characteristics that distinguish the affected parcels from adjacent uses, and the affected parcels are not near any scenic highway, located on any hazardous waste site, or located atop any known historical resource.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the South San Joaquin Irrigation District that:

1. The foregoing Recitals are true, correct, and incorporated herein.
2. Pursuant to the Board’s independent judgement and based on the District’s Staff Report attached hereto as Exhibit 2, the proposed acquisition of the Recreational Parcels and North Parcels will not result in any change in land use thereon, and therefore such acquisitions are subject to the Class 1 and common-sense exemptions to CEQA.
3. District staff are hereby directed to file a Notice of Exemption with the County Clerk and State Clearinghouse for the proposed acquisitions described herein pursuant to CEQA.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the South San Joaquin Board of Directors at a regular meeting of said Board held on the 23rd of June, 2026, by the following roll call vote:

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AYES: HOLBROOK ROOS SPYKSMA VAN RYN WESTSTEYN
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

Item #9 – Consider Approval of Revision to Job Description for SSJID General Counsel

Ms. Brown addressed the Board and explained that the current job description for SSJID General Counsel was most recently revised in 2016. She stated that the proposed revised job description further refines and expands the role to reflect increased legal complexity, organizational needs, and governance practices necessary for modern, public agency legal advisement. Ms. Brown noted that proposed revisions to the job description also include to oversee the work of the Assistant General Counsel; and the requirement of at least seven (7) years of increasingly responsible experience practicing public-agency/governmental entity law in a public agency, municipal, or county setting.

MOTION: A motion was made by Director Roos and seconded by Director Van Ryn to approve the proposed Job Description for SSJID General Counsel.

The motion passed 5 to 0 by the following vote:

AYES: HOLBROOK ROOS SPYKSMA VAN RYN WESTSTEYN
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

Item #10 – Consider Approval of Job Description and Salary for SSJID Assistant General Counsel

Ms. Brown addressed the Board and noted that the Item #10 Staff Report, containing proposed compensation for SSJID Assistant General Counsel, had been hand-distributed at the meeting and is available for public viewing upon request.

Ms. Brown summarized the Assistant General Counsel roles, responsibilities, and experience set forth in the proposed job description, noting that the individual will be an unclassified management-unit, at-will, contractual employee.

Ms. Brown explained that a salary survey was conducted to determine market conditions for comparable positions within targeted job markets from which the District may derive potential candidates. These comparable job descriptions resulted in an average annual salary of \$219,983.00 and a median salary of \$223,154.00. Based on the salary survey of public employers, staff recommended a maximum annual salary of \$220,000.00 at Step 5, and \$180,995.00 at Step 1, utilizing SSJID's standardized 5-step wage scale.

Ms. Brown stated that staff was currently developing an Assistant General Counsel Employment pamphlet, anticipates posting the job opening on www.progovjobs.com by mid-July, and to have the position filled by October 2026.

Staff recommended that the Board approve the SSJID Assistant General Counsel Job Description; approve the annual salary range of \$180,995.00 (Step 1) to \$220,000.00 (Step 5) depending on qualifications and experience; and authorize the General Manager to proceed with recruitment.

MOTION: A motion was made by Director Weststeyn and seconded by Director Van Ryn to approve the

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SSJID Assistant General Counsel Job Description; approve the annual salary range of \$180,995.00 (Step 1) to \$220,000.00 (Step 5) depending on qualifications and experience; and authorize the General Manager to proceed with recruitment.

The motion passed 5 to 0 by the following vote:

AYES:	HOLBROOK ROOS SPYKSMA VAN RYN WESTSTEYN
NOES:	NONE
ABSTAIN:	NONE
ABSENT:	NONE

Item #13 – Brown Act Review

Board consensus was reached to table Item #13 – Brown Act Review to a future meeting.

Item #14 – ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 12:33 p.m.

ATTEST:

Danielle Barney, Clerk of the Board