

**SAN LUIS & DELTA-MENDOTA WATER AUTHORITY
WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING AND JOINT
WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING - SPECIAL
BOARD WORKSHOP MINUTES
NOVEMBER 6, 2023**

The San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority Water Resources Committee Regular Meeting and Joint Water Resources Committee Regular Meeting and Special Board Workshop convened at approximately 10:00 a.m. at 842 6th Street in Los Banos, California, with Chair William Bourdeau presiding.

Water Resources Committee Members Present

Ex-Officio

William Bourdeau

Division 1

Anthea Hansen, Alternate

Division 2

Bill Diedrich, Member - Lon Martin, Alternate

Division 3

Chris White, Member

Division 4

Steve Wittry, Alternate for Vincent Gin

Division 5

Manny Amorelli, Alternate

Board of Directors Present

Division 1

Anthea Hansen, Director

Division 2

Justin Diener, Alternate
William Bourdeau, Vice-Chair/Director
Bill Diedrich, Director - Lon Martin Alternate

Division 3

Chris White, Alternate

Division 4

Steve Wittry, Director

Division 5

Manny Amorelli, Director

Authority Representatives Present

Federico Barajas, Executive Director
Pablo Arroyave, Chief Operating Officer
Rebecca Akroyd, General Counsel
Rebecca Harms, Deputy General Counsel
Scott Petersen, Water Policy Director
Ray Tarka, Director of Finance
Cindy Meyer, Special Programs Manager (via ZOOM)
Stewart Davis, IT Officer

Others Present

Dana Jacobson, Valley Water
Steve Stadler, San Luis Water District
Tom Boardman, Westlands Water District (via ZOOM)

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Committee Chair William Bourdeau called the meeting to order and roll was called.

2. The Water Resources Committee to Consider Additions or Corrections to the Agenda of Items, as authorized by Government Code Section 54950 et seq.

No additions or corrections.

3. Opportunity for Public Comment

No public comment.

4. Water Resources Committee to Consider Approval of the October 2, 2023 Meeting Minutes.

On a motion of Alternate Member Anthea Hansen, seconded by Member Chris White, the Committee approved the October 2, 2023 meeting minutes. The vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES: Bourdeau, Hansen, Diedrich, White, Wittry, Amorelli

NOES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

5. Water Resources Committee to Consider Recommendation to Board of Directors to Adopt Staff Recommendation for Positions on Legislation, Petersen

a. H.R. 5664 (Schrier), Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act Amendments of 2023.

Water Policy Director Scott Petersen reviewed staff's recommendation to adopt a support position of H.R. 5664, and answered questions regarding the same. On a motion of Member Chris White, seconded by Alternate Member Anthea Hansen, the Committee adopted staff recommendation for position on Legislation (H.R. 5664). The vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES: Bourdeau, Hansen, Diedrich, White, Wittry, Amorelli
NAYS: None
ABSTENTIONS: None

6. Executive Director's Report.

a. **SWRCB Water Quality Plan Update** – Executive Director Federico Barajas reported there is opportunity for public comment from now to mid-December. Barajas reported that Water Authority staff is coordinating with other CVP/SWP contractors on this effort.

b. **Budget Process for Upcoming Fiscal Year** - Executive Director Federico Barajas reported that the OM&R budget will be brought to the Finance & Administration Committee later today, which will trigger contractor review. Barajas reported that there will be a budget workshop in December.

c. **BIL** – Funding application process is now open and applications are due at the end of the month. Barajas reported that the staff will continue to apply for additional funding.

d. **Exchange Contractor Water Transfers Activity Agreement** – Executive Director Federico Barajas reported that the Water Authority is going through the process of finalizing a new Exchange Contractors Water Transfers Activity Agreement, which will be brought to the Board on Thursday.

7. Update on Water Policy/Resources Activities.

Water Policy Director Scott Petersen provided a brief summary of the report included in the packet. Petersen provided updates regarding Reinitiation of Consultation on Long-Term Operations of the CVP and SWP, SWRCB activity, Reclamation manual updates out for review, SJV Blueprint, and CAP.

Director Bill Diedrich thanked Water Policy Director Scott Petersen for all his work.

8. Update on Water Operations and Forecasts.

Westlands Water District's Tom Boardman reported on Shasta storage conditions and how storage is trending compared to Reclamation's latest forecast. Projected spring storage was also reported. Folsom storage conditions were described with a brief explanation of flood control requirements that go into effect by early December.

Delta conditions were explained including current export rates at Jones and Banks. Boardman added that export rates should be higher for the remainder of the year due to reduced Delta requirements.

San Luis current storage conditions were reported with a brief description of expected refill projections into 2024.

9. Committee Member Reports.

No reports.

5. Closed Session

Committee Chair William Bourdeau adjourned the open session to address the items listed on the Closed Session Agenda at approximately 10:32 a.m. Upon return to open session at approximately 11:22 a.m., Chair William Bourdeau reported that no reportable actions were taken in closed session.

10. Agenda Item 13: Reports Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2

No reports.

11. Agenda Item 14: Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:23 a.m.