

**SAN LUIS & DELTA-MENDOTA WATER AUTHORITY
MINUTES
REGULAR WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING
AND
JOINT REGULAR WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING AND
SPECIAL BOARD WORKSHOP
DECEMBER 4, 2017**

The Water Resources Committee and Joint Water Resources Committee Meeting and Special Board Workshop of the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority convened at approximately 10:05 a.m. at 842 6th Street in Los Banos, California with Acting Chair and Ex-Officio Cannon Michael presiding.

Water Resources Committee Members Present

Ex-Officio

Cannon Michael

Division 1

Earl Perez, Member - Anthea Hansen, Alternate

Division 2

Bill Diedrich, Member

Division 3

Chris White, Alternate

Division 4

Jeff Cattaneo, Alternate for Cindy Kao

Division 5

Steve Stadler, Alternate for Tom Birmingham

Board of Directors Present

Division 1

Anthea Hansen, Director - Earl Perez, Alternate

Division 2

Bill Diedrich, Director - Lon Martin, Alternate

Division 3

Chris White, Alternate for Director James O'Banion

Cannon Michael, Director

Mike Gardner, Alternate for Ric Ortega

Division 4

Jeff Cattaneo, Alternate for John Tobias

Sara Singleton, Alternate for Director Joseph Tonascia

Division 5

Steve Stadler, Director

Authority Representatives Present

Jason Peltier, Executive Director

Tom Boardman, Water Resources Engineer

Frances Mizuno, Assistant Executive Director

Jon Rubin, General Counsel

Others Present

Russ Freeman, Westlands Water District

Ben Fenters, San Luis Water District

Dana Jacobson, San Benito County Water District

Ara Azhderian, Panoche Water District

Call to Order

Ex-Officio Cannon Michael called the meeting to order and a roll call was held.

1. **The Water Resources Committee Will 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.

2. **Opportunity for Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

3. **Committee to Consider Approval of the September 11, 2017 Meeting Minutes**

The September 11, 2017 meeting minutes of the Water Resources Committee were previously distributed for review. There were suggested corrections to the meeting minutes. Member Earl Perez made a motion to approve the September 11, 2017 meeting minutes with corrections. The motion was seconded by Alternate Stadler and passed unanimously. The Committee action is reported as follows:

AYES: Michael, Perez, Diedrich, White, Cattaneo, Stadler

NOES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

4. **Update on California WaterFix Project**

Executive Director Jason Peltier reported that the Governor may make an announcement by the end of the year about the course of California WaterFix. Peltier reported that there were several meetings at fall

ACWA conference to explore a viable option to allow CVP involvement but no options were identified. Peltier indicated that, as a result, he expected the WaterFix to proceed as a staged approach, with the initial stage begin State-only and a future phase for the benefit of the CVP.

5. Update on State Water Resources Control Board's Effort to Update the Water Quality Control Plan for the Bay-Delta

General Counsel Jon Rubin reported that the State Water Resources Control Board is currently working to complete Phase I within the next month or so and Phase II within the first six months.

6. Update on Reinitiation of Consultation on Biological Opinions Issued by National Marine Fisheries Service and United States Fish and Wildlife Service for Long-Term Operations of the Central Valley Project and State Water Project

Executive Director Jason Peltier reported that the United States Bureau of Reclamation continues to hold meetings focusing on the range of issues of the Reinitiation of Consultation process. Peltier also reported that Reclamation is working on a notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement. Peltier indicated that a draft of the notice of intent reflected a desire to use the process to: 1) improve water supplies, 2) address regulatory drivers for ongoing shortages, 3) address other stressors, and 4) increase power production. General Counsel Jon Rubin next provided an overview of Reclamation's pre-NEPA brainstorm process.

7. Update on Delta Stewardship Council, Delta Plan Update and Related Activities

General Counsel Jon Rubin reported that the Delta Stewardship Council is looking at updating the portion of the Delta Plan that deals with conveyance, storage, and operations. Rubin reported that the Authority is working on comments, which are generally consistent with issues raised in the litigation concerning the Delta Plan.

8. Update on Sacramento Valley Fish Food Project

Executive Director Jason Peltier reported that, in the prior water year, the Authority invested in the Sacramento Valley Fish Food Project. Peltier reminded the Committee that the Project involved the flooding of fields in the Sacramento Valley in order to produce fish food. Peltier reported that the Authority has been asked to support this project once again, and that more information will be provided at the upcoming Board of Directors meeting.

9. **Review of Approaches to FY19 Activity Budget Development (including possible items that may be included therein)**

Executive Director Jason Peltier provided an overview of the process being followed for the development of the FY19 Activity Budget. Peltier reported that a budget workshop will be scheduled in January. The Committee members recommended that the workshop be held in December instead with a second workshop in January if necessary to allow sufficient time to work through the budget. Acting Chair and Ex-Officio Cannon Michael emphasized the importance of the strategic planning process previously discussed by the Board of Directors.

10. **Update on Water Operations**

Water Resources Engineer Tom Boardman reported that C.W. “Bill Jones and Harvey O. Banks pumping has been at capacity since late November thanks to increased delta inflow and the fall X2 requirement ending November 30. Pumping is expected to remain at capacity for the near future, but may be reduced if a significant storm causes a spike in delta turbidity levels.

Boardman reviewed two San Luis storage projection charts under 90% and 50% exceedance conditions. The charts showed that CVP San Luis is projected to fill by early 2018, but the SWP share may not fill. If the SWP does not fill, the CVP will have the opportunity to store water in unused SWP storage space.

Boardman concluded his report with a discussion about the 150 TAF rescheduling cap and the tradeoffs between increasing the cap vs bolstering 2018 allocations if the CVP stores water in the SWP share. This issue will be discussed with the Regional Director in the near future.

11. **Closed Session**

Acting Chair and Ex-Officio Cannon Michael adjourned the open session to address the items listed on the Closed Session Agenda at approximately 11:55 a.m. Upon return to open session at approximately 12:15 p.m., General Counsel Jon Rubin reported that there were no reportable actions taken in closed session.

12. **Reports Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2**

No report given.

13. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:15 p.m.