



**Notice of San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority
Board of Directors Regular Meeting
Thursday, September 12, 2024, 9:30 a.m.**

**SLDMWA Boardroom
842 6th Street, Los Banos
(List of Member/Alternate Telephonic Locations Attached)**

Public Participation Information

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NOTE: Any member of the public may address the Board concerning any item on the agenda before or during its consideration of that item, as appropriate. For each item, public comment is limited to no more than three minutes per person. For good cause, the Chair of the Board may waive this limitation.

NOTE FURTHER: Meeting materials have been made available to the public on the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority's website, <https://www.sldmwa.org>, and at the Los Banos Administrative Office, 842 6th Street, Los Banos, CA 93635.

Agenda

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Board to Consider Additions or Corrections to the Agenda of Items, as authorized by Government Code Section 54950 et seq.
3. Opportunity for Public Comment – Any member of the public may address the Board concerning any matter not on the agenda, but within the Board's jurisdiction. Public comment is limited to no more than three minutes per person. For good cause, the Chair of the Board may waive this limitation.

Consent Calendar

Note: All matters listed on the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and non-controversial and will be acted upon by a single action of the Board of Directors, unless a Board Member requests separate consideration of the item. If such a request is made, the item may be heard as an action item at this meeting.

4. **Approval of August 8, 2024 Meeting Minutes**
5. **Acceptance of Financial & Expenditures Reports**
6. **Acceptance of Staff Reports:**
 - a. **O&M Budget to Actual**
 - b. **Operations & Maintenance**

- c. **Science Program**
- d. **Activity Agreements**
- e. **Procurement Activity**

Action Items

- 7. **Finance & Administration Committee Recommendation Authorizing Execution of Professional Services Agreement and Task Order with the Hallmark Group for Project Management and Design Review Services for the DMC Subsidence Correction Project and Related Expenditure of up to \$470,375 from DWR Grant Funds, Arroyave/McNeil**
- 8. **Finance & Administration Committee Recommendation Regarding Execution of Task Orders with DHR Hydro Services for Project Management of the O'Neill Pumping Plant Transformer Rehabilitation and Jones Pumping Plant Excitation Cabinet and Control Panel Refurbishment Projects and Related Expenditure of up to \$184,940 from EO&M Budgets, Arroyave/McNeil**
- 9. **Finance & Administration Committee Recommendation Regarding Execution of Financial Assistance Agreement with the U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, for the Delta-Mendota Canal – Solar-Over-Canals Project, Arroyave**
- 10. **Water Resources Committee Recommendation Regarding Execution of Memorandum of Understanding between San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority and the Regents of the University of California (UC Merced), Petersen/Meyer**

Report Items

- 11. Presentation on Non-Native Fish Population Study Funded by Member Agencies, Petersen/Weisenberger
- 12. Report on State and Federal Affairs, Petersen/Dennis Cardoza/Kristin Olsen
- 13. Executive Director's Report, Barajas
 - a. Healthy Rivers & Landscapes Program Funding Update
 - b. May also include reports on activities related to 1) CVP/SWP water operations; 2) California storage projects; 3) regulation of the CVP/SWP; 4) existing or possible new State and Federal policies; 5) Water Authority activities
- 14. Chief Operating Officer's Report, Arroyave
(May include reports on activities related to 1) OM&R; 2) Infrastructure Projects; 3) Water transfers, exchanges, and release program)
- 15. Update on Water Operations and Forecasts, Arroyave/Bureau of Reclamation
- 16. Committee Reports:
 - a. Water Resources Committee Activities, Bourdeau
 - b. Finance & Administration Committee Activities, Hansen
 - c. O & M Technical Committee Activities, White
 - d. Planning Committee Activities, Diener
- 17. Outside Agency/Organization Reports:
 - a. State and Federal Contractors Water Agency
 - b. Family Farm Alliance
 - c. Farm Water Coalition
 - d. Association of California Water Agencies
 - e. San Joaquin Valley Water Blueprint Effort
 - f. San Joaquin Valley Collaborative Action Program
 - g. Central Valley Project Water Association
- 18. Board Member Reports
- 19. **CLOSEDSESSION**
 - CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Initiation of Litigation Pursuant to paragraph (4) of Subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9 – 2 potential cases
 - CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Paragraph (2) or (3) of Subdivision (d) of Government

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

Existing Litigation Pursuant to paragraph (1) of Subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9

- A. Natural Resources Defense Council, et al. v. Haaland, et al., U.S. District Court, E.D. Cal., Case No. 1:05-cv-01207; 9th Cir., Case No. 21-15163 (2005 DMC Contract Renewals)
 - B. Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen’s Associations, et al. v. Stock, et al., U.S. District Court, E.D. Cal., Case No. 2:11-cv-02980; 9th Cir. Case No. 23-15599 (PCFFA v. Glaser or GBP Citizen Suit)
 - C. City of Fresno, et al. v. United States, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Cir., Case No. 22-1994; U.S. Court of Federal Claims, Case No. 1:16-cv-01276 (2014 Friant Div. Operations)
 - D. Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen’s Associations, et al. v. Raimondo, et al., U.S. District Court, E.D. Cal., Case No. 1:20-cv-00431 (ROC on LTO BiOps)
 - E. California Natural Resources Agency, et al. v. Raimondo, et al., U.S. District Court, E.D. Cal., Case No. 1:20-cv-00426 (ROC on LTO BiOps)
 - F. CDWR Water Operation Cases, Sac. Co. Superior Court, Case No. JCCP 5117 (formerly Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority, et al. v. California Department of Water Resources, et al., Fresno Co. Superior Court, Case No. 20CECG01303) (SWP EIR Challenge)
 - G. AquAlliance, et al. v. U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, et al., U.S. District Court, E.D. Cal., Case No. 1:20-cv-00878 (Long-Term Water Transfers EIS/EIR)
 - H. AquAlliance et al. v. San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority, Merced Co. Superior Court, Case No. 21CV-03487 (Long-Term Water Transfers EIS/EIR Addendum)
 - I. California Sportfishing Protection Alliance, et al. v. State Water Resources Control Board, et al., Sac. Co. Superior Court, Case No. 34-2021-80003761 (2021 TUCP Order)
 - J. California Sportfishing Protection Alliance, et al. v. State Water Resources Control Board, et al., Sac. Co. Superior Court, Case No. 34-2021-80003763 (2021 Temp. Mgmt. Plan)
 - K. Walsh v. Martin, et al., E.D. Cal., Case No. 1:23-CV-01774 (employment action)
20. Return to Open Session / Report from Closed Session, if any Required by Government Code Section 54957.1
21. Reports Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(a)(3)
22. ADJOURNMENT

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September 12, 2024

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