



**Board of Directors Regular Meeting
Thursday, May 8, 2025, 9:30 a.m.**

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

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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 April 10, 2025 Meeting Minutes, and April 28, 2025 Workshop Minutes**
5. **Acceptance of Financial & Expenditures Reports**

6. **Finance & Administration Committee Recommendation to Accept the Treasurer's Report for the Quarter Ending March 31, 2025**
7. **Acceptance of Staff Reports:**
 - a. **O&M Budget to Actual**
 - b. **Operations & Maintenance**
 - c. **Science Program**
 - d. **Activity Agreements**
 - e. **Procurement Activity**

Action Items

8. **Water Resources Committee Recommendation Regarding Adoption of Staff Recommendation for Positions on Legislation, Petersen**
 - a. H.R. (Costa), Restoring WIFIA Eligibility Act
 - b. H.R. 2316 (Hurd), Wetlands Conservation and Access Improvement Act
 - c. S. 1413 (Padilla), a bill to authorize additional funding for the San Joaquin River Restoration Settlement Act.
 - d. SB 466 (Caballero): Drinking water: hexavalent chromium: civil liability: exemption.
 - e. SB 496 (Hurtado): Advanced Clean Fleets Regulation: appeals advisory committee: exemptions.
 - f. SB 598 (Elena Durazo): Public contracts: local water infrastructure projects: Construction Manager/General Contractor project delivery method.
9. **Finance & Administration Committee Recommendation Regarding Approval of Revised Employee Handbook, Stiles**
10. **Finance & Administration Committee Recommendation Regarding Pursuit of Phased Approach for Upper Delta-Mendota Canal Portion of the Delta-Mendota Canal Subsidence Correction Project, Barajas/Arroyave**
11. **Planning Committee Recommendation Regarding Cost Allocation Methodology for Initial Phase of the Upper Delta-Mendota Canal Portion of the Delta-Mendota Canal Subsidence Correction Project, Barajas/Arroyave**
12. **Adoption of Resolution Authorizing Execution of the Yuba Transfers 2026-2050 Activity Agreement and Actions Related Thereto, Arroyave/Harms**

Report Items

13. Report on State and Federal Affairs, Petersen/Dennis Cardoza/Kristin Olsen
14. Executive Director's Report, Barajas
(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)
15. 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)
16. Update on Water Operations and Forecasts, Arroyave/Bureau of Reclamation
17. 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
18. 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

19. Board Member Reports

20. **CLOSEDSESSION**

THREAT TO PUBLIC SERVICES OR FACILITY

Consultation with: Executive Director / General Counsel

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 Code Section 54956.9 – 2 potential cases

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

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

- A. 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)
- B. 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)
- C. 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)
- D. 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)
- E. 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)
- F. 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)
- G. Walsh v. Martin, et al., E.D. Cal., Case No. 1:23-CV-01774 (employment action)
- H. State Water Resources Control Board, Administrative Hearings Office, Petitions for Change of DWR Water Right Permits, Delta Conveyance Project (DWR Change Petition)
- I. Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority, et al. v. California Department of Water Resources, et al., Sacramento Co. Superior Court, Case No. 24WM000183 (SWP 2024 EIR Challenge)

21. Return to Open Session / Report from Closed Session, if any Required by Government Code Section 54957.1

22. Reports Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(a)(3)

23. **ADJOURNMENT**

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