



PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 5, 2026

The San Joaquin County Planning Commission met in regular session on February 5, 2026 at 6 p.m., in the San Joaquin County Administration Building, 44 N. San Joaquin St., #640 (Board of Supervisors Chambers), Stockton, California.

The meeting was called to order by Donald Ruhstaller, Chair.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was given.

Roll Call:

(present)

Commissioners

Donald Ruhstaller, Chair
Chris Meehleis, Vice-Chair
Gloryanna Rhodes
Robert Tuitavuki
Jass Sangha

County Staff

Kirin Virk, County Counsel

Shayan Rehman, Department of Public Works

Steven Shih, Environmental Health Department

Community Development Department Staff

Corinne King, Deputy Director of Planning
Megan Aguirre, Principal Planner
Giuseppe Sanfilippo, Senior Planner
Alisa Goulart, Associate Planner
Toby Morelli, Administrative Assistant
Sean Cardenas, Office Assistant Specialist

(absent)

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

1. Minutes from 02-06-25, 07-17-25, 11-06-25, 11-20-25.

MOTION:

It was moved, seconded (Rhodes / Meehleis), and passed by a vote (5-0) to:

1. Approve and accept the minutes.

VOTE:

AYES: Robert Tuitavuki, Chris Meehleis, Donald Ruhstaller, Jass Sangha, Gloryanna Rhodes

NOES:

ABSENT:

ACTION ON REQUESTS FOR CONTINUANCES OR WITHDRAWALS:

San Joaquin County Office of Education (SJCOE) staff requested continuance of Item #2 to the March 5th, 2026, Planning Commission hearing.

The Planning Commission chose to hear from representatives from both the Manteca Sportsmen Inc. and the SJCOE regarding the continuance request.

John Swan, President of the Manteca Sportsmen Club, spoke against the continuance request and discussed the history of the project. He stated that previous continuance requests had been granted to the Sheriff's Office so that they could review the design and materials for the baffles that they put in place. He indicated that they have made changes as requested. He felt that the continuance request this time was just a repeat of the same request.

Anthony Flores, representing SJCOE, stressed the need for the continuance so that SJCOE could have their own ballistics expert review the plans from the Manteca Sportsmen Club. He indicated SJCOE wants to ensure that the bullets stay on the Manteca Sportsmen Club's property for the safety of the students, their families, and staff members at the Durhan Ferry site. Mr. Flores reiterated the need to have their own expert review the plans for reassurance.

Commissioner Ruhstaller asked whether SJCOE had an expert already and if it was possible to get their ballistics expert's review within a month's time.

Anthony Flores, representing SJCOE, stated that they needed time to properly process the Purchase Order to hire their expert, who would be travelling from Arizona to assist them. He indicated that they anticipate getting the report from their expert prior to the March 5th Planning Commission date.

Commissioner Sangha asked whether the school was built first or the Manteca Sportsmen Club.

Anthony Flores, representing SJCOE, stated that he thinks the gun range was there before the school, but that the SJCOE site was already a State park.

Commissioner Sangha then followed up by asking why a school would be built with the knowledge of a gun range being nearby.

Anthony Flores, representing SJCOE, indicated that he started with SJCOE within the past year and wasn't sure what the process had been when the school was built.

Jane Chamberlain, representing SJCOE, stated that SJCOE was aware of the gun range before the school was built and that the two entities had been co-existing quite well for many years. She stated that the issue started in 2020 with a change in type of gun being used at the Manteca Sportsmen Club which led to bullets going over the levy and coming onto the campus of the school. She stated that this is what caused the need for the corrections and that this process started 4 years ago. She stated that their office was responding to the corrections that they were notified of 10 days prior to this meeting.

Commissioner Sangha asked if they would be able to get the report done in time and if they couldn't, would SJCOE ask for another continuance.

Jane Chamberlain, representing SJCOE, said that SJCOE would make sure the report was done in time and SJCOE did not intend to ask for another continuance.

Commissioner Rhodes discussed the issue of allowing the club to continue their rifle range activities while acknowledging the safety concerns that had personally impacted her family's schooling decision for her granddaughter. She stressed that if a bullet from the gun range caused harm, the fallout would financially and legally impact the gun range. Commissioner Rhodes emphasized the importance of safety and argued that the gun range would be safer overall due to the additional review by another expert. She stated that it

would be to the benefit of all to have as many people review the plans as needed.

Commissioner Meehleis asked if the Manteca Sportsmen Club would need to get a ballistics expert report as well.

John Swan, President of the Manteca Sportsmen Club, stated that their proposed plans had already been evaluated by a ballistics expert. Additionally, the Sheriff's Office had brought out their own sniper team to make sure that the proposed deflectors would stop all bullets from leaving the property. Mr. Swan then noted that the gun range was established in 1947 and that they had been there for years with no incidents to report. He called into question the instance that had prompted the shutting down of the rifle range, citing a lack of proof that the club was responsible. Mr. Swan brought up the multiple calls the club had made to the Sheriff's Office about additional gunfire happening off their property at off hours. Additionally, he spoke about a residence with a makeshift gun range located less than 300 yards from the educational facility that was in direct line to the facility. He then asked if the Planning Commission wanted to hear from the Manteca Sportsmen Club's ballistics expert, who was present in the audience.

Commissioner Ruhstaller declined, stating that the Planning Commission already had staff's recommendation, and that it was unusual to go into such depth about a project when it was being pulled for a continuance. He then indicated that he would entertain a motion to continue the item to March 5th.

A member of the audience asked to speak.

Commissioner Ruhstaller stated that he didn't think this was the appropriate time to discuss the project, other than the continuance request, and deferred to County Counsel for confirmation.

Kirin Virk, County Counsel, affirmed that this is not a public comment period, it was just an opportunity to comment on the continuance request. She asked if the audience member had comments on the continuance request.

The audience member confirmed that they did not have comments on the continuance request.

MOTION:

It was moved, seconded (Rhodes / Tuitavuki), and passed by a vote (4-1) to:

1. Continue Item # 2 to the March 5th, 2026, Planning Commission hearing.

VOTE:

AYES: Gloryanna Rhodes, Robert Tuitavuki, Donald Ruhstaller, Chris Meehleis

NOES: Jass Sangha

ABSENT:

ACTION ITEMS:

1. **CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. PA-2500121 OF CONFUCIUS CHURCH OF STOCKTON (C/O WONG ENGINEERS INC)** A Conditional Use Permit application to expand an existing 5.93-acre cemetery onto the adjacent 3.9-acre parcel to allow for additional gravesites. An additional 28 parking spaces and a 147-square-foot restroom are also proposed. The expansion area will be accessed from the existing driveway on Manthey Road and two new driveways on the existing private road, South Grove Tree Road, that runs along the western property line. The project will be served by private on-site services for water, sewer, and stormwater drainage. (Use Type: Funeral/Internment Services – Cemetery) The project site is on the south side of W. Mathews Road, 600 feet west of S. Manthey Road, French Camp. (Supervisorial District: 3)

Environmental Determination: This project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15304. A Notice of Exemption will be filed if the project is approved.

NON-CONTESTED

MOTION:

It was moved, seconded (Sangha / Rhodes), and passed by a vote (5-0) to:

1. Approve action item #1 on non-contested agenda, with the recommendations in their respective Staff Report.

VOTE:

AYES: Chris Meehleis, Jass Sangha, Gloryanna Rhodes, Robert Tuitavuki, Donald Ruhstaller

NOES:

ABSENT:

2. CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT MODIFICATION NO. PA-2200053 OF MANTECA SPORTSMEN, INC. (C/O SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY CDD) This project is a Modification to Use Permit No. UP-3009 that established the Manteca Sportsmen Club to add two Conditions of Approval to ensure that the gun range and related activities do not pose a danger to attendees and the public. These conditions include:

- A requirement for the installation of safety canopies to prevent projectiles from going over the levee at each rifle range shooting bench.

- A requirement for a certified range master to be on site during all hours of operation.

The project site is located on the north side of South Airport Way, 0.5 miles east of Kasson Rd., Manteca. (Supervisorial District: 5)

Environmental Determination: This project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15321 Class 21. A Notice of Exemption will be filed if the project is approved.

THIS ITEM IS CONTINUED TO THE MARCH 5TH, 2026, PLANNING COMMISSION HEARING

The meeting adjourned at 6:19 P.M.

Donald Ruhstaller, Chair

Corinne King, Secretary