



**San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority  
Monday, March 7, 2022, 12:00 p.m.**

**Notice of Finance & Administration Committee Regular Telephonic Meeting and  
Joint Finance & Administration Committee Regular Telephonic Meeting-Special  
Board Workshop**

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In accordance with Government Code section 54953(e) and Resolution 2022-501 adopted by the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority Board of Directors on February 10, 2022, members of the Finance & Administration Committee/Board and Water Authority staff will be participating in this meeting from multiple locations. This meeting will occur exclusive through Zoom. If members of the public have any problems using the call-in number during the meeting, please contact the Authority office at 209-826-9696.

NOTE: Any member of the public may address the Finance & Administration Committee/Board concerning any item on the agenda before or during consideration of that item.

Because the notice provides for a regular telephonic meeting of the Finance & Administration Committee ("FAC") and a joint regular telephonic FAC Meeting/Special Board workshop, Board Directors/Alternates may discuss items listed on the agenda; however, only FAC Members/Alternates may correct or add to the agenda or vote on action items.

**Agenda**

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

## **ACTION ITEMS**

4. **Finance & Administration Committee to Consider Approval of the February 7, 2022 Meeting and February 23, 2022 Workshop Minutes**

## **REPORT ITEMS**

5. Discussion Regarding Cost Allocation of Various Activity/Fund Budgets
6. FY22 Activity Agreements Budget to Actual Report through 1/31/22
7. FY22 O&M Budget to Actual Report through 1/31/22
8. Procurement Activity Report
9. Executive Director's Report, Barajas
  - a. DMC Subsidence Correction Project
  - b. San Luis Transmission Project
  - c. May include reports on activities within the Finance & Administration Committee's jurisdiction 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; 6) COVID-19 response
10. Committee Member Reports
11. Reports Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(a)(3)
12. ADJOURNMENT

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SAN LUIS & DELTA-MENDOTA WATER AUTHORITY  
TELEPHONIC FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING  
AND  
JOINT TELEPHONIC FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REGULAR  
MEETING / SPECIAL BOARD WORKSHOP  
MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 7, 2022

The Finance & Administration Committee of the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority convened at approximately 12:00 p.m. via teleconference in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e) and Resolution No. 2021-499 adopted by the Board of Directors on January 13, 2022 with Chair Rick Gilmore presiding.

**Members and Alternate Members in Attendance**

**Ex Officio**

Cannon Michael  
William Bourdeau

**Division 1**

Rick Gilmore, Member - Anthea Hansen, Alternate

**Division 2**

Bobbie Ormonde, Member

**Division 3**

Chris White, Member - Jarrett Martin, Alternate

**Division 4**

Sara Singleton, Member - Dana Jacobson, Alternate

**Division 5**

Bill Pucheu, Member - Manny Amorelli, Alternate

**Friant Water Authority**

Wilson Orvis, Alternate for Jason Phillips

**Board of Directors Present**

**Division 1**

Anthea Hansen, Director  
Rick Gilmore, Director  
Lea Emmons, Alternate

**Division 2**

William Bourdeau, Director  
Ara Azhderian, Alternate

**Division 3**

Chris White, Director - Jarrett Martin, Alternate  
Cannon Michael, Director

**Division 4**

Sara Singleton, Alternate

**Division 5**

Bill Pucheu, Director  
Manny Amorelli, Director

**Authority Representatives Present**

Federico Barajas, Executive Director  
Rebecca Akroyd, General Counsel  
Pablo Arroyave, Chief Operating Officer  
Scott Petersen, Water Policy Director  
Joyce Machado, Director of Finance  
Lauren Neves, Accountant III  
Stewart Davis, IT Officer

**1. Call to Order/Roll Call**

Chair Rick Gilmore called the meeting to order at approximately 12:00 p.m., and roll was called.

**2. Additions or Corrections to the Agenda**

No additions or corrections.

**3. Opportunity for Public Comment**

No public comment.

**4. Finance & Administration Committee to Consider Approval of the January 10, 2022 Meeting Minutes, and January 28, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes.**

Chair Rick Gilmore pronounced the January 10, 2022 meeting minutes, and the January 28, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes approved without correction.

**5. Finance & Administration Committee to Consider Recommendation to Board of Directors to Accept the Treasurer's Report for the Quarter Ending December 31, 2021.**

Director of Finance Joyce Machado presented the Treasurer's Report for the quarter ending 12/31/21. Operational cash totaled \$36,606,150.08 while other cash totaled \$452,722.14. Machado stated that staff has no recommended changes to the investment policy. Member Sarah Singleton made the motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for the quarter ending December 31, 2021. The motion was seconded by Alternate Member Wilson Orvis and passed unanimously. The Committee action is reported as follows:

AYES: Michael, Bourdeau, Gilmore, Ormonde, White, Singleton, Pucheu, Orvis  
NOES: None  
ABSTENTIONS: None

**6. Finance & Administration Committee to Consider Recommendation to Board of Directors to Approve Executive Compensation for Various Positions.**

Executive Director Federico Barajas introduced the proposed executive salary and benefits for FY23. Barajas orally reviewed compensation for various positions on the table which included a 5% salary increase placeholder. Barajas stated that each of the benefits were tailored to the individual holding the position rather than budgeting everything at maximums as they have in the past.

Member Bill Pucheu made the motion to approve executive compensation for various positions. The motion was seconded by Ex Officio Member Cannon Michael and passed unanimously. The Committee action is reported as follows:

AYES: Michael, Bourdeau, Gilmore, Ormonde, White, Singleton, Pucheu, Orvis  
NOES: None  
ABSTENTIONS: None

**7. Finance & Administration Committee to Consider Recommendation to Board of Directors to Approve Water Year 2022 O&M Water Rates.**

Chief Operating Officer Pablo Arroyave provided a brief overview of the water year 2022 O&M water rates. Arroyave discussed the various components that are influencing the rates such as delivery assumptions, use of the Intertie that was not included in the prior year, and a 25% decrease in the PUE estimate provided by Reclamation. These component changes create an overall reduction in the water year 2022 O&M rates.

Alternate Member Wilson Orvis made the motion to approve Water Year 2022 O&M water Rates. The motion was seconded by Ex Officio Member Cannon Michael and passed unanimously. The Committee action is reported as follows:

AYES: Michael, Bourdeau, Gilmore, Ormonde, White, Singleton, Pucheu, Orvis  
NOES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

## REPORT ITEMS

### 8. Discussion regarding Cost Allocation of Various Activity/Fund Budgets

Executive Director Federico Barajas reported on feedback that staff has received in regards to the cost allocation survey that went out. Barajas stated that based on feedback additional time is required to fully evaluate the methodology and implications for all members.

### 9. FY22 Activity Agreements Budget to Actual Report through 12/31/21.

Director of Finance Joyce Machado reported on the Budget to Actual Comparison Summary through December 31, 2021 for the member-funded activities. Machado stated that for the ten-month period, the budget was trending positive overall with actual spending through December 31, 2021 at 58.77% of the approved budget

### 10. FY22 O&M Budget to Actual Report through 12/31/21.

Director of Finance Joyce Machado reported that for WY21, the self-funded routine O&M expenses through December 31, 2021 were under budget by \$1,639,415. The WY20 final accountings and the Intertie O&M cost recovery remain outstanding.

### 11. Procurement Activity Report.

Director of Finance Joyce Machado presented the procurement activity for the period of January 5<sup>th</sup> through February 2<sup>nd</sup>. On January 18<sup>th</sup>, the Authority executed a contract with McCrometer, Inc. for Phase 2 of the DMC Flowmeter Replacement and Telemetry Replacement in the amount of \$253,683.49. The funding source is the EO&M budget. There were no contract change orders issued during this report period.

### 12. Executive Director's Report.

Executive Director Federico Barajas provided updates in regards to the DMC Subsidence Correction project. The Authority has continued to work with the Department of Water Resources regarding potential state funding for the project. The Authority also applied for an additional funding opportunity under aging infrastructure federal funding from Reclamation, which applies specifically to O&M transfer entities such as the Authority. The deadline for this application was January 31<sup>st</sup>.

13. **Committee Member Reports.**

No reports given.

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

No reports given.

15. **Agenda Item 14: Adjournment.**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:34 p.m.

**SAN LUIS & DELTA-MENDOTA WATER AUTHORITY JOINT SPECIAL TELEPHONIC  
WORKSHOP OF THE FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE, BOARD OF  
DIRECTORS, AND WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE  
MINUTES FOR February 23, 2022**

The Finance & Administration Committee, Board of Directors, and Water Resources Committee of the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority convened at approximately 2:00 p.m. via teleconference in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e) and Resolution No. 2021-501 adopted by the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority Board of Directors on February 10, 2022, with Finance & Administration Committee Chair Rick Gilmore presiding.

**Finance & Administration Committee Members and Alternate Members in Attendance**

**Ex Officio**

William Bourdeau

**Division 1**

Rick Gilmore, Member - Anthea Hansen, Alternate

**Division 2**

Bobbie Ormonde, Member

**Division 3**

Jarrett Martin, Alternate

**Division 4**

Sara Singleton, Member - Dana Jacobson, Alternate

**Division 5**

Bill Pucheu, Member - Manny Amorelli, Alternate

**Friant Water Authority**

Wilson Orvis, Alternate

**Board Directors and Alternate Directors Present**

**Division 1**

Dave Weisenberger, Director

Bobby Pierce, Director - Vince Lucchesi, Alternate

Anthea Hansen, Director

Rick Gilmore, Director - Lea Emmons, Alternate

**Division 2**

William Bourdeau, Director

Beau Correia, Director - Ara Azhderian, Alternate

Bill Diedrich, Director

**Division 3**

Jarrett Martin, Alternate

Ric Ortega, Director

**Division 4**

John Varela, Director - Aaron Baker, Alternate

Gary Kremen, Director - Richard Santos, Alternate

Jeff Cattaneo, Director

Sara Singleton, Alternate

**Division 5**

Bill Pucheu, Director



Tom Birmingham, Director - Manny Amorelli, Alternate

## Water Resources Committee Members, and Alternate Members Present

Ex-Officio

William Bourdeau

Division 1

Anthea Hansen, Alternate

Division 2

Bill Diedrich, Member

Division 3

Ric Ortega, Alternate

Division 4

Vincent Gin, Member - Jeff Cattaneo, Alternate

Division 5

Tom Birmingham, Member - Manny Amorelli, Alternate

## Authority Representatives Present

Federico Barajas, Executive Director

Pablo Arroyave, Chief Operating Officer

Rebecca Akroyd, General Counsel

Scott Petersen, Water Policy Director

Joyce Machado, Director of Finance

Stewart Davis, IT Officer

Darlene Neves, Supervisor of Operational Accounting

Lauren Neves, Accountant III

Cathy Bento, Accountant II

### 1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Chair Rick Gilmore at approximately 2:00 p.m., and roll was called.

### 2. Board to Consider Corrections to the Agenda of Items, as authorized by Government Code Section 54950 et seq.

No corrections.

### 3. Opportunity for Public Comment

No public comment.

## REPORT ITEMS

### 4. Agenda Item 4: Discussion regarding Cost Allocation of Various Activity/Fund Budgets, Barajas

#### a. Review Background Information

Executive Director Federico Barajas introduced the item and explained what would be discussed during the presentation. Barajas then referred to General Counsel Rebecca Akroyd to review the background of both the General Membership and Leg Ops funds, costs associated with each, and the current cost allocation for both budgets.

#### b. Discuss Alternative Options

Barajas then presented a document which further refined the four potential cost allocation options presented at the prior special FAC meeting. Barajas stated that based on feedback, options one and options four have been removed. Option one had included equal distribution of annual costs for General Membership and Leg Ops and option four included an Activity Agreement option that would have the General Membership fund allocated equally among members, and Leg Ops would be included as part of an Activity Agreement where members have the authority to make decisions and assessments would be the same for all participants.

Barajas further explained that based on the remaining options, staff further refined options creating a total of four hybrid options, which included various allocations based on differing percentages of assessments based on contract quantity or equal distribution among members. Throughout the presentation, Committee and Board members asked questions and commented and presented options.

#### c. Next Steps

After discussion, Committee Chair Rick Gilmore stated that based on input received, he and Chair Cannon Michael will meet with Executive Director Federico Barajas to determine next steps.

### 5. Agenda Item 5: Executive Director's Report.

Executive Director Federico Barajas informed the committee that the initial water allocation from the Bureau was released that morning.

### 6. Agenda Items 6-8: Closed Session.

No closed session was held.

### 7. Agenda Item 9: Gov. Code Section 54954.2(a)(3) Reports.

No reports.

### 8. Agenda Item 10: Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:11 p.m.