



Balancing Community and Commerce

44 N. SAN JOAQUIN STREET SUITE 374 STOCKTON, CA 95202 209-953-7646

## MEETING AGENDA

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2024, 9:00 A. M.  
 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CHAMBERS  
 44 NORTH SAN JOAQUIN STREET, 6<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR  
 STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA

Call to Order  
 Announce Date and Time of Meeting for the Record  
 Roll Call  
 Pledge of Allegiance

### CONSENT ITEMS

1. SUMMARY OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 10, 2024  
*(Possible Discussion and Possible Action by All Members)*  
 Approve Summary Minutes of the Regular Meeting.

### PUBLIC HEARING

2. REQUEST OF CENTRAL SAN JOAQUIN WATER COSERVATION DISTRICT FOR THE ADDITION OF TWO (2) ACRES OF TERRITORY LOCATED AT 13300 SOUTH JACK TONE ROAD (APN 203-040-05). THE COMMISSION WILL CONSIDER THREE (3) RESOLUTIONS IN SEQUENTIAL ORDER:
  - A) Resolution approving detachment of said territory from the South San Joaquin Irrigation District (SSJID) Sphere of Influence (SOI), Irrigation and Drainage Area "B"; and
  - B) Resolution approving a Service Review (MSR) and SOI Update for the Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District (CSJWCD); and
  - C) Resolution approving the annexation of territory at 13300 South Jack Tone Road to CSJWCD.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

3. Persons wishing to address the Commission on matters not otherwise on the agenda.

Public Comments on matters within the jurisdiction of the San Joaquin Local Agency Formation Commission that are not listed on the Agenda. Please no personal attacks.

Written public comments will not be read during the Public Comment period. Written public comments submitted prior to the meeting will be routed to the Commission. All written public will be made part of the official record on file.

#### EXECUTIVE OFFICER COMMENTS

4. Comments from the Executive Officer
  - A) Letters from San Diego and Orange LAFCo regarding potential future membership in CALAFCO
  - B) Update on the Rural Fire Protection District Study – The receipt of the Referral of Proposals
  - C) Recognition of 8 years of service to San Joaquin LAFCo from Commissioner Patti and Commissioner Villapudua

#### COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

5. Comments, Reports, or Questions from the LAFCO Commissioners

#### ADJOURNMENT

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Government Code Section 84308 requires that a Commissioner (regular or alternate) disqualify herself or himself and not participate in a proceeding involving an "entitlement for use" application if, within the last twelve months, the Commissioner has received **\$250 or more in business or campaign contributions from an applicant, an agent of an applicant, or any financially interested person who actively supports or opposes a decision on the matter.** A LAFCo decision approving a proposal (e.g., for an annexation) will often be an "entitlement for use" within the meaning of Section 84308. Sphere of Influence determinations are exempt under Government Code Section 84308.

If you are an applicant or an agent of an applicant on such a matter to be heard by the Commission and if you have made business or campaign contributions totaling \$250 or more to any Commissioner in the past twelve months, Section 84308(d) requires that you disclose that fact for the official record of the proceeding. The disclosure of any such contribution (including the amount of the contribution and the name of the recipient Commissioner) must be made either: 1) In writing and delivered to the Secretary of the Commission prior to the hearing on the matter, or 2) By oral declaration made at the time the hearing on the matter is opened. Contribution disclosure forms are available at the meeting for anyone who prefers to disclose contributions in writing.

# Agenda Item 1



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## SUMMARY MINUTES

October 10, 2024

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CHAMBERS  
44 NORTH SAN JOAQUIN STREET, 6<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR  
STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Patti, Villapudua, and Chairman Johnson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioners Breitenbucher, and Diallo

ALTERNATE MEMBERS  
PRESENT:

ALTERNATE MEMBERS  
ABSENT: Commissioners Ding, Dhatt, and Barton

OTHERS PRESENT: J.D. Hightower, Executive Officer; Legal Counsel Nubia Goldstein, and Claudia Iboa, Administrative Assistant

## CONSENT ITEMS

The Chairman introduced Agenda Item No. 1, Summary of Minutes.

Chairman Johnson opened the floor to Commissioner Comments.

No Comments were made.

Chairman Johnson opened the floor to Public Comments.

No Comments were made.

A motion was made by Commissioner Patti and seconded by Commissioner Villapudua to approve the Consent Items.

Chairman Johnson asked for a Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Patti, Villapudua, and Chairman Johnson

Noes: None

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

#### 2. MARIPOSA INDUSTRIAL PARK 1-PHASE 2 REORGANIZATION TO THE CITY OF STOCKTON. REQUEST TO ANNEX APPROXIMATELY 6.29 ACRES TO THE CITY OF STOCKTON

J.D. Hightower, Executive Officer, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Mariposa Industrial Park to the City of Stockton project. The proposed project would provide annexation of 6.29 acres to the City of Stockton.

Chairman Johnson opened the floor to Commissioners Comments

No Comments were made.

Chairman opened Public Comments

Chairman Johnson closed Public Comments.

A motion was made by Commissioner Villapudua and seconded by Commissioner Patti To approve Resolution 24-1544, approving the Mariposa Industrial Park I- Phase 2 Reorganization to the City of Stockton. Request to annex approximately 6.29 acres to the City of Stockton.

Chairman Johnson asked for a Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Patti, Villapudua, and Chairman Johnson

Noes: None

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

#### 4. Persons wishing to address the Commission on matters not otherwise on the agenda.

No comments were made

### **EXECUTIVE OFFICER COMMENTS**

#### 5. Mr. J.D. Hightower, Executive Officer, informed the Commission on the upcoming CALAFO Conference in October.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

6. Comments, Reports, or Questions from the LAFCO Commissioners

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Johnson adjourned the meeting at 9:09 a.m.

# Agenda Item 2



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## EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

DATE: December 12, 2024  
 TO: LAFCo Commissioners  
 FROM: J.D. Hightower, Executive Officer  
 SUBJECT: **CENTRAL SAN JOAQUIN WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT SERVICE REVIEW, BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT AND REORGANIZATION**

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Commission will consider three (3) resolutions in sequential order:

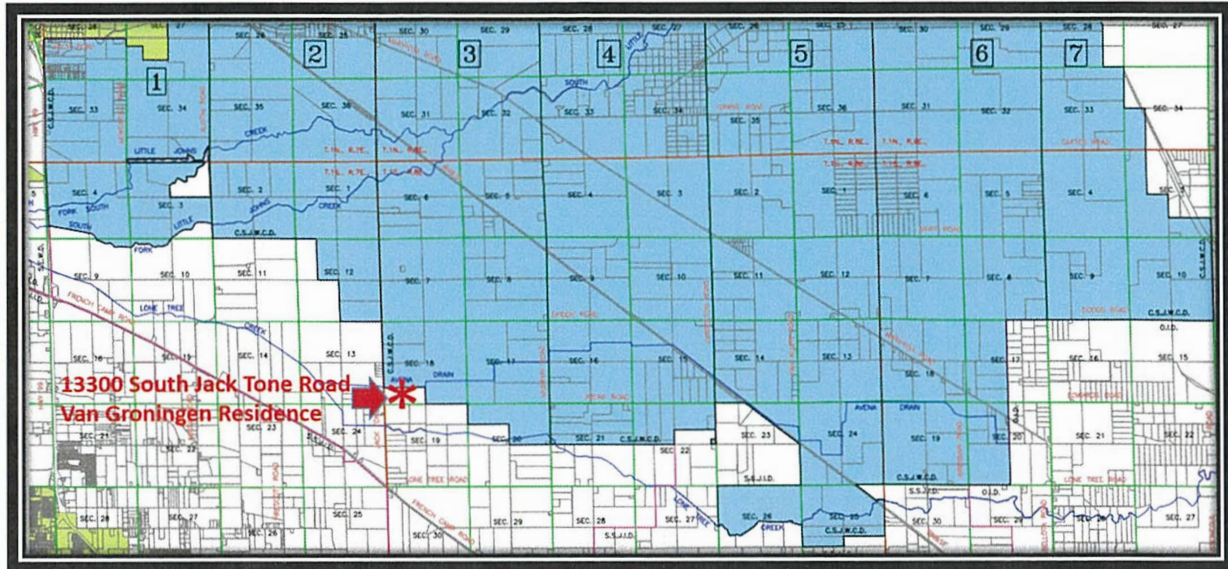
- 1) Resolution approving detachment of two acres at 13300 South Jack Tone Road . (APN 203-040-05) from the South San Joaquin Irrigation District (SSJID) Sphere of Influence (SOI), Irrigation and Drainage Area "B"; and
- 2) Resolution approving a Service Review (MSR) and SOI Update for the Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District (CSJWCD); and
- 3) Resolution approving the annexation of two acres at 13300 South Jack Tone Road to CSJWCD.

The annexation of the property to CSJWCD will allow Bryan Van Groningen to serve as a District representative for the District's Division 3 area. Mr. Van Groningen seeks to represent both the current interests and needs for the of Van Groningen & Sons 85 acre property located within Division 3 at 12122 S. Jack Tone Road (APN 203-040-01) as well as potential future Commission actions for the Five Corner Group that he also a partner.

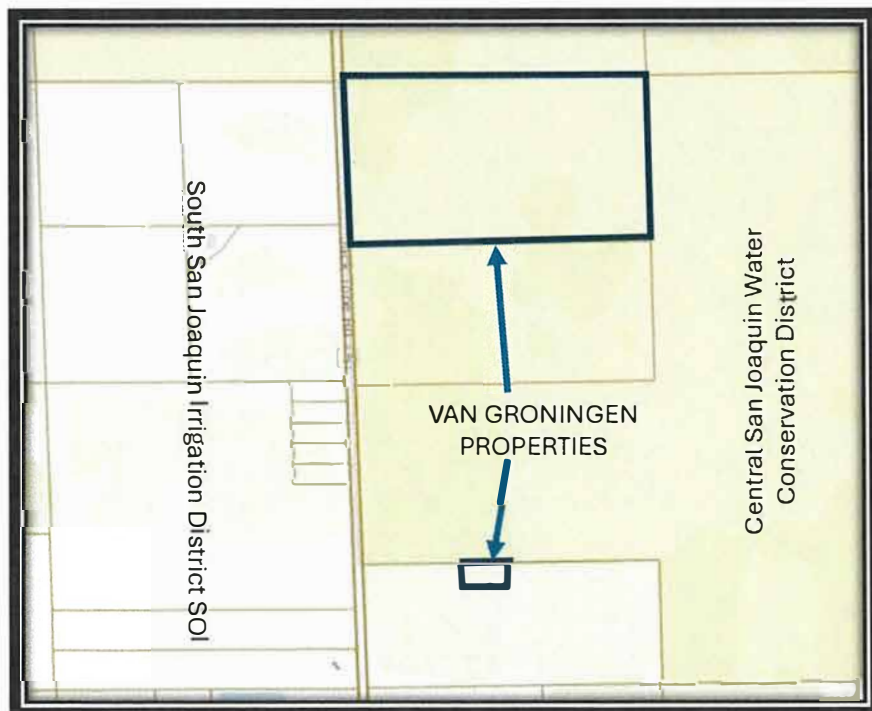
### BACKGROUND

The subject property consists of 2.0 acres located at 13300 S Jack Tone Road and is within the SSJID SOI, Area B, Irrigation and Drainage Services only. Currently SSJID does not provide any services to the parcel. On September 10, 2024, the SSJID Board approved the parcel being detached from the District's SOI. This approval was upon request of CSJWCD and in part approved because no services are provided and the property being on the boundary between the on the boundary of SSJID.

The property owner has requested detachment from SSJID's SOI and annexation into CSJWCD so that Bryan Van Groningen can serve on the CSJWCD board as a Division 3 representative. Currently there is not a representative for Division 3 and Van Groningen & Sons owns and farms 85 acres at 12212 South Jack Tone Road (APN 203-040-01) that is within Division 3. That farm property is approximately 0.5 miles north of the subject property . The subject property is currently developed with a single family home.



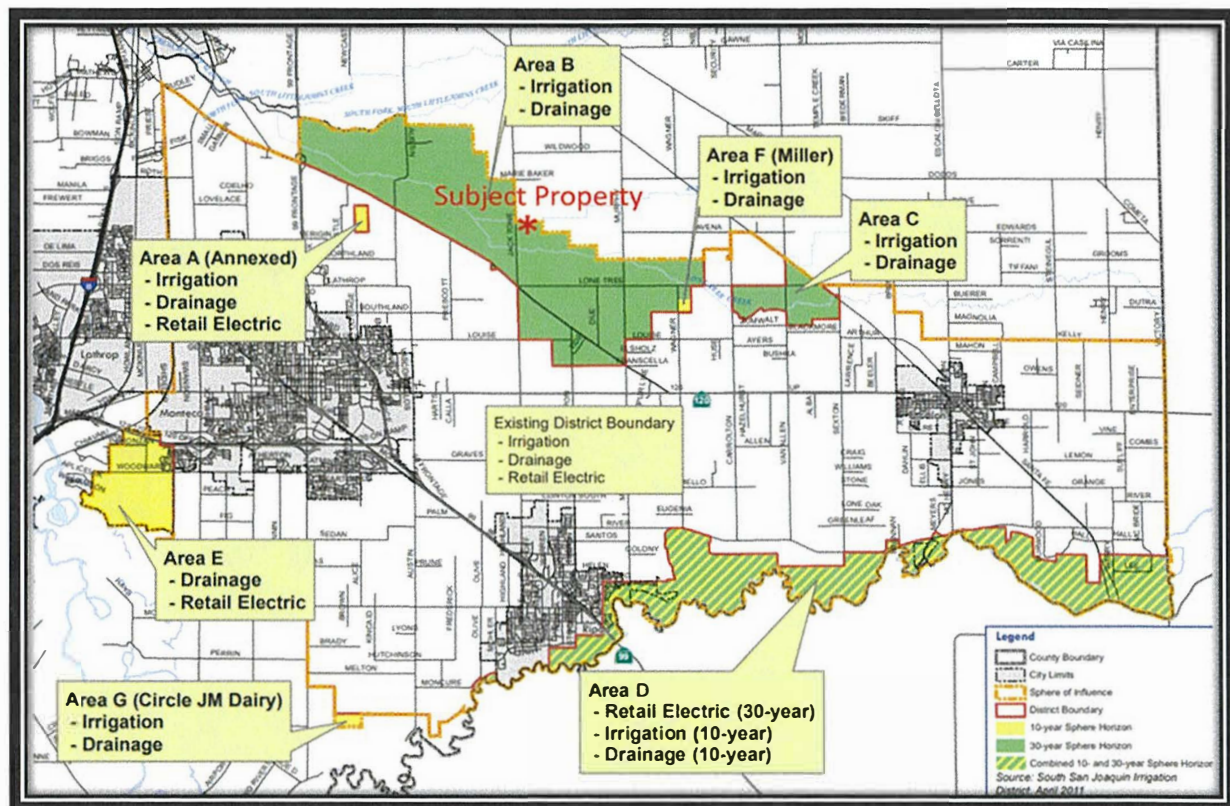
Subject Property Vicinity with CSJWCD Boundary and Division Map



## Van Groningen Subject and Farm in CSJWCD

### DETACHMENT

On September 10, 2024, the SSJID board approved Resolution 17-24-P approving the detachment of the property from the District's SOI, Area "B", Irrigation and Drainage Services Only. SSJID does not currently provide either irrigation or drainage service the subject property.



SSJID SOI Detachment Vicinity Map

### MUNICIPAL SERVICE REVIEW

Pursuant to Government Code Section 56430, LAFCo has reviewed a Service Review of CSJWCD. Key findings include:

#### 1. Growth and Population

CSJWCD serves primarily agricultural lands with stable population patterns. CSJWCD covers an area of approximately 73,000 acres with approximately 6,500 people residing within the 114 square mile service area of the District. The projected 2040 population within CSJWCD is approximately 9,650 with an annual growth rate of 0.733%.

#### 2. Capacity and Infrastructure

The overall water demand within CSJWCD is approximately 160,000 acre/feet annually. The overall water demand has remained constant and there is a blend of





both surface water and ground water used to meet this demand. On average 134,430 acre/feet (84%) is groundwater pumped by individual farmers and 33,000 (16%) acre/feet of surface water from New Malones Reservoir.

- The underlying Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Basin is and has been in a condition of overdraft. CSJWCD's mission is to address this overdraft and to preserve the aquifer. The Board executed a contract with the Bureau of Reclamation for supplemental surface water supplies and constructed an internal conveyance system to make the surface water available to in-District farmers. To pay for construction bonds and operation costs the District imposes a groundwater extraction fee pursuant to the California Water Code. The extraction fee was first charged in 1993. The groundwater extraction fee is established by the District Board of Directors each year. The extraction fee is billed in two installments due on January 30 and July 30 of each year.
- The surface water is distributed by natural streambeds that is wheeled through facilities owned by the Stockton East Water District at a rate of \$8 per acre/foot. This supplemental surface water has allowed the groundwater within CSJWCD to rise 12 feet since 1995. Surface water allocations are made annually to the District by the Bureau Reclamation. District delivery is made available to in-District farmers through an internal distribution system. Surface water deliveries are made from April 15 through October 15 of each year.
- No significant infrastructure deficiencies identified. The District owns and operates various check dam structures, pumps, and diversion structures for delivery of surface water. All of Central's surface water supply is imported from the Stanislaus River. The majority of Central's imported water is diverted through the Rock Creek Diversion Structure and into the natural channel of Rock Creek below Farmington Dam for conveyance into North and South Fork Littlejohns Creek. Some of Central's imported water remains in the Stockton East Farmington Canal for distribution along Duck Creek. Along these natural stream bed channels, are district and landowner constructed diversion facilities for pumping of irrigation water onto agricultural lands.

### **3. Financial Ability**

- District maintains stable financial position and is independently audited annually.
- CSJWCD latest Comprehensive Annual Financial Report showed revenues of \$3,053,333.00 primarily from water sales and assessments.



| Revenue Category       | Revenue               | % Revenue   |
|------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| Property Tax           | \$60,000.00           | 2%          |
| Annual Acre Assessment | \$175,000.00          | 6%          |
| Groundwater Charge     | \$1,693,333.00        | 55%         |
| Surface Water Sales    | \$1,100,000.00        | 36%         |
| Interest Income        | \$25,000.00           | 1%          |
| <b>Total</b>           | <b>\$3,053,333.00</b> | <b>100%</b> |

Operating costs of the District in 2022 were approximately 94% of the revenues, allowing CSJWCD to place \$172,833.00 in their reserve account. Both the revenues and operating cost are relatively stable, this allows CSJWCD to have \$2,700,000.00 in reserve (88%) reserve level.

Currently the District is paying down debt incurred in 2016, the result of significantly increased cost for the purchase of surface water from the US Bureau of Reclamation (USBR), the balance of that charge is currently \$1,100,000. CSJWCD also had another debt to the USBR for the Operation and Maintenance of the Central Valley Project with an outstanding balance of \$1,082,813.00 that is paid as water is purchased.

| Expense Category          | Cost                   | % Cost      |
|---------------------------|------------------------|-------------|
| Water Cost and Wheeling   | \$ 1,890,500.00        | 66%         |
| State Board Assessment    | \$ 130,000.00          | 5%          |
| Operation and Maintenance | \$ 100,000.00          | 3%          |
| GSA-GSP                   | \$ 60,000.00           | 2%          |
| Utilities                 | \$ 250,000.00          | 9%          |
| Debt Service              | \$ 450,000.00          | 16%         |
| <b>Total</b>              | <b>\$ 2,880,500.00</b> | <b>100%</b> |

#### 4. **Shared Services**

CSJWCD currently utilizes Stockton East Water District's New Malones conveyance facilities to wheel surface water into its service area. Water is conveyed to CSJWCD via Stockton East's Goodwin Tunnel and Upper Farmington Canal. Although Stockton East has terminated both a 1990 and 1991 agreement, Stockton East continues to wheel water for Central pursuant to the terms and conditions of a 2019 Memorandum of Understanding.

CSJWCD is party to several Joint Powers Agreements and with SSJID, Stockton East and other water agencies. CSJWCD is a party to the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority (GWA). The GWA provides a forum for the 17 GSAs of the eastern San Joaquin Subbasin to work together, develop and implement a single



Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP). The GSP is required by the State via SB 1168, SB 1319 and AB 1739. Collectively, those bills, as amended, enacted the "Sustainable Groundwater Management Act" (SGMA).

CSJWCD also belongs to the Northeast San Joaquin County Groundwater Banking Authority which was organized in 2001 to provide a consensus-based forum for local, State, and federal water interests to work cooperatively with one voice to study, investigate, plan, and develop locally supported groundwater banking and conjunctive use projects in northeastern San Joaquin County. The plan, completed in 2002, outlined specific groundwater recharge options into a conjunctive water management system with the capability of recharging up to 300,000 af/yr. Projects in the plan included the Freeport Interconnect Project, the Farmington Groundwater Recharge and Seasonal Habitat Project, the City of Stockton Delta Diversion Project, and direct groundwater recharge through well injection and seasonal field flooding. Potential new water supplies may come from surplus flows on the American River, Mokelumne River, Calaveras River, Little Johns Creek, Stanislaus River, and the Delta. The Northeastern San Joaquin County GBA is in current discussions with EBMUD on the development of the San Joaquin County Freeport Element which is a proposed interconnecting pipeline project which could take advantage of American River Water.

## **5. Accountability**

CSJWCD policy makers consist of a seven (7) Board of Directors. Each director on the Board is elected into office by the Registered Voters located within each division of the district. Directors are elected for a four-year term. Directors vote on and participate in discussion regarding policy, procedure, and projects for the District.

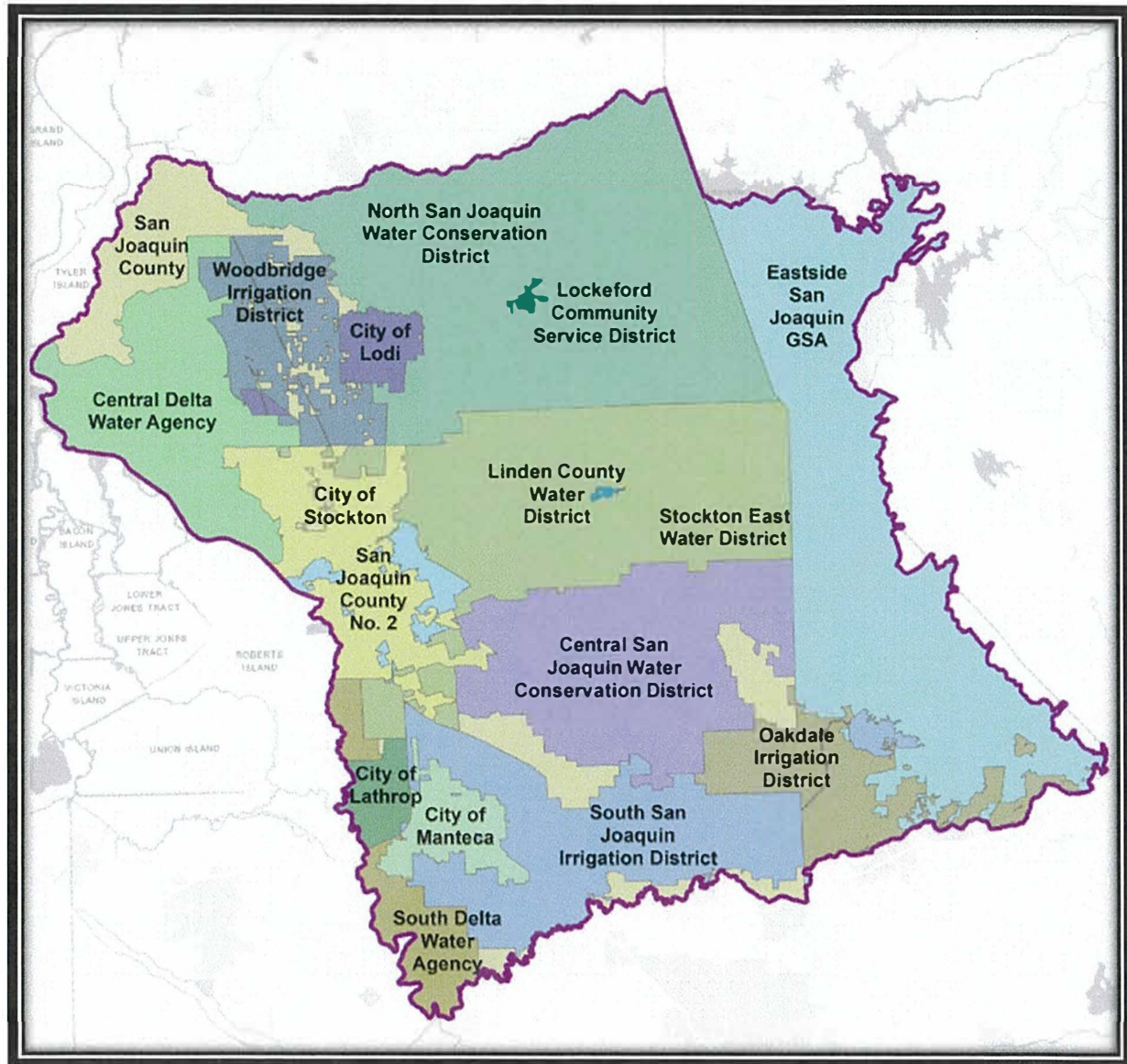
Meetings of the Board are typically held on either the first and/or third Thursday of the month at 12:00 p.m., Noon. Other meetings are scheduled as needed. Central's Board meetings are held either at the District Office at 11 S. San Joaquin Street Suite 306 Stockton CA 95202 or occasionally at another location within the in the District boundaries.

CSJWCD prepares an annual budget each fiscal year. The fiscal year begins on July 1 and ends on June 30. At the end of each fiscal year, the District prepares a Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) which includes an audited review prepared by a CPA. The most recent independent audit, dated February 2, 2023, found that Central's financial statements fairly present the financial position of the District and that Central is in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, as well as prescribed by the California State Controller's Office. The CAFR contains a statement of net position, statement of revenues and expenses, and changes in net position, statement of cash flows, and notes to basic financial statements. Additionally, the District's financial statements are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Budgets for the next fiscal year are adopted in public meetings on an annual basis by the District Board of Directors before the end of the current fiscal year. The annual



financial statement (CAFR) for the past five years, as well as District salary information, is available to the public via the State Controller's Office at (<https://districts.bythenumbers.sco.ca.gov/#1/year/2023/operating/0/entityname/Central+San+Joaquin+Water+Conservation+District/0/districttype2?vis=lineChart>).



Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority JPA Boundary

## **SPHERE OF INFLUENCE DETERMINATIONS**

The proposed SOI update and reorganization are consistent with LAFCo policies and state law requirements:

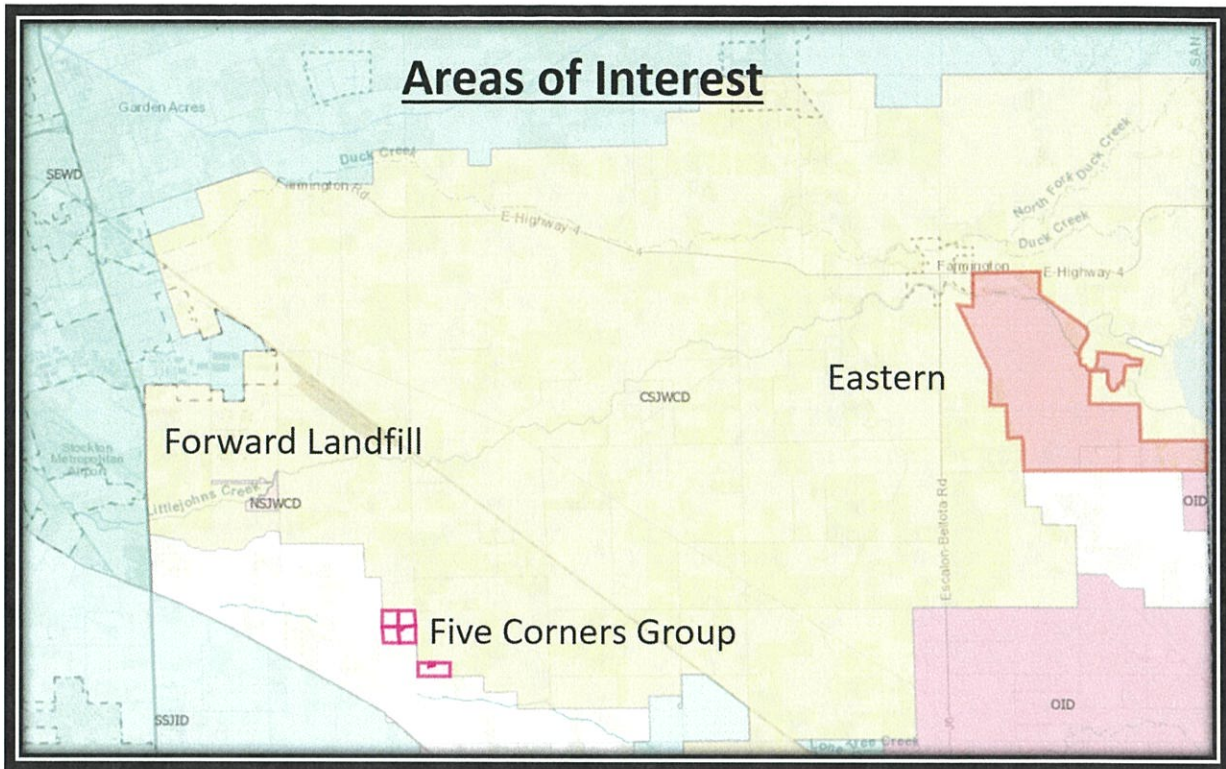
1. Present and planned future use of the land is agricultural with limited supporting residential land uses consistent with the need for irrigation services.



2. CSJWCD has adequate facilities and resources exist to serve 13300 S. Jack Tone Road.
3. The reorganization promotes logical and efficient service boundaries in that the property is adjacent to existing CSJWCD service boundaries.
4. No adverse impacts to agricultural lands or open space identified in that no land use changes are associated with the reorganization and the action is being taken to facilitate continued agricultural production.
5. The proposal supports orderly development patterns in that it will further facilitate the representation of an agricultural property owner within the District as a trustee.
6. Staff recommends that three (3) Areas of Interest be designated at this time for CSJWCD pursuant to Commission Policy and Procedures. The Policy and Procedures of the Commission state that, "LAFCo may, at its discretion, designate a geographic area beyond the sphere of influence as an Area of Interest to any local agency." The areas of interest for CSJWCD are recommended as the Forward Landfill, Five Corners Group, and Eastern. The Commission's policy further sets the parameter that within each Area of Interest the following applies:
  - a. Areas of Interest is a geographic area beyond the sphere of influence in which land use decisions or other governmental actions of one local agency (the "Acting Agency") impact directly or indirectly upon another local agency ("the Concerned Agency").
  - b. Within each Area of Interest there is to be no more than one city.
  - c. LAFCo will notify any Concerned Agency when LAFCo receives notice of a proposal of another agency in the Area of Interest and will give great weight to its comments.
  - d. LAFCo encourages agencies to provide advance notice to other agencies of any action or project being considered within the Area of Interest and commit to considering any comments made by the other agency. Agencies may formalize agreements through Memorandums of Understanding (M.O.U.s.)

**Forward Landfill Area.** This 114.31 acre area is shown as being an island of the North San Joaquin Water Conservation District (NSJWCD) despite being approximately twelve (12) miles from the southern boundary of NSJWCD. The intent for the area of interest is for both the agencies to explore a MOU evaluating the potential of CSJWCD serving the irrigation and drainage demand of the Forward Landfill area by June 30, 2026 with an annual update submitted to the Executive Officer for review by the Commission on an annual basis. Additional information is necessary to determine any potential impacts to the landfill permits associated with the area being served by CSJWCD rather than NSJWCD.

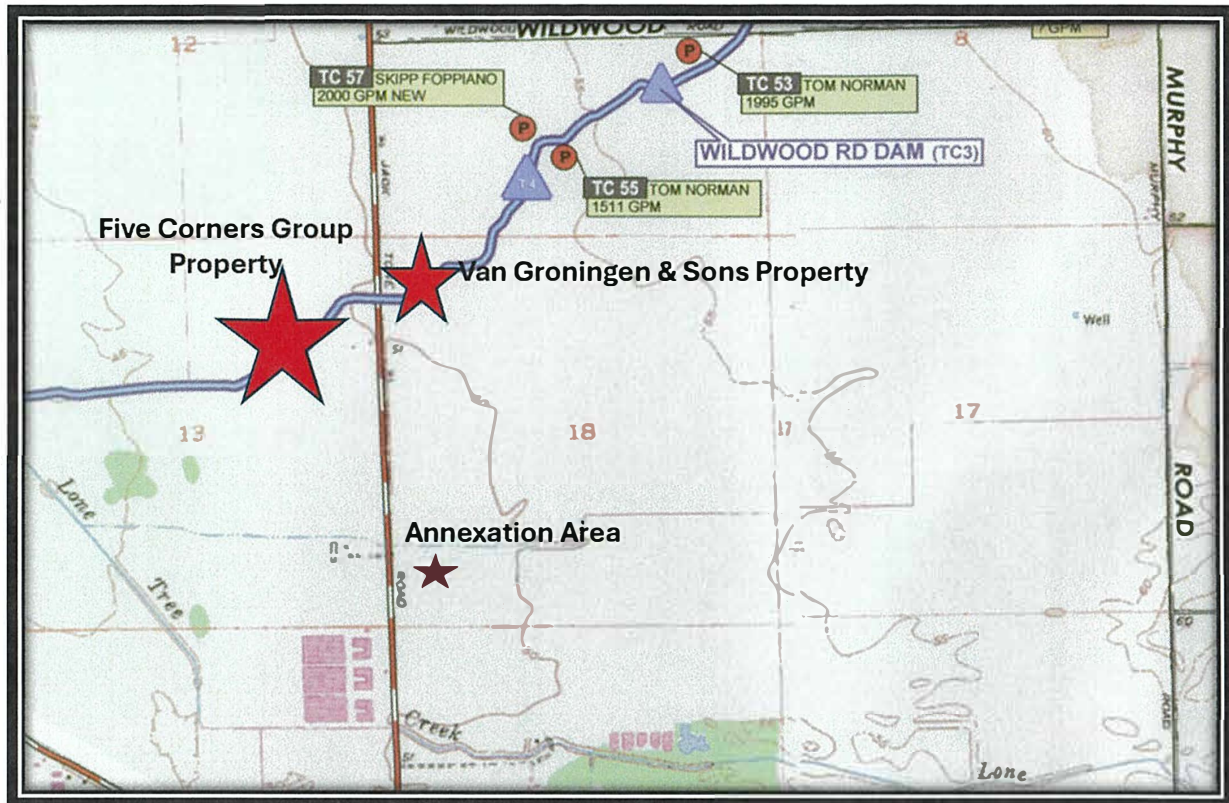




CSJWCD Areas of Interest

**Five Corners Group.** This area comprises 222.98 acres that is currently within SSJID SOI, Area "B", Irrigation and Drainage Services. Mr. Van Groningen is a party to the Five Corners Group and the areas would provide more definiteness and certainty of the boundaries of CSJWCD territory. The Five Corners Group properties would "square-up" with the existing boundaries of CSJWCD. Additionally, the Five Corners Group properties are bisected by Temple Creek that CSJWCD currently has facilities, please see map below. The intent of this AOI is for SSJID and CSJWCD to enter into an MOU on the best feasible method of providing irrigation services to these properties with regular annual progress findings submitted to the Executive Officer and Commission review. Additional information to be provided by the annual review are to determine potential impacts and benefits to the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Basin through groundwater banking efforts, CSJWCD ability to serve as well as cooperative and agreements with SSJID is needed prior to making a determination on a Sphere of Influence or Partial Sphere of Influence.

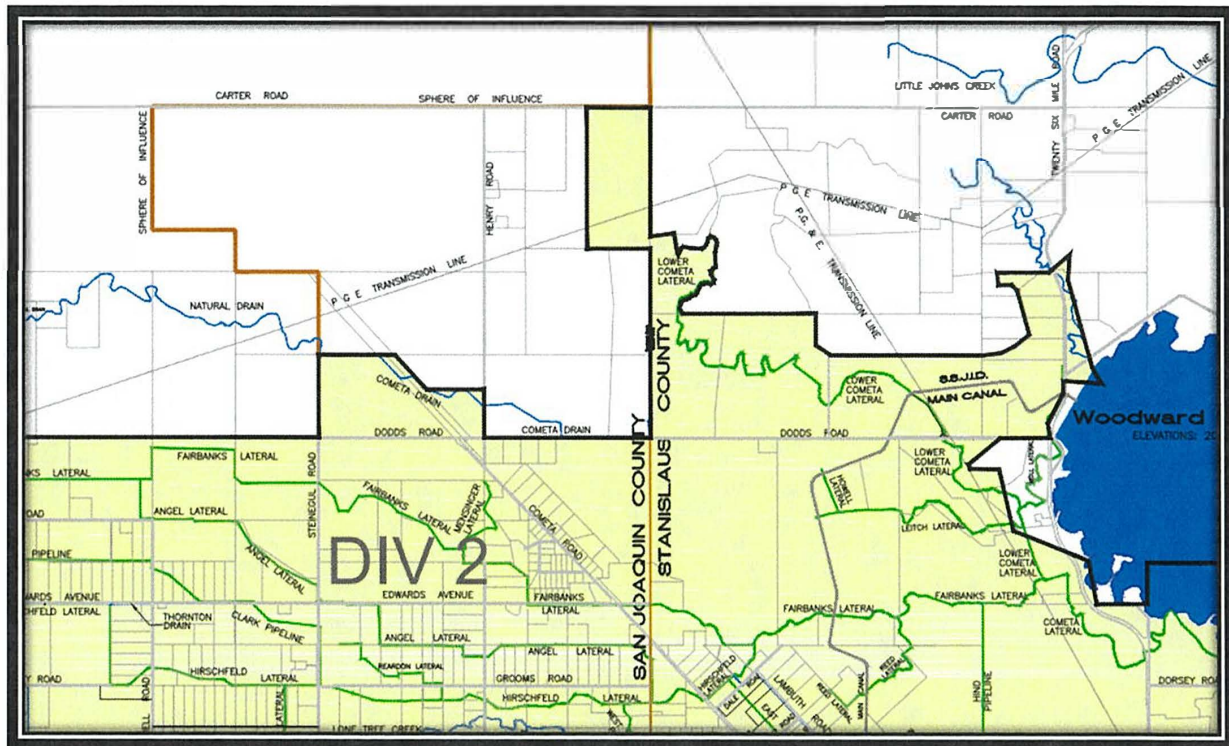




Five Corners Group/Van Groningen Properties & CSJWCD Facilities

**Eastern:** This is an approximately 3,500 acre peninsula of unserved area from Highway 4 to Carter Road. The area south of Carter Road is within the Oakdale Irrigation District Sphere of Influence. Little Johns Creek crosses through this area that CSJWCD uses for the distribution of surface water. The area would provide definiteness and certainty of the boundaries of territory for both OID and CSJWCD.





Oakdale Irrigation District Sphere of Influence, Northeast Quadrant

## **REORGANIZATION ANALYSIS**

The proposed reorganization meets the following criteria:

1. Consistent with Government Code Section 56668.3(a) in that annexation to CSJWCD will be for the interest of landowners or present or future inhabitants within CSWCD in that the annexation will allow the district to fill a board member that owns property and actively farms within Division 3 of the District.
2. Property owner and both effected agencies, SSJID and CSJWCD, consent has been obtained. Regionally noteworthy is that both agencies provide irrigation services to farmland within the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority (ESJGA). As a condition of all actions, it is expected that both agencies will continue to cooperate and participate as member agencies in the ESJGA to the extent feasible and continue to provide services using best management practices pursuant to Government Code Section 56668.5
3. No other property tax agencies will be effected by the proposed annexation.
4. The Commission took into consideration SSJID Resolution 24-17-P pursuant to Government Code Section 56668(j). Government Code Section 56668.3(b) further directs that the Commission shall give great weight to any resolution that is filed by the District.





## **ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

Staff concurs with the analysis of SSJID that the proposed detachment from the SSJID SOI, inclusion to the CSJWCD SOI and annexation of two acres at 13300 S. Jack Tone Road qualifies for a Categorical Exemption as further documented by the Negative Declaration recorded by CSJWCD. The reorganization is categorically exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15320, Changes in Organization of Local Agencies. This exemption is for actions that consist of changes in the organization or reorganization of local governmental agencies where the changes do not change the geographical area in which previously existing powers are exercised. Both CSJWCD and SSJID are empowered to provide irrigation services.

## **PROTEST PROCEEDINGS**

As all affected agencies and property owners have provided written consent, protest proceedings are waived pursuant to Government Code Section 56662.

## **CONCLUSION**

Based on the analysis contained in this report, staff recommends approval of the Detachment from the SSJID SOI, Area "B", Irrigation and Drainage Services; Service Review, SOI Update, and proposed reorganization.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. SSJID Resolution 24-17-P
2. Resolution 24-1542 – Detachment from SSJID SOI, Area "B", Irrigation and Drainage Service
3. Resolution 24-1543 – Adoption of the CSJWCD Service Review and SOI Update
4. Resolution 24-1544 - Reorganization Approval of two (2) acres territory to CSJWCD at 13300 South Jack Tone Road
5. Map and Legal Description
6. Recorded Notice of Exemption



**SOUTH SAN JOAQUIN IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
RESOLUTION NO. 24-17-P**

**APPROVING DETACHMENT OF REAL PROPERTY FROM  
THE SOUTH SAN JOAQUIN IRRIGATION DISTRICT SPHERE OF INFLUENCE**

**WHEREAS**, the Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District (CSJWCD) requests that the South San Joaquin Irrigation District (SSJID) allow that real property identified by San Joaquin County Assessor’s Parcel Number 203-040-050, located at 13300 S. Jack Tone Road, Manteca, consisting of approximately 2 acres (Property) to be detached from SSJID’s Sphere of Influence (SOI) so that it may be annexed to the territory of CSJWCD; and

**WHEREAS**, the Property is located in an area of SSJID’s SOI for irrigation and drainage services only; and

**WHEREAS**, the Property does not currently receive irrigation or drainage services from SSJID; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors finds it in the interest of SSJID to approve the detachment of the Property from SSJID’s SOI;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by this Board of Directors that:

- 1) The South San Joaquin Irrigation District consents to the detachment of that real property identified by San Joaquin County Assessor’s Parcel Number 203-040-050, located at 13300 S. Jack Tone Road, Manteca, and consisting of approximately 2 acres, from its sphere of influence; and
- 2) The Board of Directors declare the detachment categorically exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act, pursuant to section 15320 and authorize staff to file a Notice of Exemption therefor; and
- 3) Any associated costs in carrying out said detachment shall be borne by the Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024 by the following vote:

|          |                               |
|----------|-------------------------------|
| AYES:    | KAMPER ROOS SPYKSMA WESTSTEYN |
| NOES:    | NONE                          |
| ABSTAIN: | NONE                          |
| ABSENT:  | BOLBROOK                      |

BY:   
 MICHAEL WESTSTEYN, President  
 Board of Directors

ATTEST:  
  
 PETER M. RIETKERK, Secretary

## RESOLUTION 24-1542

A RESOLUTION OF THE SAN JOAQUIN LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION  
APPROVING DETACHMENT OF TWO (2) ACRES LOCATED AT 13300 SOUTH JACK TONE  
ROAD (APN 203-040-05) FROM SOUTH SAN JOAQUIN IRRIGATION DISTRICT (SSJID)  
SPHERE OF INFLUENCE (SOI)

WHEREAS, on October 10, 2019 the Commission approved a SOI for SSJID showing Area "B" for irrigation and drainage services that included 13300 South Jack Tone Road; and

WHEREAS, currently 13300 South Jack Tone Road does not receive any services from SSJID; and

WHEREAS, on June 6 2024, the Board of Directors of the CSJWCD approved Resolution 24-5 adopting a Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act for the annexation of 13300 South Jack Tone Road and recorded a Notice of Determination of such on June 7, 2024; and

WHEREAS, on August 13, 2024, the Commission received an application for approval of a Service Review, SOI amendment and annexation of 13300 South Jack Tone Road; and

WHEREAS, on September 10, 2024, SSJID Board of Directors adopted Resolution 24-17-P finding the proposed detachment of 13300 South Jack Tone Road exempt from further environmental review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15320, Changes in Organization of Local Agencies and approving the proposed detachment of said property from the District's SOI; and

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 56668(j) directs that the Commission consider, "The comments of any affected local agency or other public agency"; and

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 56668.3(b) directs that, "The commission shall give great weight to any resolution ... filed by a ... district"; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has, in evaluating the proposal considered the report submitted by the Executive Officer, the factors set forth in Section 56668 of the California Government Code and testimony and evidence presented at the public hearing held before and on December 12, 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, the San Joaquin Local Agency Formation Commission DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DETERMINE, AND ORDER as follows:

Section 1. The detachment of 13300 South Jack Tone Road (APN 203-040-05) from the South San Joaquin Irrigation District Sphere of Influence, Area "B", Irrigation and Drainage Services boundary is as shown on Attachment 4 of the Executive Officer's report.

Section 2. Certifies that, as a Responsible Agency, the Commission has independently reviewed and considered the Negative Declaration prepared by CSJWCD and the Notice of Exemption prepared by SSJID and concurs with the findings of both agencies that there are no significant created by the project and that the project is categorically exempt from further environmental review pursuant to State Code of Regulations, Section 15320, Changes in Organization of Local Agencies.

Section 3. Finds that the proposal is uninhabited pursuant to State Government Code Section 56079.5.

Section 4. Finds that no written protests were received by any landowner or registered voter within the project area.

Section 5. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 56668, the Commission considered all pertinent factors associated with the detachment of 13300 South Jack Tone Road from SSJID Sphere of Influence, Area "B", Irrigation and Drainage Services.

Section 6. The Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District, shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless SJLAFCo, its agents, officers, and employees, from any claim, action, or proceeding against SJLAFCo, its agents, officers, and employees, to attack, set aside, void or annul SJLAFCo's approval of the Reorganization, adoption of this Resolution, or any of the terms and conditions set forth herein.

Section 7. As allowed under Government Code Section 56107 and Government Code Section 56883, the Commission authorizes the Executive Officer to make non-substantive corrections to this Resolution to address any technical defects, clerical errors, mistakes, irregularities, or omissions.

Section 8. If any provision of this Resolution or the application of any such provision to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Resolution that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Resolution are severable.

Section 9. The Commission finds that the proposed detachment from the South San Joaquin Irrigation District Sphere of Influence, Area "B", Irrigation and Drainage Services will be for the interest of landowners, present and future residents of the District.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 12th day of December 2024 by the following roll call vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

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PETER M. JOHNSON, CHAIRMAN

San Joaquin Local Agency

Formation Commission

ATTEST:

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MITZI STITES, COMMISSION CLERK

San Joaquin Local Agency Formation Commission

**RESOLUTION NO. 24-1543****BEFORE THE SAN JOAQUIN LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION  
APPROVING A SERVICE REVIEW AND SPHERE OF INFLUENCE (SOI)  
AMENDMENT ADDING 2.0 ACRES OF TERRITORY TO THE CENTRAL SAN  
JOAQUIN WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT (CSJWCD) AT 13300 SOUTH.  
JACK TONE ROAD (APN 203-040-05)**

WHEREAS, State Government Code Section 56425 states that in order to carry out its purposes and responsibilities for planning and shaping the logical and orderly development and coordination of local governmental agencies to advantageously provide for the present and future needs of San Joaquin County and its communities, the Commission shall develop and determine the Sphere of Influence (SOI) of each city and enact policies designed to promote the logical and orderly development of areas within the SOI; and

WHEREAS, the CSJWCD Service Review was prepared dated August 1, 2024 and application filed for the review, and approval of the Service Review and proposed Sphere of Influence Amendment on August 13, 2024; and

WHEREAS, 13300 South Jack Tone Road (APN 203-040-05) was within the South Joaquin Irrigation District (SSJID) Sphere of Influence, Area "B", Irrigation and Drainage Services; and

WHEREAS, on September 10, 2024, SSJID approved the detachment of 13300 South Jack Tone Road from their SOI at the request of CSJWCD; and

WHEREAS, a Certificate of Filing for the application of CSJWCD for the review of a Service Review, SOI amendment, and Annexation was issued on October 23, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the submitted Service Review was reviewed and evaluated by the Executive Officer for conformance to the provisions of Government Code 56430; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with State Government Code Section 56428, the Commission received correspondence from the representative of the property owners of 13300 South Jack Tone Road stating their desire to have the property included in the CSJWCD SOI; and

WHEREAS, Commission did study the Service Review and request to include the property within the CSJWCD SOI and annexation to CSJWCD for compliance with all factors listed in Government Code Section 56425(e); and

WHEREAS, there is no change of land uses associated with the CSJWCD requested application; and

WHEREAS, both the two (2) acre detachment from the SSJID SOI and addition of the two (2) acres to the CSJWCD SOI are considered de minimis and is exempt from further environmental review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines 15320 in that action consists of changes in the organization or reorganization of two agricultural water providers and CEQA only applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment; and

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WHEREAS, the Commission may, at its discretion, designate a geographic area beyond the sphere of influence as an Area of Interest to any local agency; and

WHEREAS, an Areas of Interest is a geographic area beyond the sphere of influence in which land use decisions or other governmental actions of one local agency (the "Acting Agency") impact directly or indirectly upon another local agency ("the Concerned Agency"); and

WHEREAS, the Commission will notify any Concerned Agency when LAFCo receives notice of a proposal of another agency in the Area of Interest and will give great weight to its comments; and

WHEREAS, the Commission held a duly advertised public hearing on the proposed Service Review and SOI Amendment on December 12, 2024 in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, 44 North San Joaquin Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Stockton, CA, pursuant to notice of hearing which was published, posted and mailed in accordance with State law; and

WHEREAS, at said hearing the Commission heard and received evidence, both oral and written regarding the proposal, and all persons were given an opportunity to be heard; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has, in evaluating the proposal, considered the report submitted by the Executive Officer, the factors set forth in the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act and testimony and evidence presented at the public hearing held before and on December 12, 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, the San Joaquin Local Agency Formation Commission DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DETERMINE, AND ORDER as follows:

Section 1. The Commission establishes three Areas of Interest for CSJWCD, the Forward Landfill Area, Fiver Corners Group properties; and the Eastern Area, as presented in Attachment 1 of this resolution; and

Section 2. The CSJWCD Service Review and Sphere of Influence is approved to include an additional 2.0 acres located at 13300 South Jack Tone Road (APN 203-040-05) as shown and described within Attachment 2 of this resolution.

Section 3. Finds that 13300 South Jack Tone Road (APN 203-040-05) is uninhabited pursuant to State Government Code Section 56079.5.

Section 4. In updating the sphere of influence of for the CSJWCD, the Commission makes the following statement of determinations in accordance with Government Code Section 56425(e):

- (1) The present and planned land uses in the area, including agricultural and open-space lands will not change in that 13300 South Jack Tone Road is developed with a single family detached dwelling unit in accordance with the San Joaquin County General Plan and CSJWCD is not empowered to exercise land use control.
- (2) The present and probable need for public facilities and services in the area in that the the territory of the amended SOI will not require the facilities and services that CSJWCD provides.



- (3) The present capacity of public facilities and adequacy of public services that CSJWCD provides or is authorized to provide in that the CSJWCD does not provide potable water and the limited size eligible to receive irrigation water, approximately 1 acre, CSJWCD is capable of providing.
- (4) There is no other identified social or economic communities of interest in the area.
- (5) There are no disadvantaged unincorporated communities in the general area.

Section 5. Finds that no written protests were received by any landowner within the territory of the amended SOI.

Section 6. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 56663, the commission waives protest proceedings pursuant to State Government Code Part 4 (commencing with Section 57000).

Section 7. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 56425(f), the Commission considered all pertinent factors associated with amending the CSJWCD SOI and 13300 South Jack Tone Road (APN 203-040-05) is hereby included in the CSJWCD SOI.

Section 8. The Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District, shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless SJLAFCo, its agents, officers, and employees, from any claim, action, or proceeding against SJLAFCo, its agents, officers, and employees, to attack, set aside, void or annul SJLAFCo's approval of the Annexation, adoption of this Resolution, or any of the terms and conditions set forth herein.

Section 9. As allowed under Government Code Section 56107 and Government Code Section 56883, the Commission authorizes the Executive Officer to make non-substantive corrections to this Resolution to address any technical defects, clerical errors, mistakes, irregularities, or omissions.

Section 10. If any provision of this Resolution or the application of any such provision to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Resolution that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Resolution are severable.

Section 11. The Commission finds that the proposed amendment to the CSJWCD SOI, as amended, will be for the interest of landowners and registered voters of CSJWCD.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December 2024 by the following roll call vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

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December 12, 2024

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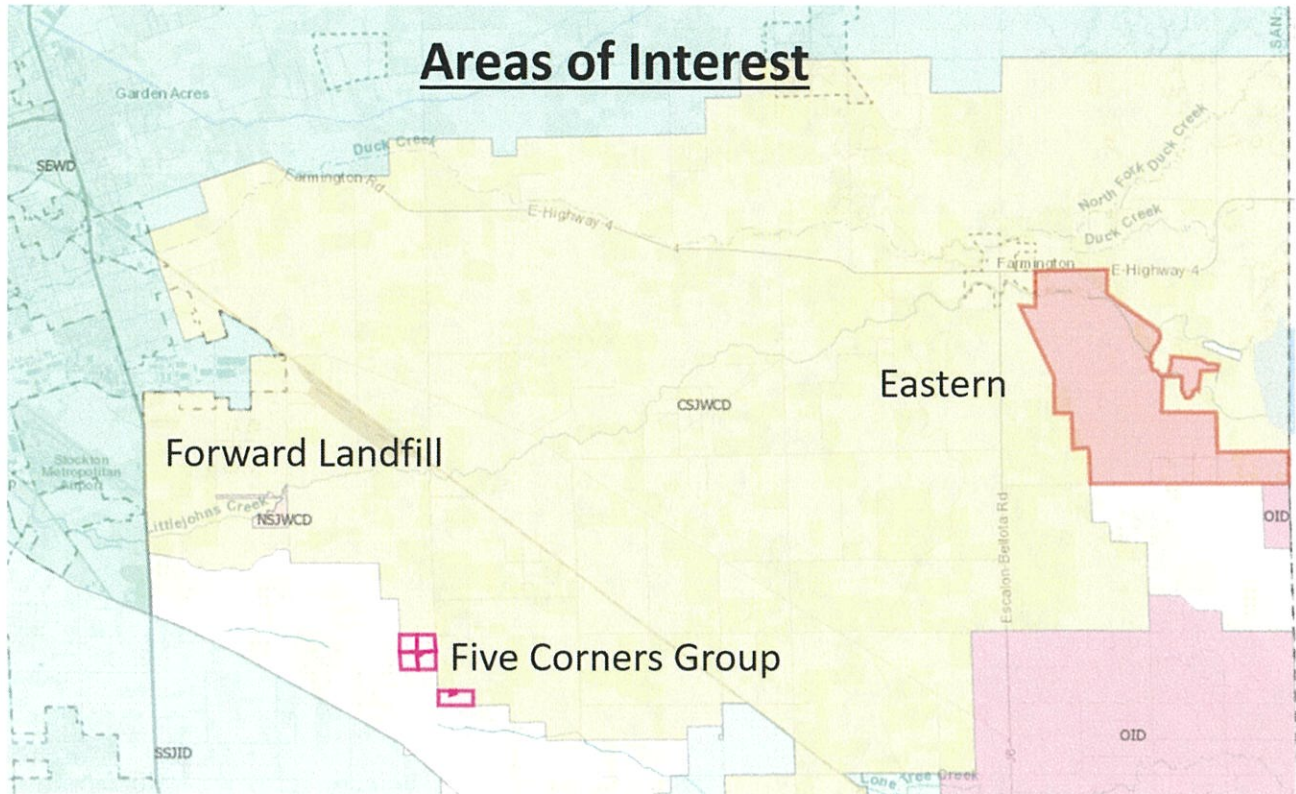
PETER M. JOHNSON, CHAIRMAN  
San Joaquin Local Agency  
Formation Commission

ATTEST:

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MITZI STITES, COMMISSION CLERK  
San Joaquin Local Agency Formation Commission

# EXHIBIT 1 – CSJWWCD AREAS OF INTEREST



## ASSESSOR PARCEL NUMBERS

### Forward Landfill Area

201-060-02  
181-150-07, 10

### Five Corners Group Area

203-040-06  
201-140-21, 22, 23, 24, 25

### Eastern Area

187-230-03  
187-280-01, 03  
187-380-03, 08  
187-270-01, 02  
187-240-02  
187-390-04, 07, 08  
187-240-15, 16  
187-270-03  
187-260-01, 02, 08  
187-400-all

**RESOLUTION NO. 24-1544****BEFORE THE SAN JOAQUIN LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION  
APPROVING THE VAN GRONINGEN ANNEXATION TO CENTRAL SAN  
JOAQUIN WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT (CSJWCD) (LAFC 30-24)**

WHEREAS, the above entitled proposal was authorized to be filed by the CSJWCD Resolution 24-5 on June 6, 2024 and filed on August 13, 2024 with a Certificate of Filing issued on October 23, 2024 by the Executive Officer for processing in accordance with the Local Government Reorganization Act; and

WHEREAS, the Van Groningen Annexation boundary is co-terminus with the boundaries of a single parcel of land, 1300 South Jack Tone Road, San Joaquin Assessor Parcel Number 203-040-05; and

WHEREAS, 13300 South Jack Tone Road is improved with a single family detached dwelling unit on two (2) acres of land; and

WHEREAS, there parcel is considered uninhabited pursuant to Government Code Section 56079.5; and

WHEREAS, the annexation area is located adjacent to the existing southern boundary of CSJWCD; and

WHEREAS, the property owner currently farms 85 acres within Division 3 of CSJWCD and desires to represent that Division as the Division 3 Board Member; and

WHEREAS, there is no impact to the services provided CSJWCD because CSJWCD does not provide potable water for direct consumption; and

WHEREAS, CSJWCD, as the lead agency for the Project, has prepared an Initial Study/Negative Declaration (IS/ND) for the project pursuant to and in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and

WHEREAS, the IS/ND was made available for the statutory 30-day public review period and approved by the CSJWCD Board on June 6, 2024; with no public comments received; and

WHEREAS, CSJWCD adopted the IS/ND the adoption of Resolution No. 24-5; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to State Code of Regulations, Section 15096, the Commission is a responsible agency that considered the negative declaration prepared by CSJWCD and the Commission has evaluated it's own conclusions as to whether and how to approve the proposed annexation; and

WHEREAS, the Commission took into consideration all factors of Government Code Section 56668 and has conditioned the annexation in accordance with these factors; and,

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WHEREAS, the Commission specifically considered the factors described in Government Code Section 56377 that the project facilitates the preservation of open space and prime agricultural lands; and

WHEREAS, the Commission specifically considered the factor described in Government Code Section 56668(e), maintaining the physical and economic integrity of agricultural lands, in that the annexation will allow a farmer farming land within CSJWCD Division 3 to represent the agricultural water needs as a board member; and

WHEREAS, the CEQA Commission held a public hearing on the proposed annexation on December 12, 2024 in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, 44 North San Joaquin Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Stockton, CA, pursuant to notice of hearing which was published, posted and mailed in accordance with State law; and

WHEREAS, at said hearing the Commission heard and received evidence, both oral and written regarding the proposal, and all persons were given an opportunity to be heard; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has, in evaluating the proposal considered the report submitted by the Executive Officer, the factors set forth in Section 56668 of the California Government Code and testimony and evidence presented at the public hearing held before and on December 12, 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, the San Joaquin Local Agency Formation Commission DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DETERMINE, AND ORDER as follows:

Section 1. The Van Groningen annexation to CSJWCD is as shown on Attachment 1 of this resolution.

Section 2. Certifies that, as a Responsible Agency, the Commission has independently reviewed and considered the Negative Declaration certified by CSJWCD and concurs with the findings of the CEQA Negative Declaration as certified by CSJWCD.

Section 3. Finds that the proposal is uninhabited pursuant to State Government Code Section 56079.5.

Section 4. Finds that no written protests were received by any landowner or registered voter within the project area.

Section 5. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 56663, the commission waives protest proceedings pursuant to State Government Code Part 4 (commencing with Section 57000).

Section 6. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 56668.3, the Commission considered all pertinent factors associated with the Van Groningen annexation to the CSJWCD and the annexation is hereby conditionally approved.

Section 7. CSJWCD, shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless SJLAFCo, its agents, officers, and employees, from any claim, action, or proceeding against SJLAFCo, its agents, officers, and employees, to attack, set aside, void or annul SJLAFCo's approval of the Annexation, adoption of this Resolution, or any of the terms and conditions set forth herein.

## Resolution 1544

August 8, 2024

Section 9. As allowed under Government Code Section 56107 and Government Code Section 56883, the Commission authorizes the Executive Officer to make non-substantive corrections to this Resolution to address any technical defects, clerical errors, mistakes, irregularities, or omissions.

Section 10. If any provision of this Resolution or the application of any such provision to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Resolution that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Resolution are severable.

Section 11. The Commission finds that the proposed annexation, as amended, to CSJWCD will be for the interest of landowners within the District and to the territory proposed to be annexed to CSJWCD.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December 2024 by the following roll call vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

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PETER M. JOHNSON, CHAIRMAN  
 San Joaquin Local Agency  
 Formation Commission

ATTEST:

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MITZI STITES, COMMISSION CLERK  
 San Joaquin Local Agency Formation Commission

**Description of Van Groningen Annexation  
to  
Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District  
Annexation (LAFC 27-24)**

A portion of the Southwest Quarter of Section 18 (Eighteen), Township 1 (One) South, Range 8 (Eight) East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian, County of San Joaquin, State of California, and more particularly described as follows:

**Commencing** at a point on the **Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District Boundary Line**, said point also being the Northeasterly corner of the "Designated Remainder" as shown on that certain Parcel Map filed for record on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2015, in Book 26 (Twenty-Six) of Parcel Maps, at Page 42 (Forty-Two), San Joaquin County Records; (1) thence along said District boundary line and along the Northerly line of said "Designated Remainder", South 89°17'00" West, a distance of 1306.83 feet to the Northeasterly corner of Parcel "1" (One) as shown on said Parcel Map and being the **True Point of Beginning**; thence leaving said District boundary line along the Easterly, Southerly, and Westerly lines of said Parcel "1" (One) on the following 3 (Three) courses:  
(2) South 01°24'37" East, a distance of 210.00 feet;  
(3) South 89°17'00" West, a distance of 414.89 feet;  
(4) North 01°24'37" West, a distance of 210.00 feet to the Northwesterly corner of said Parcel "1" (One), also being a point on said District boundary line;  
(5) thence along the Northerly line of said Parcel "1" (One) and along said District boundary line, North 89°17'00" East, a distance of 414.89 feet to the **True Point of Beginning**, containing 2.00 acres, more or less.

A Plat of the above described Van Groningen Annexation to Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District is attached hereto labeled as "Exhibit Plat of Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District Annexation (LAFC 24-\_\_\_)" and made a part hereof.

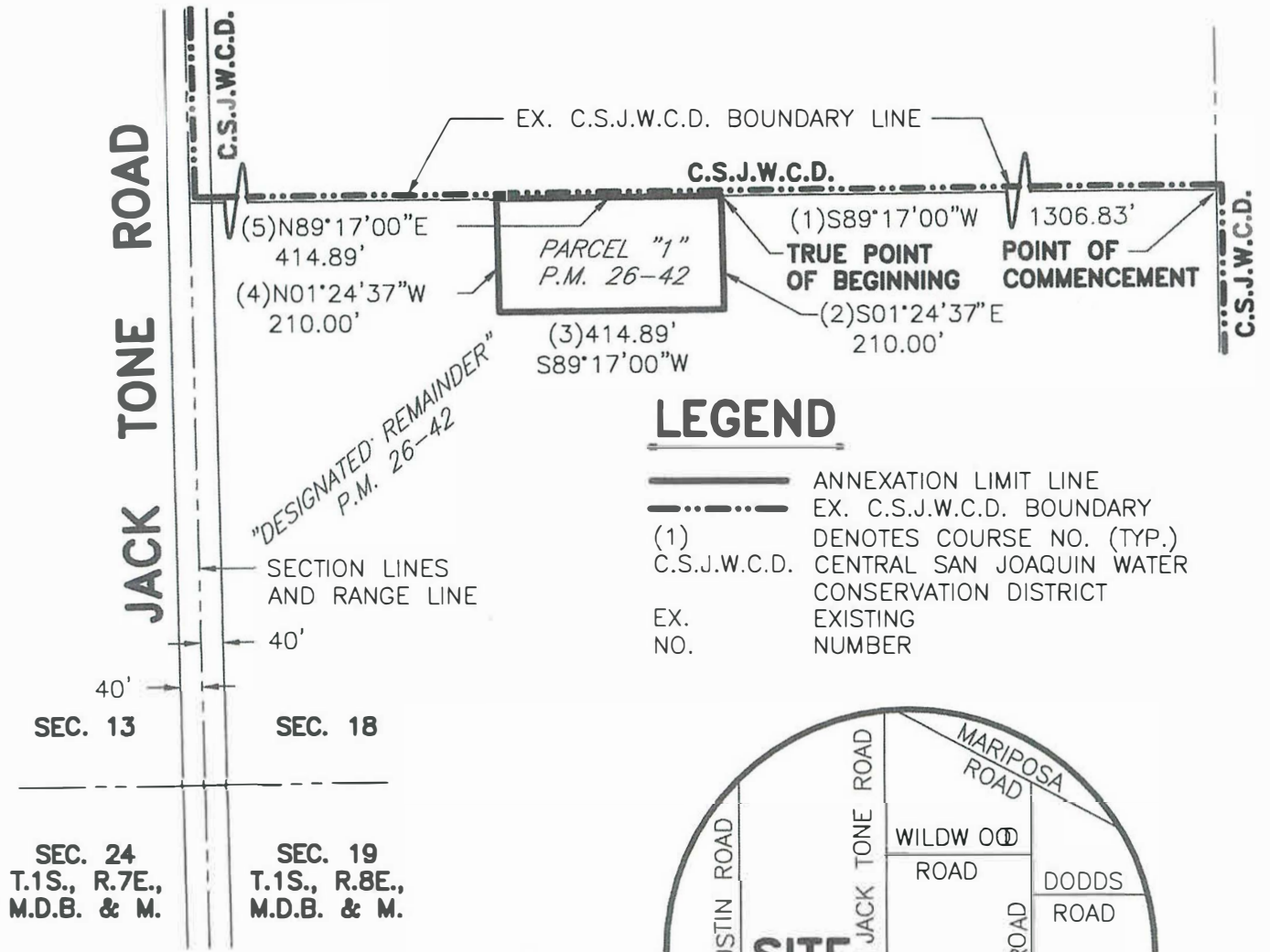
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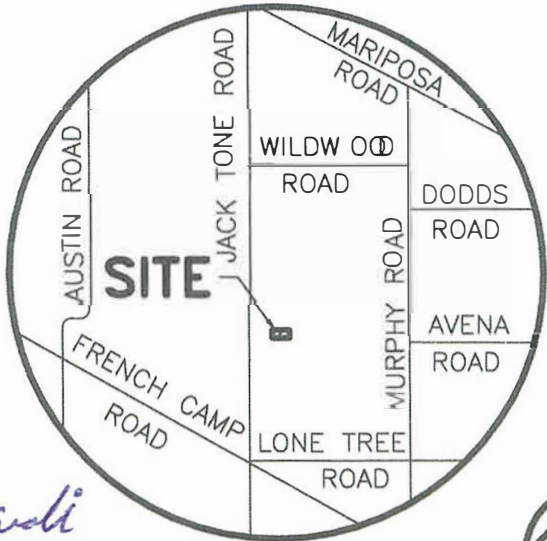
# EXHIBIT PLAT

## OF Van Groningen Annexation To Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District (LAFC 27-24) COUNTY OF SAN JOAQUIN, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



### LEGEND

- ANNEXATION LIMIT LINE
- EX. C.S.J.W.C.D. BOUNDARY
- (1) DENOTES COURSE NO. (TYP.)
- C.S.J.W.C.D. CENTRAL SAN JOAQUIN WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
- EX. EXISTING
- NO. NUMBER



*Michael L. Quartaroli*  
 7.16.2024



SCALE: 1" = 300'



### VICINITY MAP

NO SCALE  
**QUARTAROLI & ASSOCIATES**  
 LAND SURVEYING - LAND PLANNING  
 (209) 239-4908  
 310 SUN WEST PLACE, SUITE "A"  
 MANTECA, CA. 95337

**Notice of Exemption**

To: Office of Planning and Research  
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113  
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk

County of: San Joaquin

44 N. San Joaquin Street

Stockton, CA 95202

From: (Public Agency): South San Joaquin Irrigation District  
11011 E. Highway 120

Manteca, California 95366

(Address)

Project Title: Detachment of Real Property From SSJID Sphere of Influence

Project Applicant: Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District

Project Location - Specific:

13300 S. Jack Tone Road

Project Location - City: Manteca

Project Location - County: San Joaquin

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Detachment of a single two (2) acre residential parcel from the South San Joaquin Irrigation District Sphere of Influence for annexation into Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: South San Joaquin Irrigation District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: San Joaquin LAFCo

Exempt Status: (check one):

Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);

Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));

Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));

Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Change in Organization of Local Agencies, Sec. 15320

Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:

Detachment does not change geographical area in which previously existing local agency powers are exercised.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Mia S. Brown, General Counsel Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (209)481-1548

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.

2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature:  Date: 9/10/2024 Title: General Counsel

▪ Signed by Lead Agency      Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_

Filed Doc #: 39-09182024-310  
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Steve J. Bestolarides  
San Joaquin County Clerk



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife  
**2024 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE  
CASH RECEIPT**  
DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/24) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER:  
39-09182024-310

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

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| COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING<br>SAN JOAQUIN         | DOCUMENT NUMBER<br>39-09182024-310 |                    |

PROJECT TITLE

DETACHMENT OF REAL PROPERTY FROM SSJID SPHERE OF INFLUENCE

|   |                         |                                |
|---|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| PROJECT APPLICANT NAME<br>SOUTH SAN JOAQUIN IRRIGATION DISTRICT | PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL | PHONE NUMBER<br>(209) 481-1548 |
| PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS<br>11011 E HIGHWAY 120                | CITY<br>MANTECA         | STATE<br>CA                    |
|   |                         | ZIP CODE<br>95336              |

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

- Local Public Agency   
  School District   
  Other Special District   
  State Agency   
  Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

- |   |            |          |
|---|------------|----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)  | \$4,051.25 | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)                                   | \$2,916.75 | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW | \$1,377.25 | \$ _____ |

- Exempt from fee  
 Notice of Exemption (attach)  
 CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)  
 Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only) | \$850.00 | \$ _____         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee   |          | \$ _____ \$50.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other  |          | \$ _____         |

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TOTAL RECEIVED \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$50.00

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Rosa Arceo ,Deputy





# San Diego County Local Agency Formation Commission

Regional Service Planning | Subdivision of the State of California

October 22, 2024

**Delivered by Electronic Mail**

René LaRoche, Executive Director  
California Association of LAFCOs  
[rlaroch@calafco.org](mailto:rlaroch@calafco.org)

**SUBJECT: FY26 CALAFCO Dues and Related Concerns**

Dear René:

This letter serves as a courtesy to advise San Diego LAFCO will revisit its membership status with CALAFCO as part of the upcoming 2025-2026 budget process. San Diego remains committed to CALAFCO’s mission “to promote efficient and sustainable government services based on local community values through legislative advocacy and education.” San Diego - however - is respectfully concerned with CALAFCO’s direction and recent decisions that seemingly deprioritize - directly and indirectly - these core mission values. Examples include the unknown scale and influence of outside parties (consultants and attorneys) in CALAFCO decision-making as well as the insulated process leading to the elimination of the Legislative Committee. The deemphasis of the CALAFCO Executive Officer position and the related dismissal of the practitioner perspective in the Board’s decision-making process is equally concerning. It is our understanding the CALAFCO strategic planning retreat in early 2025. We hope the retreat is scheduled (location and time) and noticed to maximize all 58 LAFCOs’ ability to participate - including allowance for video attendance - and the above concerns are discussed in some meaningful way.

Sincerely,

Keene Simonds  
Executive Officer

cc: Commissioners  
Priscilla Mumpower, Assistant Executive Officer  
Steve Lucas, CALAFCO Executive Officer

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November 1, 2024

Rene LaRoche, Executive Director  
California Association of LAFCOs  
**Sent by email to:** [rlaroche@calafco.org](mailto:rlaroche@calafco.org)

**SUBJECT: Review of CALAFCO Membership Status for FY 25/26**

Dear Rene:

This letter serves as a courtesy to inform that Orange County LAFCO will revisit its membership status with CALAFCO in part to our 2025-2026 budget process that begins mid-January 2025 and upcoming workshop and conference participation. As a CALAFCO member for several decades, OC LAFCO acknowledges the importance of CALAFCO's mission, particularly the value the association brings to the membership through legislative advocacy and education. As these areas are central to our Commission's interests and benefits as a member, OC LAFCO is respectfully concerned with the recent decision-making of the Board, along with the perceived organizational direction of CALAFCO. Specific examples of our concern include the lack of transparency and membership engagement involving restructuring of the legislative platform, inconsistent and potentially disadvantageous actions relative to a legislative proposal vetted and approved through the process established by CALAFCO, and the seemingly prioritization of external group interests over LAFCO practitioners. Additionally, and of equal concern for OC LAFCO, are the absence of collaboration amongst the Executive Officers and the CALAFCO Executive Director and the lack of responsiveness from the Executive Director to inquiries from OC LAFCO staff and Board Director McGregor.

It is our hope that CALAFCO receives the concerns expressed herein with deliberate attention, and we further encourage the Board to have a meaningful discussion of these concerns at your next regular board meeting, followed by actions to address the current state of affairs.

Sincerely,



Carolyn Emery  
Executive Officer

cc: Commissioners  
CALAFCO Southern Region Board Members  
Steve Lucas, CALAFCO Executive Officer