

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

AUGUST 5, 2019

The Adjourned Regular Water Resources Committee and Joint Regular Water Resources Committee Meeting and Special Board Workshop of the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority convened at approximately 10:00 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

Anthea Hansen, Alternate for Earl Perez

Division 2

Bill Diedrich, Member - William Bourdeau, Alternate

Division 3

Chris White, Alternate

Division 4

Jeff Cattaneo, Alternate for Cindy Kao (via Teleconference)

Division 5

Tom Birmingham, Member - Steve Stadler, Alternate

Board of Directors Present

Division 1

Anthea Hansen, Director

Division 2

William Bourdeau, Director

Bill Diedrich, Director

Division 3

Chris White, Alternate for James O'Banion

Cannon Michael, Director

Division 4

Jeff Cattaneo, Director (via teleconference)

Division 5

Tom Birmingham, Director

Steve Stadler, Director

Authority Representatives Present

Federico Barajas, Executive Director

Frances Mizuno, Assistant Executive Director

Scott Petersen, Water Policy Director

Rebecca Akroyd, General Counsel

Others Present

Tom Boardman, Westlands Water District

John Wiersma, Henry Miller Reclamation District

Jack Worsley, Bureau of Reclamation (via Teleconference)

Jarret Martin, Central California Irrigation District

Dana Jacobson, Valley Water

Bruce DiGennaro, Essex Partnership

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 corrections or additions to the agenda.

3. Opportunity for Public Comment

There was no public comment.

4. Water Resources Committee to Consider Approval of the July 1, 2019 Meeting Minutes

With a few minor edits, Chair Tom Birmingham pronounced the July 1, 2019 meeting minutes approved.

5. Water Resources Committee to Consider Recommendation to the Board of Directors to Authorize Execution of the Amended and Restated Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement Creating the San Joaquin Valley Water Infrastructure Authority (SJVWIA)

Executive Director Federico Barajas reported that in recent SJVWIA meetings it had been discussed that the membership will stay the same, but the focus of the organization will change. Barajas informed the committee that the SJVWIA 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 SJVWIA is proposing to have no permanent staff, and will use resources from its member agencies to help reduce cost. Barajas concluded explaining that SJVWIA will only have meetings when needed.

General Counsel Rebecca Akroyd reported that each year the SJVWIA Board will decide if a budget is needed, and the Authority wants to make certain that it has no liability issues if a budget is proposed sometime in the future. Akroyd asked the committee to refer to the Amended and Restated JPA included in the packet, which included some initial edits by the Authority. She indicated that Authority staff would work with member agencies to further refine the document.

After a brief discussion the Committee agreed to table this item and take another look at it once the final document is completed. No action was taken.

6. Presentation regarding CSAMP/CAMT Science Activities

Bruce DiGennaro walked through a PowerPoint presentation slides on CSAMP/CAMP Science Activities via teleconference. DiGennaro described the origins of CSAMP and CAMT, its participants, structure, mission, priorities, and expenditures. Committee members highlighted the importance of this effort, and the changes in project operations resulting from CAMT science. Committee Chair Tom Birmingham requested that Bruce DiGennaro present a similar presentation in person to the entire Board during the Authority's upcoming budgeting process.

7. Briefing on Proposed Delta Channel Maintenance Program

Assistant Executive Director Frances Mizuno reported that the Authority has been working with the Department of Water Resources, Bureau of Reclamation, State Water Resources Control Board, Office of the Watermaster, South Delta Water Agency, and Westlands Water District to come up with a program to remove sedimentation from South Delta channels. Mizuno reported that Authority staff has been working to develop a Joint Problem Statement to describe the issue related to siltation in the Delta Channels and its impact to beneficial uses within the Delta and to gather support from State and Federal resource agencies, Public Water Agencies, and non-Governmental Organizations to collaboratively develop a long-term channel maintenance program. Mizuno explained that the program would identify the scope of the problem, criteria for silt removal, and mitigation measures, and the objectives would be to 1) engage permit agencies, and secure all

necessary permits, 2) establish an adequate and consistent source of funding, 3) reestablish adequate channel depths, and 4) provide for regular dredging to remove sediment.

8. Update on Water Policies 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.

9. Update on California Storage Projects

Executive Director Federico Barajas reported that there will be a General Manager update meeting on Los Vaqueros Reservoir expansion on August 29, 2019.

Barajas also reported that the Authority continues to work with Reclamation on the B.F. Sisk Dam raise, including another Contributed Funds Agreement, and a project management plan. In addition, the Authority is working with MBK Engineers to develop initial operational scenarios for B.F. Sisk, which will be brought to the Board at a later date.

10. Report on State and Federal Affairs

Water Policy Director Scott Petersen reported that Congress is continuing work on the Appropriations bills, which have to be completed by September 30, 2019.

Petersen reported that Authority staff will be traveling to DC in September to advance the adopted legislative objectives.

Petersen also reported that Executive Director Federico Barajas testified before the House of Natural Resources Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee last week regarding Reclamation's infrastructure funding.

11. Update on Water Operations and Forecasts

Westlands Water District's Tom Boardman reported that Jones and Banks are pumping at capacity. Banks recently increased its pumping by 500 cfs when DWR completed the installation

of the south delta salinity barriers by late July. 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.

12. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Federico Barajas reminded the Committee that the Finance and Administrative Committee meeting has been moved to Thursday at 8:30 a.m., and the Board meeting is also scheduled Thursday at 9:30 a.m.

13. Closed Session

Chair Tom Birmingham adjourned the open session to address the items listed on the Closed Session Agenda at approximately 11:35 a.m. Upon return to open session at approximately 11:50 a.m., General Counsel Rebecca Akroyd reported that no reportable actions were taken in closed session.

14. Reports Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2

None.

15. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:50 a.m.