

SAN LUIS & DELTA-MENDOTA WATER AUTHORITY
MINUTES
ADJOURNED REGULAR WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING
AND
JOINT REGULAR WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING AND
SPECIAL BOARD WORKSHOP
January 8, 2017

The Adjourned Regular Water Resources Committee and Joint Adjourned Regular 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 Chair Tom Birmingham presiding.

Water Resources Committee Members Present

Ex-Officio

Cannon Michael

Division 1

Earl Perez, Member - Anthea Hansen, Alternate (joined during Item 11)

Division 2

Bill Diedrich, Member (joined during Item 5) - William Bourdeau, Alternate

Chris White, Alternate (joined during Item 5)

Division 4

Cindy Kao, Member - Jeff Cattaneo, Alternate

Division 5

Tom Birmingham, Chair & Member - Steve Stadler, Alternate

Board of Directors Present

Division 1

Anthea Hansen, Director (joined during Item 11) - Earl Perez, Alternate

Rick Gilmore, Director

Division 2

Dan Pope, Alternate for Don Peracchi

Sarah Woolf, Director (joined during Item 5) - William Bourdeau, Alternate

Bill Diedrich, Director - Lon Martin, Alternate (joined during Item 5)

Division 3

Chris White, Alternate for Director James O'Banion (joined during Item 5)

Cannon Michael, Director

Ric Ortega, Director

Division 4

Jeff Cattaneo, Alternate for John Tobias

Sara Singleton, Alternate for Director Joseph Tonascia (joined during Item 8)

Division 5

Tom Birmingham, Director

Steve Stadler, Director

Authority Representatives Present

Tom Boardman, Water Resources Engineer

Frances Mizuno, Assistant Executive Director

Jon Rubin, General Counsel

Rebecca Akroyd, Deputy General Counsel

Others Present

Russ Freeman, Westlands Water District

Dana Jacobson, San Benito County Water District

Ara Azhderian, Panoche Water District

Janet Gutierrez, San Luis Water District

1. Call to Order

Chair Tom Birmingham called the meeting to order and a roll call was held.

2. 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.

3. Opportunity for Public Comment

There was no public comment.

4. Committee to Consider Approval of the December 4, 2017 Meeting Minutes

The December 4, 2017 meeting minutes of the Water Resources Committee were previously distributed for review. General Counsel Jon Rubin noted a typographical error in the meeting minutes. There were no substantive corrections or additions. With the error corrected and there being no substantive corrections or additions from Committee members, Chair Birmingham pronounced the December 4, 2017 meeting minutes approved.

5. Update on Strategic Planning Effort

Assistant Executive Director Frances Mizuno reported that the current RFP is ready for distribution

to seek proposals from qualified consultants to assist in creating a 10-year strategic plan. Mizuno explained that the RFP included in the packet is different from the one originally presented to the Committee and Board. Mizuno also reported that Director Rick Gilmore suggested contacting Consultant Brent Ives, who has worked with many other water agencies in creating strategic plans. Director Cannon Michael suggested soliciting more than one proposal.

6. Update on Water Bond Initiatives, Including the Water Supply and Water Quality Act of 2018

General Counsel Jon Rubin reported on the Water Bond that may appear on the November 2018 statewide California ballot. Rubin informed the Committee that the Bond would allow for investment of billions of dollars in California water infrastructure, including key categories like: 1) safe drinking water, 2) Sustainable Groundwater Management, 3) fish and wildlife habitat conservation, 4) infrastructure repair, and many other important water management programs. The bond would benefit individual water users, the environment, and agriculture. Chair Tom Birmingham suggested staff create an analysis, and bring it back to the Committee to consider if the Authority should support this Bond.

7. Update on California WaterFix Project

General Counsel Jon Rubin gave a brief update, reporting that the State is supposed to make a statement about WaterFix in the next 30-days.

8. 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

General Counsel Jon Rubin reported that the Bureau of Reclamation plans to prepare a draft programmatic environmental impact statement on long-term operations of the Central Valley Project, State Water Project, and Related Facilities. The Bureau proposes to evaluate alternatives that maximize water deliveries and optimize marketable power generation. The Authority is preparing written comments to submit by February 1, 2018. Chair Tom Birmingham suggested staff make the draft available to the Board of Directors prior to filing the comments. It was agreed that the draft would be circulated to the Board no later than January 19, that comments on the draft would be requested by January 23. And that the Board have an opportunity to discuss the comments prior to filing.

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

No report given.

10. Proposed Activity Budget Cost Allocation Adjustments

Assistant Executive Director Frances Mizuno and General Counsel Jon Rubin presented to the

Board of Directors the idea of combining three activity funds, Leg Ops 1, Leg Ops 2, and DIPS and creating one new fund to reduce the amount of administrative work associated with allocating and tracking costs. Chair Tom Birmingham suggested preparing an analysis beginning with 1995 and every 3- 5 years after to show the trend and see if this concept makes sense.

11. **Review of Draft FY19 Activity Budget**

Assistant Executive Director Frances Mizuno and General Council Jon Rubin provided a detailed review of the FY19 Draft Budget Expenditure Summary.

12. **Update on Water Operations**

No report given.

13. **Closed Session**

Chair Tom Birmingham adjourned the open session to address the items listed on the Closed Session Agenda at approximately 12:05 p.m. Upon return to open session at approximately 12:20 p.m., General Counsel Jon Rubin reported that there were no reportable actions taken in closed session.

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

No report given.

15. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:20 p.m.