

**SAN LUIS & DELTA-MENDOTA WATER AUTHORITY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES FOR September 14, 2017**

The Board of Directors of the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority convened at approximately 9:30 a.m. at 842 6th Street, in Los Banos, California for a regular meeting, with Chair Cannon Michael presiding.

**Directors and Alternate Directors in Attendance**

**Division 1**

Jim McLeod, Director  
Bobby Pierce, Director (before action on Item 7)  
Anthea Hansen, Director - Earl Perez, Alternate  
Rick Gilmore, Director

**Division 2**

Don Peracchi, Director - Dan Pope (before action on Item 7)  
Sarah Woolf, Director  
John Bennett, Director - Michael Linneman, Alternate  
William Diedrich, Director

**Division 3**

Mike Stearns, Director  
Chris White, Alternate for James O'Banion  
Cannon Michael, Director - Randy Houk, Alternate  
Rick Ortega, Director - Mike Gardner

**Division 4**

John Varela, Director  
Gary Kremen, Director  
Jeff Cattaneo, Alternate for John Tobias  
Sara Singleton, Alternate for Joseph Tonascia

**Division 5**

Bill Pucheu, Director - Lance LeVake, Alternate (before action on Item 7)  
Jose Gutierrez, Alternate for Tom Birmingham  
Steve Stadler, Director - Thomas W. Chaney, Alternate (arrived after Item 7)

**Authority Representatives Present**

Gabriel Delgado, Legal Counsel  
Jason Peltier, Executive Director  
Jon Rubin, General Counsel  
Tom Boardman, Water Resources Engineer  
Guy Wamocha, Supervisor of Accounting  
Kathrin Odisho, Supervisor of Operational Accounting  
Paul Stearns, O&M Manager  
Cheri Worthy, Executive Secretary

**Others in Attendance**

Don Wright, Water Wrights

Katie Vierra, Water Wrights  
John Beam, GWD Consultant  
Katelynn Zoellner, CV Strategies  
Vince Lucchesi, Patterson Irrigation District  
Mike Wade, California Farm Water Coalition  
Dana Jacobson, Santa Clara Valley Water District  
Tim Stroshane, Restore the Delta  
Jarret Martin, Central California Irrigation District  
Eric Ruckdaschel, San Luis Canal Company  
Janet Gutierrez, San Luis Water District  
Palmer McCoy, Henry Miller Reclamation District

**1. Call to Order/Roll Call**

Chair Cannon Michael called the meeting to order. Roll was called after Item 2.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**3. Board to Consider Corrections or Additions to the Agenda of Items, as authorized by Government Code Section 54950 et seq.**

There were no additions or corrections to the agenda.

**4. Opportunity for Public Comment**

There were no public comments made.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

**5. Agenda Items 5-6: Board to Consider: a) Approval of August 10, 2017 Meeting Minutes, b) Acceptance of the Financial & Expenditures Reports**

On motion of Director Bill Pucheu, seconded by Director Gary Kremen, the Board approved the Consent Items.

The vote on the motions were as follows:

AYES: McLeod, Hansen, Gilmore, Peracchi, Woolf, Bennett, Diedrich, Stearns, White, Michael, Ortega, Varela, Kremen, Cattaneo, Singleton, Pucheu, Gutierrez, Stadler

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

## ACTION ITEMS

6. **Agenda Item 7: Board of Directors to Consider Adoption of Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Memorandum of Understanding By and Among Duke-American Transmission Company, LLC and San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority for the San Luis Transmission Project.**

With the absence of Assistant Executive Director Frances Mizuno, Executive Director Jason Peltier reviewed the proposed Memorandum of Understanding with Duke-American Transmission Company (“DATC”), which contemplates a potential partnership with DATC on the funding and construction of the San Luis Transmission Project (“SLTP”). After a brief discussion, Director Don Peracchi made a motion that the Board of Directors adopt the resolution authorizing execution of a Memorandum of Understanding by and among Duke-American Transmission Company, LLC and San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority for the San Luis Transmission Project. The motion was seconded by Director Rick Gilmore and passed unanimously.

The vote on the motions were as follows:

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| AYES:        | McLeod, Pierce, Hansen, Gilmore, Peracchi, Woolf, Bennett, Diedrich, Stearns, White, Michael, Ortega, Varela, Kremen, Cattaneo, Singleton, Pucheu, Gutierrez, Stadler |
| NAYS:        | None  |
| ABSTENTIONS: | None  |

7. **Agenda Item 8: Board of Directors to Consider Approval of a New Position – Deputy General Counsel.**

Executive Director Jason Peltier opened the item and then General Counsel Jon Rubin discussed the need of a new position Deputy General Counsel. Rubin summarized the information provided in August and the additional information provided for the September meetings, which was intended to be responsive to the Water Resources & Finance Committee’s requests. Rubin stated that both committees had discussed this issue but decided to let the Board consider the item without making any recommendation. This item was deferred until after closed session.

After a brief discussion upon returning to open session after the closed session, Director Gary Kremen made a motion for the Board of Directors to approve a new position – Deputy General Counsel; provided that the Board of Directors had the opportunity to consider the

candidate(s) prior to the Authority extending an offer. The motion was seconded by Director Ric Ortega. The motion passed unanimously.

The vote on the motion was as follows:

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| AYES:        | McLeod, Pierce, Hansen, Gilmore, Peracchi, Woolf, Bennett, Diedrich, Stearns, White, Michael, Ortega, Varela, Kremen, Cattaneo, Singleton, Pucheu, Gutierrez, Stadler |
| NAYS:        | None  |
| ABSTENTIONS: | None  |

## REPORT ITEMS

### 8. **Agenda item 9: Update on Fall X2 Operations and Associated Monitoring.**

Executive Director Jason Peltier reported that the Delta Smelt RPA & Biological Opinion have a requirement that in a wet year the X2 salinity line be located downstream about three miles, about 81 km from the Golden Gate Bridge. The estimated water cost associated with maintaining the X2 line at that location is about 400,000 acre feet.

### 9. **Agenda Item 10: California WaterFix.**

Executive Director Jason Peltier gave a brief report regarding different aspects of California WaterFix: 1) venues where activities are going on now, 2) the decision making process, and 3) funding. Peltier added that a number of districts were individually reviewing the California WaterFix and have not made any decisions as of yet, and that there is not a lot of new information to help with their decisions.

### 10. **Agenda Item 11: Update on San Luis Reservoir Corrective Action Study.**

Water Resources Engineer Tom Boardman gave a brief update on the B.F. Sisk Dam Corrective Action Study (“CAS”). The power point briefing was made using slides from a presentation the United States Bureau of Reclamation made to Central Valley Project contractors in August 2017. Boardman’s presentation briefly covered the possible non-structural and structural options that are being considered in response to a potential seismic event near the dam. Boardman’s presentation also included the CAS schedule and estimated project costs.

### 11. **Agenda Item 12: Operations Update and Forecasts.**

Water Resources Engineer Tom Boardman reported that the C.W. “Bill” Jones Pumping Plant continues to pump at capacity while Harvey O. Banks Pumping Plant has decreased to

about 5,000 cfs since early September. The decrease in State Water Project pumping has occurred to comply with an X2 requirement contained in the delta smelt Biological Opinion. Boardman reported that Jones pumping may decrease later this month if further movement of X2 is needed to comply with the required monthly average position of 74 km.

CVP San Luis storage was reported to be near its low point of about 725,000 acre-feet. Refill of the CVP share is expected by the end of 2017 in both the 90% and 50% exceedance forecasts. With the CVP share of San Luis full in early 2018, Boardman reported that the initial Ag allocation in February could be at least 35%. Under average hydrology, the Ag allocation is expected to be 45-55% with possibility of the allocation increasing to 65%+ with above normal hydrology in the San Joaquin Basin.

**12. Agenda Item 13: Committee Reports**

**a. Water Resources Committee Activities**

Executive Director Jason Peltier gave a brief summary of the September Meeting.

**b. Finance & Administration Committee Activities**

Committee Chair Bill Pucheu gave a brief summary of the September Meeting.

**c. O&M Technical Committee Activities**

Committee Chair Chris White reported that the next scheduled meeting is October 23, 2017.

**13. Agenda Item 14: Reports on Activities of the Following Agencies that are Outside of the Authority.**

**a. State and Federal Contractors Water Agency**

Jason Peltier reported that the new Executive Director Bruce DiGennaro transition has gone very smoothly, and Byron Buck remains on partial retainer for a few more months.

**b. Family Farm Alliance**

No report given.

**c. Farm Water Coalition**

No report given.

**d. Association of California Water Agencies**

Executive Director Jason Peltier and Director Bill Diedrich gave a brief update, with particular focus on Association of California Water Agency efforts to establish a committee

focused on agricultural issues.

e. **San Joaquin Valley Water Infrastructure Authority**

No report given.

**14. Agenda Item 15: Chairman's Report**

Chair Cannon Michael reported that the Authority took a leadership role in organizing a Westside tour that included himself, Jason Peltier, Grant Davis (Director DWR), Bruce DiGennaro (Executive Director SFCWA), Laura Valoppi (Science Manager, SFCWA), Jennifer Pierre (GM SWC), and Jason Phillips (GM Friant). Michael reported that the tour was a great success, and very valuable.

**15. Agenda Item 16: Monthly Staff Reports**

a. **Self-Funding Report**

No report given.

b. **Operations & Maintenance Report**

O&M Manager Paul Stearns presented a Power Point presentation highlighting O&M activities.

c. **Water Transfer/Exchange Update**

No report given.

d. **SGMA Report**

No report given.

e. **Drainage Activity Report**

Legal Counsel Gabriel Delgado gave a brief update.

f. **Water Policy Administrator Report**

Executive Director gave a brief summary of the Water Policy Administrator report that was included in the Board packet.

g. **Executive Director's Report**

No report given.

**16. Agenda Item 17-19: Closed Session Report**

Chair Cannon Michael adjourned the open session to address the items listed on the Closed Session Agenda at approximately 11:05 a.m. Upon return to open session at approximately 12:45 p.m., General Counsel Jon Rubin reported that the Board met in closed session to (1) conduct the performance evaluations for the Executive Director and General

Counsel, and (2) receive advice from counsel on items listed on the Closed Session Agenda. Rubin indicated that there were no reportable actions taken in closed session.

17. **Agenda Item 20: Reports Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2**

No reports given.

18. **Agenda Item 21: Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:50 p.m.