

SAN LUIS & DELTA-MENDOTA WATER AUTHORITY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES FOR AUGUST 8, 2019

The Board of Directors of the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority convened at approximately 9:30 a.m. at 842 6<sup>th</sup> 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 - David Weisenberger, Alternate

**Division 2**

Don Peracchi, Director

William Bourdeau, Director

Michael Linneman, Alternate for John Bennett

**Division 3**

Dan McCurdy, Director

Cannon Michael, Director

Ric Ortega, Director

**Division 4**

Garth Hall, Alternate for John Varela

Gary Kremen, Director - Richard Santos, Alternate

Jeff Cattaneo, Director

Sara Singleton, Alternate for Joseph Tonascia (arrived during item 12)

**Division 5**

Bill Pucheu, Director

Tom Birmingham, Director

Steve Stadler, Director - Tom Chaney, Alternate

**Authority Representatives Present**

Federico Barajas, Executive Director

Frances Mizuno, Assistant Executive Director

Rebecca Akroyd, General Counsel

Scott Petersen, Water Policy Director

Joyce Machado, Director of Finance

Melody Hernandez, Accounting Tech I

**Others in Attendance**

Tom Boardman, Westlands Water District

Russ Freeman, Westlands Water District

Bruce DiGennaro, Essex Partnership

Don Wright, WaterWrights

Don Willard, Friant Water Authority (via teleconference)

**1. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**2. Call to Order/Roll Call**

Roll was called.

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

Item 7 was removed from the agenda, and Item 9 was modified to be a report item, with no action required.

**4. Opportunity for Public Comment**

Jim McLeod congratulated Chair Cannon Michael, who was distinguished as the Far West honoree for the 25<sup>th</sup> class of High Cotton Award winners.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

**5. Agenda Items 5-8: Board to Consider: a) Approval of July 11, 2019, Meeting Minutes, b) Acceptance of the Financial & Expenditures Reports, c) Staff Reports**

On a motion of Alternate Director Richard Santos, seconded by Director Don Peracchi, the Board approved the July 11, 2019 Meeting Minutes, Financial Expenditures Reports, and Staff Reports. The vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES:	McLeod, Peracchi, Bourdeau, Linneman, McCurdy, Michael, Ortega, Hall, Kremen, Cattaneo, Pucheu, Birmingham, Stadler
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS:	None

**ACTION ITEMS**

**6. Agenda Item 10: Board of Directors to Consider Appointment of Director and Alternate to SJVWIA Board of Directors.**

Executive Director Federico identified the current Authority representation on the San Joaquin Valley Water Infrastructure Authority (SJVWIA) Board, and explained the staff recommendation to modify the representation. On a motion of Director Don Peracchi, seconded by Director Tom Birmingham the Board Approved the Appointment of Federico Barajas as Director and Scott Petersen as Alternate to the SJVWIA Board of Directors. The vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES: McLeod, Peracchi, Bourdeau, Linneman, McCurdy, Michael, Ortega, Hall, Kremen, Cattaneo, Pucheu, Birmingham, Stadler  
NAYS: None  
ABSTENTIONS: None

## REPORT ITEMS

### 7. **Agenda Item 9: Discussion Regarding the Amended and Restated Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement Creating the San Joaquin Valley Water Infrastructure Authority (SJVVIA).**

Executive Director Federico Barajas reported that the SJVVIA Board had recently discussed that the membership will stay the same, but the focus of the organization will change. Barajas informed that committee that the SJVVIA has prepared an Amended and Restated Joint Powers Agreement, and that several members have already authorized execution of the Amended JPA. Barajas also reported that the SJVVIA is proposing to have no Executive Director or permanent staff, and will use resources from its member agencies to help reduce cost. Barajas concluded explaining that SJVVIA will only have meetings when needed.

General Counsel Rebecca Akroyd walked the Board through the draft Amended and Restated JPA included in the packet, which included some initial edits by the Authority. After Board members referenced concerns regarding overlap with the San Joaquin Valley Water Blueprint effort and the lack of complete regional representation, Akroyd indicated that Authority staff would work with member agencies to further refine the document.

### 8. **Agenda Item 11: Presentation Regarding CSAMP/CAMT Science Activities.**

Bruce DiGennaro walked through PowerPoint presentation slides on CSAMP/CAMP Science Activities. DiGennaro described the origins of CSAMP and CAMT, its participants, structure, mission, priorities, and expenditures. Board members highlighted the importance of this effort, and the changes in project operations resulting from CAMT science.

### 9. **Agenda Item 12: Report on State and Federal Affairs.**

Water Policy Director Scott Petersen provided an update on federal and state legislative items, including S. 1932, the *Drought Resiliency and Water Supply Infrastructure Act*, S.B. 487, *Department of Water Resources: Aerial snow survey*, and S.B. 1, the *California Environmental, Public Health, and Workers Defense Act of 2019*. Petersen also provided an update on the development of legislation by Water, Oceans and Wildlife Committee Chairman Jared Huffman. Petersen reported that Authority staff

will be traveling to DC in September to advance the adopted legislative objectives.

**10. Agenda Item 13: Water Policy/Resources Activities.**

Water Policy Director Scott Petersen reported that Reclamation and state and federal resource agencies continue to work on the Reinitiation of Consultation on Long-Term Operations and that a multi-agency team is working on internal coordination issues.

Petersen reported that work continues on the Voluntary Agreements, and highlighted the Assets to Outcomes Work group's continued development of biological and environmental targets.

Petersen reported that in July a number of activities occurred to advance the San Joaquin Valley Water Blueprint, including a coordination meeting, acceptance of proposals for the economic analysis, and number of different meetings to highlight the importance of the Blueprint to San Joaquin Valley water resilience.

**11. Agenda Item 14: California Storage Projects.**

Executive Director Federico Barajas provided an update on work with the Bureau of Reclamation regarding a Sisk Dam raise. Assistant Executive Director, Frances Mizuno also noted that a General Manager update meeting regarding the Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion Project is scheduled for August 29.

**12. Agenda Item 15: Water Operations and Forecasts.**

Westlands Water District's Tom Boardman reported that Jones is pumping at capacity, but Banks had reduced to 4000 cfs earlier in the week due to degrading water quality at Jersey Point. The export reduction is projected to extend until the time period for the water quality standard ends on August 15. Shasta and Folsom storage are high for this time of year. Boardman stated that there has been only one other year in the past 20 years when Shasta storage has been near its current level. Boardman discussed a chart showing that Reclamation significantly overestimated CVP demands and underestimated flood flows and exports this year.

Boardman concluded his report with a brief review of two charts showing CVP San Luis refill projections under dry and normal hydrology.

**13. Agenda Item 16: Executive Director's Report.**

Executive Director Federico Barajas stated that a new-Board member orientation had occurred in late July, and offered to share the Orientation Packet with Board members upon request. Barajas reminded Directors that a Project Use Energy Workshop would occur in the afternoon of August 8.

Barajas also described next steps in Strategic Plan implementation, referenced an upcoming tour of facilities with the Friant Water Authority Board of Directors, and coordination with Reclamation regarding the Jones Pumping Plant unit rewind.

**14. Agenda Item 17: Committee Reports.**

Water Resources Committee Chair Tom Birmingham reported that the Committee discussed the San Joaquin Valley Water Infrastructure Authority, CSAMP, and the Delta Channel Maintenance Program in its most recent meeting. Birmingham requested and Assistant Executive Director, Mizuno provided a brief summary of the Delta Channel Maintenance Program.

**15. Agenda Item 18: Reports on Activities of the Following Agencies that are Outside the Authority.**

**a. State and Federal Contractors Water Agency (SFCWA)**

No report given.

**b. Family Farm Alliance (FFA)**

No report given.

**c. Farm Water Coalition.**

Mike Wade reported that the Farm Water Coalition is working with staff on mission statement posters and a communications plan, and is also working on a highway banner program and the Cultivate California program.

**d. Association of California Water Agencies.**

Staff reported that the ACWA committee nomination period is open until September 30, and that ACWA is working on recommendations for the Governor's water resilience portfolio.

**e. San Joaquin Valley Water Infrastructure Authority. (SJVWIA)**

No report given.

**16. Agenda Item 19: Monthly Staff Reports.**

**a. Water Transfer/Exchanges/Release Program Update**

Assistant Executive Director Frances Mizuno reported that the completed revised Long-Term Water Transfer EIR would be brought to the Board for approval by the end of the calendar year.

**b. San Luis Transmission Project**

Assistant Executive Director Frances Mizuno reported that a San Luis

Transmission Project meeting occurred yesterday and that the participants are working on a draft project development agreement and there are still consider details that being addressed. Mizuno also describe the goal to fund the project by fall of this year.

**17. Public Comment.**

No additional public comment was made.

**18. Agenda Items 20-22: Closed Session Report.**

Chair Cannon Michael adjourned the open session to address the items listed on the Closed Session Agenda at approximately 11:20 a.m. Upon return to open session at approximately 11:40 a.m., General Counsel Rebecca Akroyd stated that no reportable actions were taken.

**19. Agenda Item 23: Reports Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2**

No reports given.

**20. Agenda Item 24: Adjournment.**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:45 a.m.

**SAN LUIS & DELTA-MENDOTA WATER AUTHORITY  
SPECIAL JOINT WORKSHOP OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, WATER RESOURCES  
COMMITTEE, AND FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE  
MINUTES FOR AUGUST 8, 2019**

The Board of Directors of the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority convened at approximately 12:00 p.m. at 842 6<sup>th</sup> Street, in Los Banos, California for a Special Project Use Energy (PUE) Joint Workshop, with Chair Cannon Michael presiding.

**Directors and Alternate Directors in Attendance**

**Division 1**

Anthea Hansen, Director

**Division 2**

Absent

**Division 3**

Dan McCurdy, Director

Cannon Michael, Chair/Director

Ric Ortega, Director

**Division 4**

Garth Hall, Alternate for John Varela

Gary Kremen, Director - Richard Santos, Alternate

Jeff Cattaneo, Director

Sara Singleton, Alternate for Joseph Tonascia

**Division 5**

Bill Pucheu, Director

Steve Stadler, Director

**Water Resources Committee Members Present**

**Ex-Officio**

Cannon Michael

**Division 1**

Anthea Hansen, Alternate

**Division 2**

Absent

**Division 3**

Absent

**Division 4**

Jeff Cattaneo, Alternate for Cindy Kao

**Division 5**

Steve Stadler, Alternate for Tom Birmingham

**Finance & Administration Committee Members Present**

**Ex-Officio**

Cannon Michael

**Division 1**

Anthea Hansen, Alternate for Rick Gilmore

**Division 2**

Absent

**Division 3**

Absent

**Division 4**

Absent

**Division 5**

Absent

**Authority Representatives Present**

Federico Barajas, Executive Director

Frances Mizuno, Assistant Executive Director

Rebecca Akroyd, General Counsel

Scott Petersen, Water Policy Director

Joyce Machado, Director of Finance

Lauren Neves, Accountant III

Melody Hernandez, Accounting Tech I

Marta Rivas, Accounting Tech II

**Others in Attendance**

Russ Freeman, Westlands Water District

Janet Roy, San Luis Water District

Don Willard, Friant Water Authority

Nina Hawk, Valley Water

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

Roll was called.

**2. Opportunity for Public Comment**

No public comments.

**3. Presentation Regarding Project Use Energy (PUE)**

Assistant Executive Director Frances Mizuno introduced the topic by explaining that



Project Use Energy (PUE) is a large part of the Authority's Operations and Maintenance (O&M) budget. She then introduced Richard Sanchez from the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation). Sanchez defined Project Use Energy, described Reclamation's PUE policy, estimate process, and true-up process. Sanchez also described CVP power cost sub allocation and the calculation of charges for Warren Act contracts, and answered questions.

**4. Adjournment.**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:30 p.m.