

**MINUTES FOR THE SEPTEMBER 8, 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 9:01 a.m., with additional public access provided as a courtesy via the online Zoom meeting platform. President Spyksma called the meeting to order and SSJID General Manager Peter Rietkerk led the flag salute. Upon roll call the following members were noted present:

DIRECTORS: SPYKSMA VAN RYN WESTSTEYN
ABSENT: HOLBROOK ROOS

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

Public Comment

Mr. Sudhakar Satti, a local resident, addressed the Board via the online Zoom meeting platform and expressed his thanks to General Manager Peter Rietkerk, and SSJID, for the swift action moving forward to resolve the City of Manteca and future Tara Park School drainage issues. He then inquired about an estimated timeframe to begin construction on the school site. Mr. Rietkerk responded that approval of an agreement between SSJID and the City of Manteca regarding emergency stormwater and the Tara Park School site drainage issues was slated for Board presentation during today's Action Calendar, explained SSJID's limited focus on drainage service to the school site, and urged Mr. Satti to direct questions regarding the school's construction schedule to Manteca Unified School District (MUSD). President Spyksma thanked Mr. Satti for his comment and stated that the District is happy to work with and support MUSD.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Approval of Checks in the amount of \$147,809.62; Accounts Payable Wires in the amount of \$1,687,641.14; and Payroll dated August 28, 2026 in the amount of \$3,693.16, and August 28, 2026 in the amount of \$313,709.08.
- B. Approval of the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of August 25, 2026
- C. Approval of the Special Board Meeting Minutes of August 25, 2026
- D. Accept and File Notice of Completion for the French Camp Outlet Canal Tree Removal Project

President Spyksma asked how many trees were removed from the French Camp Outlet Canal (FCOC), to which SSJID Senior Engineer Chad Parsons responded that fifty-nine (59) trees were removed.

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

The motion passed 3 to 0 by the following vote:

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

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COMMUNICATIONS

Item #1 – Directors’ Reports

Director Weststeyn thanked all staff and Division Managers for their diligence and hard work to keep the water flowing. He opined that it has been a successful irrigation season.

Director Weststeyn reported that he attended the Tri-Dam Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) Ad-Hoc Committee meeting on September 1.

Director Van Ryn thanked management and all staff for their hard work and service to the District.

President Spyksma reported that he attended the Tri-Dam PPA Ad-Hoc Committee meeting, as well as the Tri-Dam Advisory Committee meeting, on September 1. Discussions included Capital Projects, and the anticipated completion of the Tri-Dam Office Building within a couple months.

President Spyksma expressed his appreciation to District staff for their work.

Item #2 – Various Reports

Mr. Rietkerk reiterated the sentiments expressed by the Board and thanked the SSJID team members and all employees for the outstanding service they provide to District customers in our agricultural and urban communities.

ACTION CALENDAR

Item #3 – Presentation by SSJID Lobbyists Shaw Yoder Antwih Schmelzer & Lange

Ms. Katie Patterson, SSJID Public and Government Relations Manager, addressed the Board via the online Zoom meeting platform and stated that representatives from Shaw Yoder Antwih Schmelzer & Lange (SYASL) would be providing updates on the 2026 legislature sessions. She introduced SYASL Partners Karen Lange and Andrew Antwih.

Ms. Lange addressed the Board and explained that legislative sessions typically adjourn by midnight on August 31, and the special circumstances which extended the deadline to midnight on September 1, this year. She added that Governor Gavin Newsom has until 11:59 p.m., on September 30, to sign all bills, and that the new Legislature will take office on December 7. Ms. Lange noted several artificial intelligence bills and/or measures presented and passed, and California’s Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) fight to restore funding for key climate and environmental projects after a budget standoff.

Mr. Antwih addressed the Board and reported that California Legislature rejected Senate Bill (SB) 492, which would have established an expedited payment system for wildfire victims while holding major utilities liable if their equipment sparked a catastrophic fire, and also would have allowed insurance companies to seek reimbursement from utility providers to recoup financial losses. He also provided updates on Proposition 40 – One-Time Wealth Tax for State-Funded Health Care Programs Initiative; Proposition 39 – Voter Identification, Citizenship Verification, and Registered Voter List Administration Initiative; Proposition 41 – Prohibit Excluding New State Taxes from Spending Limit and Require Special Tax Audits Initiative; Proposition 42 – Prohibit New Taxes on Retirement Holdings, Personal Assets, and Savings and Limit Retroactive Taxes Initiative; and Proposition 45 – Expedited Environmental Review Process for Certain Projects Initiative which would affect California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements.

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Ms. Lange updated the Board on Assembly Bill (AB) 2026 – Water Diversion: Groundwater Recharge: Permit; AB 875 – Vehicle Removal; and the State budget allocated to address the Golden Mussel invasion.

Board discussion included Legislature’s attempts of wildfire reform; the insufficient state budget amount allocated towards the Golden Mussel issue; and the seemingly dwindling significance of the agricultural industry to the California lawmakers.

Ms. Patterson provided updates on AB 1156, which was recently approved by lawmakers, and directly modifies the Williamson Act to create a pathway for solar conversion on lands severely impacted by water deficits and groundwater regulations; and California’s Advanced Clean Fleets regulations. She added that future meet-and-greets to the Capital will be planned for introductions to the new Legislature.

Item #4 – Consider Approval of Agreement between SSJID and the City of Manteca Regarding Temporary Emergency Stormwater and Tara Park School Site Drainage Licenses

Mr. Forrest Killingsworth, SSJID Engineering Department Manager, addressed the Board regarding approval of a Temporary Emergency Stormwater Discharge and Tara Park School Site Ongoing Discharge License Agreement (Agreement) between SSJID and the City of Manteca (City); and authorize the Board President, General Manager, and General Counsel to sign the Agreement.

Mr. Killingsworth provided background of SSJID and the City entering into a SSJID/City of Manteca Storm Drainage Agreement (Drainage Agreement) on February 14, 2006 which allowed areas of the City, within SSJID boundaries, to convey stormwater runoff through SSJID facilities, subject to specific conditions. On December 4, 2025, the City submitted a formal request seeking a temporary, emergency stormwater discharge connection to Drain 8 to address immediate capacity concerns at stormwater detention basins serving developing areas outside the SSJID boundary, which are not covered by the existing Drainage Agreement. In May 2026, City staff requested that the District consider extending the Emergency Agreement with the City, adding the 16-acre MUSD Tara Park School site parcel to the drainage area. MUSD also submitted a similar request.

Mr. Killingsworth explained that the Tara Park School site is located within the same general drainage area but outside of SSJID’s jurisdictional boundaries, therefore not covered by the existing Drainage Agreement. He further explained that a separate, longer-term stormwater discharge authorization was required to accommodate the school’s drainage needs.

Mr. Killingsworth stated that the proposed Agreement would address two (2) separate needs:

1. Authorizes the City to discharge stormwater from development areas in southwest Manteca into SSJID’s Drain 8 facilities, on a temporary emergency basis, to provide a short-term solution while the City advances construction of its permanent Zone 39 stormwater outlet.
2. Authorizes runoff from the Tara Park School site to be conveyed through the City’s stormwater system and discharged into SSJID facilities under the specific conditions established by the Agreement.

Under the Agreement, the City shall pay an annual Out-of-District Service Fee, and a Routine Maintenance Fee. The Out-of-District Service Fee is calculated based on 1/50th of SSJID’s then current annexation charge for the authorized Out of District acreage. The 1/50th was used to annualize the one-time annexation fee under SSJID’s Annexation Policy. The Routine Maintenance Fee is based on a 4.5-percent (4.5%) portion of the City’s 1-percent (1%) ad valorem tax. Staff does not anticipate any adverse fiscal impact to SSJID as a result

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of approving the Agreement.

Mr. Killingsworth noted the excellent communication and collaboration of all parties towards resolution of the temporary drainage issues. He addressed the inquiry made by Mr. Sudhakar Satti during the Public Comment portion of this meeting, regarding a timeframe of when the new school would be completed. Mr. Killingsworth stated that stormwater drainage had been a hurdle preventing MUSD from moving forward with the Tara Park School project, and that MUSD would be the resource to provide a timetable and/or answers Mr. Satti was seeking.

President Spyksma thanked Mr. Killingsworth for leading discussions with the City and MUSD, and commended him for his outstanding work.

Mr. Satti provided Public Comment, via Zoom, and expressed his heartfelt thanks to the District.

MOTION: A motion was made by Director Van Ryn and seconded by Director Weststeyn to approve a Temporary Emergency Stormwater Discharge and Tara Park School Site Ongoing Discharge License Agreement between SSJID and the City of Manteca; and authorize the Board President, General Manager, and General Counsel to sign the Agreement.

The motion passed 3 to 0 by the following vote:

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

Item #5 – Consider Approval of Microwave Network Power System Replacement

Mr. Michael O’Leary, SSJID IT Systems Administrator, addressed the Board regarding approval to replace the aging direct current (DC) power systems that support the District’s licensed microwave communications network.

Mr. O’Leary provided background of the District’s microwave communications network which was originally approved by the Board in 2011. The project established a licensed microwave network connecting critical District facilities and supporting its SCADA, telemetry, voice, and data communications. In 2018, SSJID completed a modernization project, with Aviat Networks (Aviat), that added hot-standby redundancy and increased network bandwidth. During that work, Aviat identified infrastructure items requiring future corrective maintenance, and the District those completed repairs and replaced damaged waveguide components between 2019 and 2020.

Mr. O’Leary explained that the Aviat microwave network is a primary communications backbone for the District connecting the District Office, Control Room, Water Treatment Plant (WTP), and turnout facilities. The District intends to replace the radios over approximately the next five (5) years with current technology, while retaining hot-standby redundancy and increasing throughput. He further explained that the immediate need is to replace the aging DC power infrastructure that supports the microwave radios. Replacing the DC power systems would reduce the risk of a power-related failure while the broader radio modernization is complete over the next several years.

Staff recommended a single-source procurement from Aviat Networks because Aviat designed and has maintained the existing microwave system and already possesses the engineering, system documentation, and

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site-specific knowledge needed for this project.

Aviat's quote totals \$168,822.00, including freight and excluding applicable taxes. This total consists of \$61,517.00 for equipment, and \$107,305.00 for services and transport costs. The DC power system replacement was budgeted for in the 2026 budget.

MOTION: A motion was made by Director Weststeyn and seconded by Director Van Ryn to approve replacement of the District's Microwave Network Direct Current Power System by Aviat Networks, for a total cost of \$168,822.00.

The motion passed 3 to 0 by the following vote:

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

Item #6 – Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 26-30-Q Authorizing the Sale/Disposition of District Equipment

Mr. James Ferguson, SSJID Shop Supervisor, addressed the Board regarding approval to sell and/or dispose of District equipment; and adoption of Resolution No. 26-30-Q Authorizing and Directing Sale of District Equipment as Surplus Property.

Mr. Ferguson provided descriptions of the surplus items including some which were no longer in working condition, and various vehicle parts which were no longer needed nor fit any vehicle in the District fleet. It was noted that the fuel tank, spray skid, and crane block were still in working order.

Mr. Ferguson stated that sale or disposition of the surplus items would be conducted via public or on-line auction. The auction house fee is generally 12 to 12.5 percent (12- to 12.5%) of the final sale price, with \$0.00 additional fees charged to the District.

MOTION: A motion was made by Director Weststeyn and seconded by Director Van Ryn to adopt Resolution No. 26-30-Q Authorizing and Directing Sale of District Equipment as Surplus Property.

**SOUTH SAN JOAQUIN IRRIGATION DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 26-30-Q**

**AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING SALE OF DISTRICT EQUIPMENT
AS SURPLUS PROPERTY**

WHEREAS, the South San Joaquin Irrigation District ("District") may sell as "surplus property" for valuable consideration, any property of the District which is determined to be no longer necessary for District purposes; and

WHEREAS, the District Board of Directors finds the following described equipment no longer necessary for District purposes:

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<u>DISTRICT I.D. No.</u>	<u>EQUIPMENT TYPE</u>	<u>VIN NUMBER</u>
HP-2	Pressure Washer 11hp	N/A
HP-3	Pressure Washer 11hp	N/A
A-1	Emglo Air Compressor 8hp	N/A
A-4	Emglo Air Compressor 8hp	N/A
A-6-06	Mi-T-M Compressor/Generator	N/A
A-8-11	Mi-T-M Compressor/Generator	N/A
B-1	Manhole Blower	N/A
G-4	Honda Generator 3W-738C	GC05-3017692
N/A	JET Drill Press	N/A
N/A	Johnson Blocks J15S12RTB	96-14171
N/A	88gal Diesel Tank w/15gpm Pump	N/A
N/A	Skid Mounted Spray Unit 8'long x 55"wide	N/A
	200gal. tank / pump / Honda motor / hose reel	
T43	Towable 4" diesel powered pump	290173
N/A	100gal. Poly water tank	N/A
N/A	Front Bumper for a 2008 Chevy HD truck	N/A
N/A	Rear Bumper for a 02-06 Chev 1500 truck	N/A
N/A	8' pickup bed for a 2008 Chevy HD truck	N/A
N/A	6' pickup bed for a early 2000's Chev p.u.	N/

WHEREAS, the Board finds it in the best interests of the District to dispose of said equipment by sale, using reasonable efforts to obtain the best possible sales-price.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED,

1. The Board of Directors authorizes the District Shop Supervisor to use his professional judgment in determining the most appropriate means of effectuating a sale of said equipment at the best possible sales price, including, but not limited to: sale at public or on-line auction; placing equipment with a dealer for consignment sale; or sale by published advertisement and receipt of sealed bids.
2. The Finance and Administration Department Manager is authorized and directed to do all things necessary and proper, including execution of all documents, to execute the sale of said equipment, and transfer title thereto.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 8th day of September, 2026, by the following vote:

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

Item #7 – Consider Approval of Vacuum Truck Rental Services for 2026-2027 Capital Improvement Projects, and Maintenance Repair Projects

Mr. Parsons addressed the Board regarding approval to procure vacuum truck services for maintenance activities and Capital Improvement Program (CIP) projects during the 2026-2027 construction season. Based on anticipated workload, staff estimated total expenditures of up to \$150,000.00 for services.

Mr. Parsons stated that staff solicited proposals from three (3) vacuum truck service providers: Digging Done Right, LLC (DDR); Nor-Cal Pipeline Services (NorCal); and Hydro X Services (Hydro), with the hourly rate

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averaging \$300.00 per hour.

DDR submitted the lowest hourly and daily rates. The company is based in Modesto and has not previously provided services to the District. Staff intends to utilize DDR as a primary provider and evaluate its performance during the construction season. Both NorCal and Hydro have comparable rates, have provided satisfactory services to the District, and will be secondary providers if additional capacity is needed, DDR performance expectations are not met, or scheduling conflicts arise.

Vacuum truck services will be funded through the District's Maintenance Budget and 2026 CIP Budget.

Board discussion included alerting the vacuum truck vendors that the recently purchased District-owned vacuum truck may be in possession by year end.

MOTION: A motion was made by Director Van Ryn and seconded by Director Weststeyn to authorize staff to procure up to \$150,000.00 in vacuum truck services from Digging Done Right, LLC, as the primary provider; and Nor-Cal Pipeline Services, and Hydro X Services as secondary providers if additional capacity is needed, DDR performance expectations are not met, or scheduling conflicts arise.

The motion passed 3 to 0 by the following vote:

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

Item #8 – Consider Approval to Purchase Automated Trash Rack System for Lateral U

Mr. Parsons addressed the Board regarding authorization to purchase an automatic trash rack system, from Aqua Systems 2000 (Aqua), for installation at Lateral U (Budget ID # Eng26.23). He provided background information of the District installing two (2) automatic trash rack systems from Aqua, in 2020, along the Main Distribution Canal (MDC) at Drop 13, and the Lateral R turnout. These systems have performed reliably and effectively in removing debris (e.g. trash, tires, etc.) from the irrigation systems.

Mr. Parsons explained that Lateral U's location at the terminus of the MDC collects a substantial amount of trash and debris. Currently, staff must manually remove the accumulated debris approximately 15 to 20 times per day during peak operations to maintain adequate canal capacity. He noted that this work reduces staff efficiency, and presents ongoing safety concerns.

Mr. Parsons stated that staff solicited and received a quote from Aqua in the amount of \$202,300.00, including freight plus applicable taxes. In addition, staff met with Duperon Corporation, another manufacturer of automated trash screening equipment, and received a preliminary budgetary estimate ranging from \$500,000.00 to \$600,000.00 for installation at Lateral U. The Aqua proposal provides the most cost-effective solution while maintaining consistency with the District's existing trash rack systems.

It was noted that Aqua is located in Alberta, Canada and staff verified with the manufacturer that the proposed equipment qualifies under the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA), and that the quoted pricing is not currently impacted by applicable tariffs. Delivery is anticipated in January 2027 and installation will be conducted in-house by District crews.

The approved 2026 Capital Budget includes \$232,530.00 in materials for this project. The proposed purchase,

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including estimated sales tax and freight, totals \$217,978.25, leaving a remaining balance of \$14,551.75 available for electrical materials, concrete work associated with the trash pad installation, and other incidental project costs.

MOTION: A motion was made by Director Weststeyn and seconded by Director Van Ryn to authorize staff to purchase an automatic trash rack system from Aqua Systems 2000, in the amount of \$202,300.00, including freight plus applicable taxes.

The motion passed 3 to 0 by the following vote:

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

Item #9 – Consider Annual Compensation for General Counsel

The Board cited that General Counsel's current annual compensation is \$270,000.00. It was noted that the Management Unit's Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for 2026 was 3.3-percent (3.3%), and that the current United States Consumer Price Index (CPI) is 3.4-percent (3.4%).

Board comments included thanking Ms. Brown for her hard work, guidance, and service to the District; that her dedication does not go unnoticed; and that her work goes above and beyond expectations.

Ms. Brown expressed her gratitude and thankfulness for her job, and stated that the District is a great place to work and she enjoys being part of the SSJID Team.

MOTION: A motion was made by Director Weststeyn and seconded by Director Van Ryn to increase General Counsel's annual salary by 3.5 percent (3.5%), effective the anniversary date on August 21, 2026.

The motion passed 3 to 0 by the following vote:

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

Item #10 – ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

ATTEST:

Danielle Barney, Clerk of the Board