



# 2025-2026 *(Mid-Session Update)* State Legislative Platform



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# San Joaquin County

## 2025-2026 State Legislative Platform

Established in 1850 as one of California's original 27 counties, San Joaquin County is composed of 28 departments and agencies that provide a full range of services to more than 800,000 residents. Encompassing an area of 1,426 square miles, including 35 square miles of water and waterways, with eight cities – Escalon, Lathrop, Lodi, Manteca, Mountain House, Ripon, Stockton, and Tracy – San Joaquin County has a long history of providing responsive public service and innovative programs while operating under sound fiscal principles. Working together, an elected Board of Supervisors and County staff strive to represent, support, and protect the individuals, families, businesses, and natural resources that make the County a great place to live, work, and play.

San Joaquin County is the 14th largest county in California by population. The 2023 median income was \$88,531 and the current median property value is \$550,000.

The County's primary economic industry is agriculture, which grossed more than \$3.2 billion in total production value and \$4 billion in agriculture-adjacent industries, for a total of \$7.8 billion in total agricultural economic output, according to the [2023 Crop Report](#).

### Strategic Priority Issues

To maximize the greatest outcomes for San Joaquin County residents, businesses, industries, and visitors, the Board adopted the following strategic priorities through fiscal year 2028. For a link to their adopted strategic priorities through June 30, 2025, [click here](#).

These issues guide County staff and the County's State legislative advocates, for concentrated legislative focus during the 2025-2026 State Legislative Session. The Board approved strategic priority areas are:

#### 1. Maintain Fiscal Responsibility and Promote Organizational Innovation

- a. Establish and report on measurable outcomes for current, new, and expanding programs
- b. Foster internal and external collaboration to provide better community outcomes
- c. Utilize technology that improves public access to services and information
- d. Implement a workforce plan that focuses on customer service, retention, and recruitment/hiring
- e. Engage in effective legislative advocacy

#### 2. Public Safety / Quality of Life

- a. Address quality-of-life issues through early intervention, education, and blight remediation; focusing on public safety and health
- b. Enhance all aspects of the County's public safety system
- c. Reduce illegal dumping
- d. Reduce response times for emergency services

#### 3. Support a Healthy Community

- a. Support investments in health care infrastructure and services that enhance access to physical and behavioral health care, and improve health outcomes
- b. Support investments in recreational infrastructure and programs to improve well-being for the community at large
- c. Support systems that prioritize a wrap-around approach to service delivery
- d. Support preventative approaches that promote healthy lifestyles and optimal health

#### 4. Reduce Unsheltered Homelessness

- a. Maximize utilization of supervised publicly- or privately-operated shelters designed to provide temporary living arrangements
- b. Safe camping
- c. Increase permanent supportive housing
- d. Foster County/City/State coordination and participation
- e. Enhance partnerships with non-profits, faith-based organizations, and businesses that align with the Board's goals

#### 5. Water Management

- a. Enhance water quality
- b. Reduce flood risk
- c. Improve water storage/sustainability
- d. Protect the Delta and ecosystem

#### 6. Economic Development

- a. Protect and promote agriculture
- b. Expand business development
- c. Expand infrastructure / reduce traffic congestion
- d. Prepare the workforce for local job demands
- e. Incentivize public/private partnerships

The Board of Supervisors' State Legislative priorities are as follows (*listed alphabetically by policy area*).

## Agriculture and Natural Resources

1. Support legislation and budgetary proposals that detect and eradicate invasive pests.
2. Support legislation and budgetary proposals that ensure the sustainability of agricultural businesses.
3. Support legislation or budgetary proposals which would provide funding assistance to local governments for renewable energy projects.
4. Support legislation and budgetary proposals that support and strengthen local control on air-quality and environmental issues related to the agricultural industry.

## General Government

5. Continue to monitor legislation, budgetary proposals, administrative, and regulatory action which impacts County government, while advocating for maximum local control and flexibility in the allocation of resources, the administration of County programs, and delivery of community services.
6. Closely monitor legislative and administrative proposals, including a continued shift in the realignment of the State local relationship, while advocating for adequate levels of ongoing funding to meet existing State mandates, as well as new responsibilities.
7. Seek to ensure that any additional realignment of County and State services protects the County from unknown or unforeseen financial, administrative, or risk liabilities.
8. Oppose any reductions to the current level of State funding for County programs.

9. Aggressively oppose attempts by the Legislature and/or Executive Branch to shift costs from the State to the County for mandated and/or non-mandated programs or attempts to restrict revenue sources or impose costly program changes without adequate funding.
10. Oppose attempts by the Legislature, Executive Branch, Commissions, or regulatory bodies such as the California Air Resources Board (CARB) and California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), to propose unreasonable impacts on the County, citizens, or businesses.
11. Support legislation and initiatives that promote and protect affordability, including but not limited to the cost of housing, utilities, groceries, gas, and health care.
12. Oppose further attempts by the Legislature to propose that utility ratepayers pay for costs associated with fires.
13. Monitor the implementation of Restrictive Covenant Modification Plans per Assembly Bill (AB) 1466, 2021 for compliance with current law and funding mechanisms specific to cost recovery related to the offices of Assessor-Recorder-County Clerks.
14. Advocate for continued state investment in programs to assist County Assessors in performing property assessments through technology investments.
15. Encourage the State to replenish subventions to counties who are impacted by lower tax receipts because of the Williamson Act.
16. Strongly oppose the transfer of County property tax dollars to any other entity.
17. Continue to oppose State and Federal fiscal sanctions against counties for failure to comply with State and/ or Federal laws when the errors are beyond the County's control.
18. Strongly oppose legislation which would reduce management rights as defined in the San Joaquin County Employer-Employee Relations Policy.
19. Oppose legislation which would result in rollbacks to Workers' Compensation Reform enacted by Senate Bill (SB) 899 (2004), and/or would expand current leave entitlements for employees beyond existing benefits.
20. Support legislation which would allow counties to recover State-set fees that reflect the actual cost of providing service, similar to SB 676 (2009), which authorized the adjustment of statutory limits that counties, cities, or court services can charge for specified services.
21. Support departmental pursuit of additional funding opportunities associated with the State Budget process and respond as timely and effectively as possible to legislative issues both by Board of Supervisors' action and, if time constraints exist, by the affected department head(s) with the concurrence of the County Administrator. If consideration by the Board of Supervisors is not feasible, the County Administrator will notify the Board.
22. Maintain close relationships with San Joaquin County's legislative delegation to foster greater advocacy and understanding of the County's issues.
23. Advocate for State organizational structures to maximize leadership and support for County services and programs.
24. Support legislation or regulatory changes that would give greater flexibility for the County to implement pension reform based upon sustainability and affordability of the plan's fiscal health.
25. Continue to monitor collaborative proposals for multi-agency participation to protect the fiscal and programmatic interests of San Joaquin County.

26. Support cost-effective, State-funded efforts to provide for the health and safety of public employees in the administration of their duties.
27. Seek and advocate in support of budget proposals to reimburse counties for any and all State-mandated elections, including costs for mail ballots and special elections called by the Governor.
28. Monitor all proposed State ballot initiatives for impact on County operations, but as a general policy, the County does not take positions on ballot initiatives.
29. Support legislation, regulatory changes, and/or administrative efforts that remove conditional voter registration, also known as same day voter registration, from California Election Law.
30. Support legislation, regulatory changes, and/or administrative efforts that require a voter to provide identification when casting ballots in person.
31. Advocate in support of State funding for the development of information technology infrastructure.
32. Support legislation or regulatory action which provide access to locally derived data required to be stored in State-maintained databases, and which promotes local input into the development and maintenance of these database systems.
33. Oppose legislation and/or administrative proposals that would unreasonably limit the County's discretion in reviewing, imposing conditions and mitigations upon, and permitting private telecommunications and other equipment within the public right-of-way or on private property including but not limited to proposals that preclude aesthetic and/or other environmental considerations that eliminate the ability to require public benefits in exchange for use of public infrastructure or impose unreasonable review timelines, and circumvent conventional local agency review and public input processes.
34. Seek, advocate, and support legislative action that supports and/or funds innovation and integration of new and emerging technologies for the purposes of improving mobility and/or safety through engineering, public education, and/or enforcement.
35. Seek, advocate, and support legislation for California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and/or reforms that streamline the environmental compliance processes. Support legislative and administrative proposals to streamline regulatory permitting processes.
36. Support legislation and administrative action that ensures continuity of health care access for residents of San Joaquin County. Oppose legislation that could result in health care access being diminished or unavailable as a result of ongoing bargaining between County administration and direct providers.
37. Oppose legislation or regulatory actions that impose new mandates or additional mandates to existing programs without adequate and ongoing funding sources or mechanisms for adequate enforcement processes.
38. Support Legislative funding assistance to local governments to retrofit existing facilities to reduce energy consumption with the implementation of SB 100 and Executive Order B-55-18 to achieve carbon neutrality by 2045 and oppose unfunded State-mandates on local government and programs to meet this goal
39. Support legislative and/or administrative proposals to streamline grant application and administration processes for Public Works projects and initiatives.
40. Support legislative reforms to Public Contract Code section 10140 to permit electronic publication of bid notices in lieu of mandatory newspaper publication, including the use of agency websites and electronic procurement portals.

41. Oppose legislation or administrative proposals that establish unreasonable implementation timelines on local agencies.
42. Support legislation and/or proposals to mitigate the effects of joint and several liability upon public entities by limiting damages assigned to any party to their proportional share of liability.
43. Support legislative and administrative efforts that would require an economic evaluation that yields a favorable cost-benefit analysis before new regulations are implemented.
44. Support legislation or regulatory action which promotes the recruitment and retention of hard to recruit classifications, including environmental health workers, engineers, mental health clinicians, law enforcement personnel and nurses.

## Health and Human Services

45. Oppose any efforts to diminish Proposition 10 (First 5) or to impose restrictions on local expenditure of the funds. Oppose efforts to lower or eliminate the State's fiscal support for County programs, with the expectation the State will backfill the loss of Proposition 10 revenues.
46. Advocate for maximum local control and flexibility in the administrative responsibilities for health care services for which San Joaquin County has been transferred authority.
47. Support simplification of regulations, contract requirements, and reimbursement claim mechanisms to ensure flexibility and maximum financial support for the local health care delivery systems.
48. Aggressively oppose reductions in Medi-Cal and other health care funding which would result in decreased access to health care and/or would shift costs or risk to the County. Ensure State programs protect the County from unknown or unforeseen financial, administrative, or risk liabilities.
49. Oppose legislative, administrative, and realignment and/or regulatory efforts that would impose unfunded mandates or regulations impeding the efficient and effective delivery of health care services at the local level, including health facility standards.
50. Advocate for the protection of County safety-net functions and facilities in the changing market under State and Federal health care reform.
51. Advocate for the Legislature and State administration to consider potential impacts of health care legislation, regulations, and/or guidelines to the local health care delivery systems, economy, resources, and job market prior to adoption.
52. Advocate for health care and public health funding formulas that equitably reflect San Joaquin County's demographics, health burdens, and support of the County safety-net.
53. Advocate in support of policies that promote healthy eating and increase access to opportunities for physical activity.
54. Support legislative and budgetary proposals for local health department programs which would **A)** address prevention of chronic health conditions; **B)** fund injury and violence prevention; **C)** support and enhance local disease control and prevention; **D)** provide a sustainable disease control and outbreak response infrastructure that would include epidemiology, surveillance, investigation, and response; **E)** support public health infrastructure development to enable national accreditation; and **F)** support emergency, bioterrorism, and pandemic influenza preparedness, response, and infrastructure development to address public health threats and emergencies.

55. Support budgetary appropriations to local public health department programs for the control of communicable diseases, including tuberculosis, and advocate that Medi-Cal funding for tuberculosis be exempt from State funding reductions.
56. Advocate in support of funding for health care information technology infrastructure to enhance the quality of patient safety, the reporting of diseases to Public Health, and the delivery of health care services.
57. Advocate for health system integration efforts to ensure safe, secure, and appropriate data sharing, seamless care delivery, and enhanced outcomes.
58. Advocate for policies that reduce health inequities within San Joaquin County communities and address social determinants of health that focus on environmental and social-economic factors that impact personal and public health. These include housing, education, workforce development, family-sustaining wage jobs, transportation, safe neighborhoods, food access, and places for daily physical activity.
59. Ensure full implementation of mental health parity, which requires health plans to cover and authorize mental health and substance use disorder treatments on par with physical health services.
60. Support the authority of the County to determine appropriate assessments, treatment and placement of psychiatric patients, including treatment in emergency rooms.
61. Oppose legislation or regulations seeking to alter the transportation, destination, or medical screenings for psychiatric patients which will unduly burden the limited number of psychiatric beds available in the community.
62. Support the Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System to address substance use disorders; ensure that counties have the ability to effectively manage the delivery system to provide accessible, effective treatment services and the authority to provide the oversight required to ensure high-quality, cost-effective services through such tools as selective contracting.
63. Support legislation or regulations which would serve to sustain or improve reimbursement for Local Initiative Health Plans participating in the State's health care programs and ensure they continue to support the County safety-net health system.
64. Support the County's established Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) Look-Alike clinics by ensuring appropriate and equitable treatment of County affiliated FQHCs regarding payments, cost-based services, reporting, and operational requirements.
65. Support efforts that promote integration of primary care and behavioral health and allow for appropriate payment for such services or visits.
66. Support health care reform that does not jeopardize the current health care delivery infrastructure and its financial underpinnings at the County level; urge careful deliberation to ensure that all County residents have access to affordable and meaningful health care.
67. Oppose legislative or administrative efforts to place new requirements on local public health departments to regulate recreational day camps.
68. Support legislation or other administrative proposals to support and maintain the appropriate labor workforce to operate the San Joaquin General Hospital during times of emergencies including, but not limited to, a public health emergency, pandemic, and other natural disasters or terrorist events.
69. Support legislation or other administrative efforts towards quality improvement, medical control, and system integration of local emergency medical services agencies.

70. Advocate for application-based funding for all benefit programs. Active caseloads are currently the primary mechanism for funding distribution, yet staff time is not reimbursed for application assistance if the social services are denied.
71. Increase realignment funding to offset unfunded mandates caused by SB 43, which resulted in the County having to provide a significantly increased number of client placements into locked placements that was caused in part by implementing mobile crisis services.
72. Support legislation, regulatory changes, and/or administrative efforts that would provide funding to San Joaquin County to address the serious issue of homelessness. This includes funding that would improve the quality of data collection and sharing, provide rental assistance and job readiness programs, transitional housing, permanent supportive housing, substance use disorder treatment and health services, and would encourage and improve collaboration between the County, cities, agencies, and the private sector to reduce and eliminate the permanent housing crisis that plagues many Central Valley counties, including San Joaquin County.

## Housing, Community and Economic Development, and Workforce Investment

73. Support maximum State and Federal funding participation directly to local agencies for various infrastructure projects critical to the economic vitality of San Joaquin County.
74. Support proposals which would provide the tools needed by San Joaquin County to attract economic development and create jobs in the County.
75. Monitor legislation which would impact land use, building standards, and housing requirements.
76. Seek, advocate, and support State funding for economic development financial incentive programs.
77. Seek and support legislation, budgetary proposals, and regulatory and/or administrative action that would further the development and enhancement of the Innovation Hub (iHub) San Joaquin program.
78. Seek and advocate in support of State incentives, including regulatory, administrative, and legislative proposals, and pursue legislation to accelerate economic development in San Joaquin County.
79. Support legislation that would incentivize participation in high school workforce development and apprenticeship programs by the private sector.
80. Support legislation that would incentivize the hiring of unemployed job seekers from high-risk populations, including those experiencing homelessness, the reentry population, long-term unemployed like welfare recipients, individuals with disabilities, and economically disadvantaged youth with employment barriers.
81. Support legislation that streamlines the implementation of AB 1486, the Surplus Land Act (2019), and allows for the use of unused public land (surplus land) to be used for affordable housing development.
82. Oppose legislative or other administrative amendments to AB 1486, the Surplus Land Act, that delay or impedes the classification of land identified as a public lease site from being declared as surplus land.

## Public Safety, Emergency Preparedness and Resilience

83. Advocate for the enforcement of minimum facility standards be dependent upon State financial assistance.
84. Support legislative and administrative funding opportunities which provide ongoing resources and funding streams to sustain the Family Justice Center.
85. Advocate for legislative and administrative funding to expand opportunities for restorative justice programs.
86. Support legislative and administrative funding opportunities which develop programming opportunities to combat human trafficking and the commercial exploitation of children.
87. Advocate for the development of programs which support the coordination of response efforts to events involving mass casualties and other critical incidents amongst local, State, and Federal services and programs.
88. Support legislation and administrative efforts that would provide funding to counties, in partnership with the Department of Justice, to dismiss and seal past convictions in a timely manner.
89. Support legislation and administrative efforts that provide funding to implement changes to officer-involved critical incidents by creating community-based partnerships with law enforcement.
90. Support legislative or regulatory efforts that encourage the State to work with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to remove regulatory and/or other administrative rules which currently impede local, State, and Federal agencies in responding to levee issues and that expedite reimbursement.
91. Advocate in support of coordination of State and local efforts to complete specific planning for responding to Delta levee issues and/or failure for enhanced Regional Flood Contingency Planning.
92. Support efforts to provide access to affordable flood insurance for property and business owners in the County, including agriculture and legacy communities located in the floodplain.
93. Support efforts that ensure prompt emergency action is taken to prevent and mitigate levee failure in the San Joaquin Delta.
94. Oppose legislation that would reduce emergency funding for the quick repair of failed levees in San Joaquin County.
95. Support measures that enable the County to better exercise its responsibility to plan for, respond to, and receive reimbursement and property tax relief for emergencies and disasters.
96. Support legislation and regulations that maximize San Joaquin County's ability to effectively mitigate, prepare for, respond to, and recover from natural and human-caused disasters and public health emergencies.
97. Support full and flexible funding for ongoing emergency preparedness and all-hazard planning.
98. Maximize flexibility of emergency management so that services can best target individual community needs, hazards, threats, and capacities.
99. Advocate for improved coordination between State and local Offices of Emergency Services and State and local departments with health and safety-related responsibilities, specifically among the California Health and Human Services Agency, Department of Health Care Services, and the Emergency Medical Services Authority, with the County Offices of Emergency Services, Public Health Services, and Human Services Agency.

100. Advocate for grant funding to allow for full funding of personnel to carry out emergency management programs.
101. Support full and flexible funding for emergency communication system interoperability between all local government agencies and the State of California.
102. Advocate for broad County access to technologies that offer effective and wide-ranging communications capabilities to alert the public in emergency situations.
103. Seek, advocate, and support legislation, administrative and/or budgetary proposals which would require coordinated planning and/or funding levels for comprehensive levee improvements to existing flood protection/levee systems (project and non-project levees) to achieve enhanced flood protection and/or ensure that San Joaquin County communities maintain or establish 100-year flood protection.
104. Aggressively oppose legislative efforts to shift State and Federal liabilities and obligations to local land use and levee maintenance agencies. While it is necessary for local agencies to act responsibly when approving development in and near existing floodplains, it is inappropriate to subject local agencies, which approve development in a manner consistent with existing law, to assume liability for flood damage due to conditions over which the agencies have no control.
105. Support legislation or regulatory changes which would mandate coordination between State and Federal agencies relative to flood protection and floodplain management regulations including obligations to repair and rehabilitate project levees and channels within the State Plan of Flood Control.
106. Support legislative, regulatory, and administrative proposals that would improve coordination between Federal and State levee inspection programs to eliminate redundancies and accelerate correction of problems by requiring: A) State and local inspections, B) consistent single inspection criteria, C) coordination of activities to secure necessary permits, and D) a reasonable amount of time to complete the desired correction work.
107. Oppose legislation or regulatory efforts which would impose arbitrary increases in flood protection standards without sufficient feasibility studies, including evaluating financial impacts and availability of potential funding sources for local implementation.
108. Oppose legislation or regulatory efforts which would result in a duplication of efforts between local floodplain administrators and the Central Valley Flood Protection Board regarding the evaluation of local development projects.
109. Support legislative, regulatory, and budgetary efforts to provide additional surface water storage projects that would provide improved flood control, water supply, and environmental conditions.
110. Oppose arbitrary imposition of enhanced flood protection standards which apply only to the Delta and/or the Central Valley and are inconsistent with other Statewide standards.
111. Support legislative, administrative, or regulatory efforts which would provide required funding and streamline the permit process for the removal of silt from rivers, flood control channels, and Delta waterways.
112. Support legislation that provides reasonable extensions for making progress toward providing 200-year flood protection pursuant to SB 5 (2007).
113. Support legislative, administrative, and/or regulatory efforts that would provide required funding for local levee maintenance activities and relief from environmental restrictions for maintenance activities.

114. Support legislative, administrative, regulatory efforts that would provide required funding for studies or projects to establish 200-year flood protection for the Mossdale Tract area.
115. Support legislative, administrative, regulatory efforts that provide resources for flood hazard mitigation, including repair and restoration of levees and channels after flood events.
116. Support legislative, administrative, and regulatory efforts that advance practical reforms to National Flood Insurance Program programs that equitably maintain or enhance affordability of flood insurance premiums.
117. Support additional State and/or Federal funding for floodplain mapping and remapping projects.
118. Support legislative, administrative, regulatory efforts and/or projects that improve levees and waterways for protection of communities, water supplies, agriculture, and/or local businesses.

## Resource Management, Environmental Health, and Sustainability

119. Oppose legislation or regulatory action which would weaken existing or future San Joaquin County ordinances relating to the local regulation of bio-solids as a soil amendment or fertilizer.
120. Oppose legislation or regulatory action related to land application of organic materials unless the health and safety of the public and the environment are protected.
121. Oppose legislation which does not adequately provide for the protection of public health and safety, especially relating to food production, storage, delivery, and minimum food housing standards in restaurants and home kitchens.
122. Support legislative, administrative, and/or budgetary proposals that provide resources for and/or facilitate management or eradication of invasive plant, animal, and insect species.
123. Oppose legislation or changes to current regulations that would allow the processing of radioactive and semi-hazardous wastes at Class III landfills.
124. Advocate and support legislation, administrative, and regulatory proposals that would provide for the development and implementation of waste diversion, alternative disposal technology, and recycling programs, including recycling market development that provides local benefits.
125. Support legislation that would provide incentives for developing “landfill gas to energy” and “waste to energy” technologies and streamline related permitting processes.
126. Oppose legislation that would impose new solid waste disposal requirements on local government unless the funding mechanisms needed for implementation are provided.
127. Support legislation that would require State and Federal facility compliance with State-imposed waste diversion mandates or provide local jurisdiction relief from diversion mandates for waste over which they have no control.
128. Oppose legislation that would increase State disposal fee surcharges on local landfills.
129. Oppose legislation that would ban landfill disposal of new categories of products, unless an alternative disposal plan, related programs, and infrastructure are in place (“ban without a plan”).
130. Support legislation that would require incorporation of waste diversion principles and the enhanced use of green technologies into sustainable plans for balanced community growth.
131. Support legislation and/or new regulations that would promote the development of cost-effective programs to increase the use of rubberized asphalt.

132. Oppose legislation and/or regulatory changes that would increase post-closure requirements for landfills.

## Transportation & Infrastructure

133. Support legislation or budgetary proposals which would provide funding assistance to local governments for electric vehicle charging infrastructure.
134. Seek, advocate, and support legislative action that would serve to ensure a stable source of transportation funding to counties; protect and secure local transportation funds from being eliminated, delayed, or diverted away from counties; provide flexibility in administering local transportation programs and services; and increase funding for local transportation projects.
135. Continue to advocate that California receive its fair share of contributions from the Federal Highway Trust Fund.
136. Advocate for cities and counties to share equitably in the growth of Federal revenues available to California for the network of local roads which are experiencing increased traffic and functioning as secondary highways.
137. Continue to support legislation and/or budgetary proposals that would provide dedicated funding to address local transportation needs, including road and bridge maintenance projects, safety projects, and bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure improvements.

## Water and the Delta

138. Support legislative efforts which provide tools and resources to enhance the County's efforts to manage and maintain the availability and quality of water.
139. Support legislative and/or regulatory efforts related to Proposition 218 requirements that enhance the ability to raise adequate service charge revenue for essential health and safety services and fund water and sanitary sewer services through Community Facilities Districts.
140. Support legislation, regulatory reform, funding, and/or budgetary proposals that would address groundwater overdraft, water quality, and water supply issues in San Joaquin County.
141. Support legislation and/or regulatory reform that would serve to restore the San Joaquin River in-stream flows to the Delta in accordance with adopted County resolutions and water resources planning documents.
142. Advocate for and support legislation or regulatory efforts that would establish groundwater recharge and storage as a beneficial use of water for the use of surface water to recharge critically over-drafted groundwater basins, and/or streamline State regulatory permitting processes for aquifer storage and recovery.
143. Advocate for and support State policies and planning proposals that would provide resources for comprehensive flood risk reductions efforts, including the development of additional surface water storage facilities as defined under adopted Integrated Regional Water Management Plans or Groundwater Sustainability Plans.

144. Support legislation and budgetary proposals that would provide new water supplies in the State to be developed through greater conservation, recycling, conjunctive use of ground and surface water, desalination of brackish and ocean waters, additional local surface water and groundwater storage facilities, water reclamation, and improved management of flood waters.
145. Support legislation that would provide for local and regional water resource management activities to develop projects for improved conjunctive use, recharge capability, groundwater storage and use, and local storm water management plans.
146. Seek and support legislation that would facilitate prevention of and recovery from flood, seismic, and other potential emergencies in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta levee system.
147. Support State and Federal programs that assist water customers in disadvantaged communities, ensuring these populations are not denied essential services.
148. Support legislation or regulatory reform that would remove the requirement for Storm Water Resource Plans to be in place for projects that propose to recharge groundwater.
149. Support legislation that would prevent the State Water Resources Control Board from canceling filed water rights applications where they are held by a public agency and where the water is planned for beneficial use consistent with the adopted Urban Water Management Plan and/or an adopted Groundwater Sustainability Plan where water is needed to achieve sustainability.
150. Support Delta-related activities that adhere to water rights priorities, and area-of-origin protections. Oppose proposals to burden general taxpayers and/or others who do not directly benefit from the cost of water supply projects and/or water project mitigation efforts.
151. Seek comprehensive legislative and administrative support to address Delta-related problems, including devoting State financial resources for transportation, flood control infrastructure and emergency response in the Delta. Ensure plans that affect the Delta are defined, interpreted, and implemented in a manner that avoids conflict with San Joaquin County land use authority, economic development, and agricultural and recreational opportunities.
152. Support legislative and administrative efforts that provide funding and other means of support for projects that perpetuate the long-term sustainability of the Delta and for the Delta Counties Coalition and other coalitions, processes, and groups that further the co-equal goals of improving Statewide water supply reliability while restoring and/or preserving the Delta ecosystem.
153. Support legislative and administrative efforts that provide State or Federal funding for projects consistent with adopted County legislative platforms and do not advance the single-tunnel Delta conveyance project or other isolated Delta conveyance proposals.
154. Oppose legislative, regulatory, and administrative efforts, including plans, projects, and infrastructure proposals, that would negatively impact San Joaquin County's communities, agricultural economy, and/or the Delta.
155. Ensure that water conveyance facilities routed through San Joaquin County have no adverse effect on existing and future agricultural operations and that adverse effects of such facilities are fully mitigated.
156. Oppose legislative and administrative proposals related to the Delta that would compromise the County's governmental prerogatives in the areas of local land use authority, tax and related revenues, public health and safety, economic development, and agricultural stability or through which a non-elected board or commission would usurp or limit the County's ability to govern.

## Other Agencies Legislative Priorities

- 1. Delta Counties Coalition**  
Support the aligned principles developed collectively by the Delta Counties Coalition.
- 2. San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission**  
Support aligned initiatives that advance commuter and intercity passenger rail services with shuttle and thruway bus connections in the San Joaquin Valley, Bay Area, Sacramento, and beyond.
- 3. San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District**  
Support aligned initiatives of the eight-county San Joaquin Valley region that improves the health and quality of life for all Valley residents through efficient, effective, and entrepreneurial air quality management strategies.
- 4. San Joaquin Area Flood Control Agency**  
Support aligned flood protection principles developed collectively by this Joint Powers Authority.



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