

SAN JUAN WATER DISTRICT

Board of Director's Board Meeting Minutes

February 18, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Ted Costa	President
Pam Tobin	Vice President
George Machado	Director
Mike McRae	Director
Manuel Zamorano	Director

SAN JUAN WATER DISTRICT MANAGEMENT AND STAFF

Adam Larsen	General Manager
Donna Silva	Director of Finance & Human Resources
Tony Barela	Director of Operations
Andrew Pierson	Director of Engineering
Greg Zlotnick	Director of Water Resources & Strategic Affairs
Devon Barrett	Customer Service Manager
Mike Spencer	Water Treatment Plant Manager
Teri Grant	Clerk of the Board/Executive Assistant
Ryan Jones	General Counsel

OTHER ATTENDEES

Caller 02	
Elizabeth	
Michael	
Taxpayer	
User 1	
Ana Javaid	Association of California Water Agencies
Marwan Khalifa	Association of California Water Agencies
Tom Gray	Fair Oaks Water District
Andy Fecko	Placer County Water Agency
Jim Peifer	Regional Water Authority
Michelle Banonis	Regional Water Authority
Trevor Joseph	Regional Water Authority
Entela Fallstead	SJWD Employee
Elishia Sorensen-Pelle	SJWD Employee
Mark Hargrove	SJWD Employee
Jackie Foley	SJWD Employee

AGENDA ITEMS

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Roll Call**
- IV. Public Forum and Comments**
- V. Consent Calendar**
- VI. Presentations**
- VII. Discussion and Action Items**
- VIII. Information Items**
- IX. Directors' Reports**
- X. Future Agenda Items**

- XI. **Committee Meetings**
- XII. **Upcoming Events**
- XIII. **Closed Session**
- XIV. **Open Session**
- XV. **Adjourn**

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

The Board Secretary took a roll call of the Board. The following directors were present in the Boardroom: Ted Costa, Mike McRae, George Machado, Pam Tobin, and Manuel Zamorano.

IV. PUBLIC FORUM

There were no public comments.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

All items under the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and are approved by one motion. There was no separate discussion of these items unless a member of the Board, audience, or staff requested a specific item removed. Consent Calendar item documents are available for review in the Board packet.

1. Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting, January 21, 2026 (W & R)

Recommendation: Approve draft minutes

2. Treasurer's Report – Quarter Ending December 31, 2025 (W & R)

Recommendation: Receive and file

3. ADM-3.6 Records Management Policy Update – Records Retention Revisions (W & R)

Recommendation: Adopt Resolution 26-04 revising Board Policy ADM-3.6, Records Management Policy

4. Vacuum Trailer Replacement (R)

Recommendation: Authorize the purchase of a replacement Vacuum Trailer

5. WTP Filter Backwash Hood Facilities Rehabilitation Project (W)

Recommendation: Authorize and approve a Contract Amendment with Alpha CM, Inc. for additional construction management and inspection services

6. Air/Vacuum Relief Valve Replacement Program (R)

Recommendation: Authorize the Director of Engineering Services to execute a Professional Services Contract for design services

7. Parcel C Hold-Over Lease Approval (W)

Recommendation: Adopt Resolution 26-05 authorizing the General Manager to execute a Hold-Over Lease for Contract No. 14-06-200-8211A, Parcel C between U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and San Juan Water District

President Costa removed Consent Calendar item 7 for discussion.

Vice President Tobin moved to approve the Consent Calendar items 1-6. Director Machado seconded the motion.

In response to Director McRae's question on the retention period for some personnel files, Ms. Silva explained that records for current employees are maintained and not destroyed; however, once an employee leaves the District, then their files are maintained according to the law up to thirty years. Director McRae suggested that a list of all employees be kept permanently. President Costa referred the matter to the Finance Committee and asked Vice President Tobin to amend her motion.

In response to Director McRae's question on Consent Calendar item 5 regarding re-prioritizing projects to accommodate the additional budget required for this project, Mr. Pierson informed the Board that staff will be looking at projects in the wholesale budget to make sure that the board-approved budget is not exceeded.

Vice President Tobin amended her motion to approve Consent Calendar items 1-2 and 4-6. Director Machado seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

President Costa's appointed Vice President Tobin as chair of an Ad Hoc Committee to work with Mr. Barela on property easements and directed her to appoint another Board member to serve on the committee.

In response to Director McRae's question, Mr. Barela explained that Parcel C is the property located at the back of the water treatment plant and it cuts off part of the filter and extends into the park property. The District has had an annual lease since 1976 that is expiring with the Bureau at approximately \$100 per year, and Mr. Barela has negotiated a 30-year lease which will remove the land that extends into the park but will have a 20-foot set-back for access to maintain the fenceline.

Director McRae moved to approve Consent Calendar item 7 by adopting Resolution 26-05 as presented. Director Machado seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

VI. PRESENTATIONS

1. ACWA Captive Insurance Program & ACWA Update – Marwan Khalifa

Mr. Marwan Khalifa, interim ACWA Executive Director, provided the Board with an update on ACWA activities. He informed the Board that ACWA launched a new initiative to engage California's gubernatorial candidates on water issues as the state prepares for a new administration next year. This effort—*Vision for Our Water*

Future—advances ACWA’s strategic plan by synthesizing member input, recent policy documents, last year’s member survey, and feedback from regional briefings. ACWA’s goal is to present a clear policy document to the ACWA Board in March and use it to elevate water as a priority issue with candidates and administrative leaders.

Mr. Khalifa informed the Board that ACWA is co-sponsoring a wildfire-related bill that clarifies and narrows the liability of water districts. Water systems are designed primarily for structural fire protection, not large-scale wildfires, and recent incidents in Los Angeles have resulted in numerous lawsuits. In addition, ACWA is co-sponsoring a Prop 218 bill intended to resolve conflicting court decisions in Southern California regarding rate structures. While one ruling in San Diego questioned the legality of proportional cost allocation and tiered rates, a separate ruling in Los Angeles supported that authority. ACWA’s bill clarifies that:

- Agencies may use any reasonable method to allocate costs to parcels.
- Tiered rate structures are permitted based on customer class as defined by common characteristics such as parcel size, land use, or peak-use patterns.
- Agencies may allocate increasingly expensive water supply costs to higher tiers based on total water portfolio without tracing each source to specific parcels.

Mr. Khalifa addressed the concept of forming a captive insurance company to help with infrastructure financing. He explained that establishing a captive insurance company would allow the District to invest reserve funds in equities. Under current California law, water districts may invest only in government or corporate bonds, limiting opportunities for higher-yield growth. He explained that a captive, however, provides a legal structure through which reserves can be invested in the stock market.

Mr. Khalifa provided some insight into how he created a captive while working at Mesa Water District and how the captive works. He explained that Mesa Water’s Board had to have the risk tolerance to be able to invest reserves even in a downturn in the stock market. In response to Director McRae’s question, Mr. Khalifa explained that Orange County encountered some difficulties, however, those issues were not tied to this model; they involved different types of equity-related investments. Their experience does highlight the importance of evaluating risk when investing outside traditional bonds.

In response to Mr. Zlotnick’s question, Mr. Khalifa explained that, initially, only a portion of reserves was placed into the captive at Mesa Water then they adjusted their reserve policy so that six months of operating reserves remain within the district, with the remainder eligible for investment through the captive over time. Because the same five-member board oversees both the district and the captive, the board retains authority to dissolve the captive if needed, ensuring that reserve funds can be accessed in an emergency.

The Board thanked Mr. Khalifa for the presentation.

2. RWA Update – Jim Peifer and Trevor Joseph

Mr. Jim Peifer, RWA Executive Director, informed the Board that they would be providing an update on the Healthy Rivers and Landscapes Program, the Bay-Delta Plan update, and potential state and federal funding opportunities relevant to the San Juan Water District. He introduced Ms. Michelle Banonis, RWA Manager of Strategic Affairs. Ms. Banonis conducted a presentation on the Healthy Rivers and Landscapes Program that will be attached to the meeting minutes.

Ms. Banonis informed the Board that the State Water Resources Control Board is required to periodically update the Bay-Delta Plan, which has been in place for more than 27 years. Historically, the plan focused primarily on large project operations, but state agencies have recognized the need for a more effective, watershed-wide approach. This led to the development of voluntary agreements that evolved into the Healthy Rivers and Landscapes Program. She explained that the program offers an alternative to the State Board's proposed unimpaired flow approach, which modeling shows would significantly reduce groundwater recharge—by roughly one million acre-feet annually—and negatively affect regional water temperatures and storage. In contrast, the Healthy Rivers framework supports habitat restoration, groundwater and surface water management commitments, and a coordinated regional governance structure. The program includes an eight-year enforceable term and provides funding mechanisms that reinvest a substantial portion of collected fees back into local projects.

Ms. Banonis explained that the Artesian Agreement is a standalone agreement between the Department of Water Resources, RWA, and several groundwater agencies. This agreement strengthens regional groundwater infrastructure and obligates participating agencies to provide water during dry years in exchange for project funding. An extension granted by DWR allows participating agencies until March 2027 to complete their project invoicing.

Ms. Banonis reported that next steps include continued coordination with the State, refinement of the draft Bay-Delta documents, completion of an inter-tributary agreement among local agencies, and development of standardized reporting and invoicing tools. Local boards will ultimately need to adopt the updated Bay-Delta Plan and associated agreements once finalized.

Mr. Peifer emphasized the importance of the program for protecting regional water rights, minimizing groundwater impacts, and maintaining operational flexibility. He also highlighted the significant economic and ecological benefits expected from early implementation efforts already underway.

Mr. Andy Fecko, PCWA General Manager, explained that this is a multi-billion-dollar program over an eight-year term. All regional agencies will contribute financially, and significant funding will return to the region through grants and water purchases for the Bay-Delta. Charges for CVP water will be approximately \$10 per acre-foot, with most costs borne by CVP and SWP contractors. He believes the program is well-positioned for success, assuming the State Board remains on schedule for its expected October decision. Once approved, the initial program will run for eight

years, after which the State Board will evaluate its effectiveness and determine whether to continue or modify it. The goal is to demonstrate strong performance in this first term—improving fisheries in the Lower American River and enhancing Delta conditions. This program will be a major regional focus, including infrastructure, habitat, and water management components.

Mr. Zlotnick commended RWA staff for their efforts and achievements under the Healthy Rivers Program and the American River Agreement. He stated that most of the collected fees will remain within the region, including to help support the Water Forum’s environmental and science programs, along with tributary governance.

In response to President Costa’s comment, Mr. Trevor Joseph, RWA Manager of Technical Services, explained that SGA is investigating why there is a slight localized decline on the eastern edge near Orangevale in the water basin; however, he noted that the basin, as a whole, is at a historic high level.

Mr. Peifer reported that RWA recently met with Mr. Larson and Mr. Pierson to discuss district needs. He commented that they discussed priorities include distribution system improvements for fire suppression, reservoir access during low-storage conditions, and groundwater-recharge opportunities. He mentioned that the upcoming March RWA staff meeting will be held at the San Juan Water District to provide staff with a deeper understanding of local infrastructure.

Mr. Peifer informed the Board that RWA is committed to assisting the District in identifying and pursuing applicable state funding, including forthcoming opportunities under Proposition 4 and watershed resilience programs. He informed the Board that Georgetown Divide Public Utility District has been notably successful in securing federal funding and USDA grants, much of it tied to wildfire resilience. He encouraged the District to work with The Ferguson Group to explore similar opportunities, especially for proposed pipeline improvements.

Mr. Peifer informed the Board that RWA traditionally focuses on state-level funding and has secured approximately \$180 million for member agencies over its history, and he looks forward to strengthening collaboration with San Juan Water District under its new General Manager.

Mr. Peifer described ongoing efforts with the Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC) on a statewide water-accounting initiative—*Counting for Water*, particularly issues related to the streamflow depletion factor, which affects regional water transfer revenue. RWA and member agencies intend to participate in shaping policy recommendations related to water accounting, groundwater recharge, and water-market transparency. He explained that given this region’s long-term groundwater recharge success, RWA believes a reduction or elimination of the factor is justified.

The Board thanked RWA staff for the presentation.

President Costa called for a recess and returned to session at 7:12 pm.

VII. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

1. Ad Hoc Legal Affairs Committee (W & R)

President Costa reported that he would like to make the Legal Affairs Committee an ad hoc committee. He stated that it would make it easier to meet during the negotiations regarding the current and anticipated litigation and confirmed with the Clerk of the Board that the committee does not meet on a regular basis. Legal Counsel Jones confirmed that he would need Board direction to convert it to an ad hoc committee.

Vice President Tobin moved to convert the Legal Affairs Committee to an ad hoc committee. Director Zamorano seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

President Costa appointed himself as Chair and Director Zamorano as a member to the Legal Affairs Ad Hoc Committee, which were the same committee members as the standing committee.

2. Compensation of Board Members Ordinance Amendment (W & R)

GM Larsen introduced Ordinance No 26-01, an ordinance of the Board of Directors of the San Juan Water District amending Ordinance 1200. He reviewed a written staff report which was included in the Board packet and explained that the amendment will increase the number of days allowed for Board member compensation from eight (8) to ten (10) per month. He reported that the Legal Affairs Committee reviewed the item and recommends the amendment since the Finance Committee does not have the authority to approve the extra 2 days of compensation.

Director Zamorano moved to waive the First Reading of Ordinance No. 26-01 – An Ordinance of the Board of Directors of the San Juan Water District Amending Ordinance 1200. Director Machado seconded the motion, and it carried with 4 Aye votes and 1 No vote (Costa).

3. Purchasing and Payments Ordinance Amendment (W & R)

Ms. Silva introduced Ordinance No 26-02, an ordinance of the Board of Directors of the San Juan Water District amending Ordinance 4000. She reviewed a written staff report which was included in the Board packet and explained that the amendment removes reference to petty cash which the District no longer utilizes.

Director Machado moved to waive the First Reading of Ordinance No. 26-02 – An Ordinance of the Board of Directors of the San Juan Water District Amending Ordinance 4000. Vice President Tobin seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

4. 2026 ACWA Region 4 Board Position (W & R)

Vice President Tobin informed the Board that ACWA selected a candidate from the Central Valley for the position and this item was no longer needed.

5. General Manager Employment Agreement (W & R)

President Costa reported that some changes were needed in the General Manager's contract. He voiced concern that language in the contract might be interpreted as limiting the General Manager to communicating with only two board members. Legal Counsel Jones confirmed that the contract requires compliance with all applicable laws, including the Brown Act and the Public Records Act. Legal Counsel Jones explained that the Brown Act already allows the General Manager to communicate with Board members to provide information, as long as it does not involve polling votes or deliberations.

GM Larsen explained that one of the amendments was to clarify that his first evaluation will be on his promotion date not his anniversary date. In response to Director Zamorano's question, GM Larsen explained that Ms. Silva's compensation was previously 6% below market; however, had she received the full 6% increase then her salary would have been higher than the general manager's so Ms. Silva's salary will be reviewed after the general manager's evaluation and potential salary increase.

Vice President Tobin moved to approve an amendment to the General Manager employment agreement. Director McRae seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

6. Conjunctive Use and Groundwater Banking Activities Update (W & R)

Mr. Pierson reported that he and GM Larsen met with Tim Nicely, the GSI consultant that President Costa talked with at the ACWA Fall Conference, regarding percolation ponds. The consultant will be submitting a proposal with a scope of work for constructing a percolation pond. In addition, Mr. Pierson confirmed that RWA provided a map, but it is hard to distinguish details; however, the consultant that they met with had a map application on his phone that was capable of seeing the boundaries of the water basin.

GM Larsen informed the Board that the consultant stated that the District might be able to receive credit for the water that is released to Baldwin Reservoir. In response to Mr. Tom Gray's comment, GM Larsen informed the Board that Mr. Gray reached out to him with information regarding a study that was completed by Chris Petersen for the District in the past that may be similar. Mr. Pierson will be reaching out to Mr. Petersen to obtain the study. Mr. Gray commented that he appreciates the District working with Fair Oaks Water District.

VIII. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

1.1 General Manager's Monthly Report (W & R)

GM Larsen reported that operations remain stable with no compliance issues. He informed the Board that the recent storm increased turbidity in the water coming into the Water Treatment Plant (WTP) and staff has that under control, and leak activity has decreased for the second month in a row. A written report for January was included in the Board packet.

In response to GM Larsen's report about the power outage at the Bureau, Director Machado commended staff for their work to keep the water flowing. In response to Director McRae's question, Mr. Devon Barrett, Customer Service Manager, explained that there were two sets of reminders last month since the billing date changed. In response to Director McRae's question, Ms. Silva explained that reserves are not reflected in the Wholesale Operating Income Statement. In addition, she informed the Board that staff is working through the mid-year budget review which will be presented to the Board at another meeting.

1.2 Miscellaneous District Issues and Correspondence

GM Larsen had provided the Board with a very complimentary letter received from a customer.

2. DIRECTOR OF WATER RESOURCES & STRATEGIC AFFAIRS' REPORT (W & R)

2.1 Hydrology Report (W & R)

Mr. Zlotnick provided the graphs for the Folsom Reservoir levels and noted that precipitation levels are above average; however, the snowpack is about 50% of average due to more rain which is melting the snow. He reported that the contract water year for CVP water starts March 1st and usually the allocation is provided in February, but Reclamation might wait until March to announce the CVP allocations in order to include the benefit of the recent storms. In addition, he mentioned that Reclamation could put out a shortage allocation, and since the District purchased CVP water over the last few years, the District would have CVP water allocated even under a shortage allocation.

2.2 Miscellaneous District Issues and Correspondence

Mr. Zlotnick reported that there were no formal comments on the environmental assessment or the Long-Term Warren Act Contract with Reclamation. Therefore, he expects Reclamation to sign the documents next week then GM Larsen will sign them as approved by the Board. He reported that the contract term is 25 years and is for the delivery of PCWA water through Reclamation facilities. In addition, he noted that if there were any issues to prevent the signing of the long-term contract then there is a one-year extension contract that Reclamation would enter into with the District.

Mr. Zlotnick reported that it is uncertain whether or not there will be any market water transfers since the water project allocations have not been announced yet. In addition, he commented that the grant funding that Georgetown received, that was mentioned in the presentation tonight, was received mainly due to the fact that they experienced a fire that destroyed their main reservoir and they are a small, disadvantaged community. He reported that he worked with Mr. Pierson to provide a list of potential projects to the District's lobbyist (The Ferguson Group) – the draft list will potentially be presented to Representative Kevin Kiley should our lobbyist consider any of the potential projects to be appropriate to seek federal funding for.

3. DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES' REPORT

3.1 Miscellaneous District Issues and Correspondence

No report.

4. DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS' REPORT

4.1 Miscellaneous District Issues and Correspondence

Mr. Barela reported that Zach Mason, our newest Water Treatment Plant Operator, has been progressing steadily through his training over the past year. Recently, he reached an important milestone when he independently managed the process of bringing a basin back online – a routine but technically complex operation that involves refilling the basin, blending the partially treated water, and stabilizing the filters. This procedure typically requires three to four hours to fill and blend, followed by an additional two to three hours to ensure proper filter stabilization. Mr. Barela commended Zach who handled the entire process with confidence and competence, earning positive feedback from the team. As a bonus achievement, Zach also won this year's chili cook-off.

Mr. Barela reported that Ryan Mohondro, who joined the district approximately nine months ago, serves as our mechanic and has quickly become an invaluable member of the team, demonstrating strong technical skill, a positive attitude, and a high level of professionalism. Recently, Ryan completed work on the belt press system's hydraulic manifold. The original manifold, installed in 2005, had begun to fail and required replacement. This component regulates belt tension and is essential for maximizing water removal, which in turn improves solids handling efficiency and reduces disposal costs. Ryan installed the new manifold with exceptional attention to detail. The precision of his work – evident in the clean, well-aligned lines and overall layout – reflects both his craftsmanship and his commitment to quality. His contributions, along with those of Zach, continue to strengthen our operations and support the plant's performance.

5. DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES' REPORT

5.1 Miscellaneous District Issues and Correspondence

Mr. Pierson reported that staff have begun removing the temporary tanks and associated above-ground piping, commending staff for the effort required due to the size and complexity of the materials. He confirmed that the underground Folsom pipeline has been fully re-established.

Mr. Pierson reported that the tank removal project is out to bid, with submissions due March 4, and removal scheduled shortly thereafter. He explained that the above-ground plastic piping was not reused due to UV exposure, while the ductile-iron piping was retained. He reported that several sections of large-diameter underground pipe were left in place for potential future use, as removal would not have been practical. All infrastructure changes are being documented, and updated record drawings will reflect piping left in place in accordance with standard facility documentation practices.

Mr. Pierson provided an update on the Kokila Reservoir Replacement Project, noting that not a lot has changed but they are making steady progress. He explained that significant grading has been completed, and the contractor continues to process material for the tank foundation. Fortunately, all material was removable with conventional excavation equipment, and no blasting was required. He anticipates all grading to be completed by early to mid-March, and then the team will transition to foundation formwork and other structural activities.

6. LEGAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

6.1 Legal Matters

Legal Counsel Jones reported that he will give updates in Closed Session. In addition, he is working with the Clerk of the Board to arrange Ethics Training for all Board members and certain staff.

IX. DIRECTORS' REPORTS

1. SACRAMENTO GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY (SGA)

President Costa reported that an ad hoc committee was set up to look into amendments to their Joint Powers Authority (JPA) since there have been a few changes that should be reflected in the JPA, such as the dissolution of the Del Paso Manor Water District.

2. REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY (RWA)

President Costa reported that RWA meets in March.

3. ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES (ACWA)

3.1 ACWA - Pam Tobin

Vice President Tobin reviewed a written report which was added to the Board packet.

3.2 Joint Powers Insurance Authority (JPIA) - Pam Tobin

Vice President Tobin reviewed a written report which was added to the Board packet. Mr. Zlotnick reported that SB 1001 would address water agency employees' ability to cross police lines by having a uniform identification badge. He stated that there may be some issues such as standardizing agency IDs and becoming a public safety official (emergency responder) by using the ID which has HR implications and other issues. He informed the Board that Vice President Tobin's report included a letter of support template; however, the bill has not been written yet, so the Board could do a letter of conceptual support.

4. OTHER REPORTS, CORRESPONDENCE, COMMENTS, IDEAS AND SUGGESTIONS

There were no other matters discussed.

X. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Requests by Board Members for Agenda Items

GM Larsen mentioned that he would like the Board to discuss creating a customer advisory ad hoc committee at the March Board meeting. President Costa instructed him to place it on the agenda.

2. Meeting Date Changes and Board Attendance

Vice President Tobin informed the Board that she will not be available for any meetings on June 1st or June 15th.

XI. COMMITTEE MEETINGS

1. Legal Affairs Committee – February 2, 2026

The committee meeting minutes were included in the Board packet.

2. Personnel Committee – February 3, 2026

The committee meeting minutes were included in the Board packet.

3. Public Information Committee – February 4, 2026

The committee meeting minutes were included in the Board packet.

4. Finance Committee – February 10, 2026

The committee meeting minutes were included in the Board packet.

5. Engineering Committee – February 11, 2026

The committee meeting minutes were included in the Board packet.

XII. UPCOMING EVENTS

1. ACWA DC2026 Conference

February 24-26, 2026
Washington, DC

2. 2026 ACWA Legislative Symposium

February 11, 2026
Sacramento, CA

3. 2026 ACWA Spring Conference

May 5-7, 2026
Sacramento, CA

At 8:30 p.m., President Costa announced that the Board was adjourning to Closed Session and there were no public comments.

XIII. CLOSED SESSION

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION (Section 54956.9)

Citrus Heights Water District, et al. vs. San Juan Water District, Case Number: 23WM000064, Sacramento County Superior Court

2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) (one case)

XIV. OPEN SESSION

There was no reportable action.

XV. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

EDWARD J. "TED" COSTA, President
Board of Directors
San Juan Water District

ATTEST: _____
TERI GRANT, Clerk of the Board

Regional Water Authority Updates



Jim Peifer
Michelle Banonis



Globally (Statewide):

- HRL (formerly VAs) is a multi-tributary arrangement that would allow an alternative mechanism for achieving protection of beneficial uses.
- Binding and enforceable
- Eight-year term
- Sacramento, Feather, Yuba, American, Mokelumne, Delta (+Tuolumne)
- Statewide governance

American River:

- Flow
 - 30 TAF of groundwater in 3 D and C years
 - 10 TAF of reservoir reoperation in 3 AN and BN years
 - 10 TAF of groundwater, reop, or both in D years
 - Flows subject to an annual “Readiness Review” and assessment of conditions
- Habitat: 25 acres of spawning and 75 acres of rearing in the Lower American River
- Funding: Water Revolving Fund and Structural Science and Habitat Fund, with some \$ coming back to the region
- Tributary governance

ARTESIAN

- American River Terms for Ecosystem Support and Infrastructure Assistance Needs (ARTESIAN) - DWR & RWA
- Stand alone grant and requirements, but can augment ability to meet terms of HRL
- Provides for infrastructure improvements and supporting efforts to enhance groundwater capabilities within the region
- In exchange, grantee agencies provide environmental outflow in Dry and Critical water years
- \$55 million over 10 agencies (including RWA for administration)
- Extension was granted for one year until end of December 2026 for project completion and March 2027 for invoicing submittals

HRL Next Steps

- Coordination with State – ongoing through 2026
- “Finalization” of Intratributary Agreement (local agreement among all American River HRL Parties for risk-sharing and meeting obligations) – *Mid-2026*
- Master Reporting Template (American River-specific) – *Mid-Late 2026*
- Invoicing Template (American River-specific) – *Mid-Late 2026*
- Bay-Delta Plan Update Adoption – *October 2026*
- Local Board adoption(s) of Bay-Delta Plan (with supporting memo from RWA) and Intratributary Agreement – *Fall-Winter 2026*
- Stand up global (statewide) JPA for fund collection and distribution among all HRL Parties – *Late 2026*

SJWD's Funding Needs

- Distribution system improvements to facilitate fire suppression
- Internal Distribution System Storage
- Infrastructure to provide access to water when water levels in Folsom Reservoir are low
- Groundwater Recharge opportunities

Federal and State Funding Assistance

- Proposition 4
 - Groundwater Recharge
 - IRWM
- Federal Funding
 - Fire Resilience
 - Congressionally Directed Funding
 - USDA Grants

PPIC Accounting for Water Initiative

- *Tracking and protection of flows to improve ecosystems and water quality*
- *Water rights administration*
- *Groundwater recharge and use*
- *Water markets*

Questions?

