Date & Time: 10/6/2025 | 12:00 PM

Location: SLDMWA Boardroom

# Notice of Finance & Administration Committee Regular Meeting / Joint Finance & Administration Committee Regular Meeting-Special Board Workshop

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

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# Agenda **Topic** Lead Item Call to Order/Roll Call 1. 2. Finance & Administration Committee to Consider Additions and 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 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**

**Approval of September 8, 2025 Meeting Minutes** 

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**ADJOURNMENT** 

Recommendation to Board of Directors to Authorize Issuance of Notice to 5. Arrovave, Proceed with Phase II of O'Neill Pumping/Generating Plant Unit Upgrades McNeill **Project** 

#### REPORT ITEMS

6. Update Regarding Cost Allocation Recommendations for Phase 1 of the DMC Barajas Subsidence Correction Project FY26 Activity Agreements Budget to Actual Report through 8/31/25 7. Tarka 8. FY26 O&M Budget to Actual Report through 8/31/25 Tarka 9. Contract/Procurement Activity Reports Tarka 10. Executive Director's Report Barajas (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) 11. **Committee Member Reports 12.** Reports Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(a)(3)

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# SLDMWA FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING TELEPHONIC LOCATIONS OCTOBER 6, 2025

15671 W. Oakland Ave Five Points, CA 93624

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Date & Time: 9/8/2025 | 12:00 PM

Location: SLDMWA Boardroom

842 6th Street, Los Banos

San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority
Finance and Administration Committee Regular Meeting and
Joint Finance and Administration Committee Regular Meeting –
Special Board of Directors Workshop

## **Attendance**

#### **Committee Members Present**

Ex-Officio: Absent

Division 1: Anthea Hansen, Chair/Member

Division 2: Justin Diener, Member

Stephen Farmer, Alternate

Division 3: Chris White, Member

Jarrett Martin, Alternate

Division 4: Brett Miller, Member

Vince Gin, Alternate

Division 5: Absent

FWA: Wilson Orvis, Alternate

#### **Board of Directors Present**

Division 1: Anthea Hansen, Director

Division 2: Justin Diener, Alternate

Division 3: Jarrett Martin, Director

Chris White, Alternate

Division 4: Dana Jacobson, Director

Brett Miller, Alternate

Division 5: Absent

### **Authority Representatives Present**

Federico Barajas, Executive Director

Pablo Arroyave, Chief Operating Officer (ZOOM)

Rebecca Akroyd, General Counsel

Rebecca Harms, Deputy General Counsel

Scott Petersen, Water Policy Director

Ray Tarka, Director of Finance

Bob Martin, Facilities O&M Director

Jim Lenhardt, Electrical Project Specialist

Lauren Viers, Accounting Manager

Stewart Davis, IT Officer

Eddie Reyes, Information Systems Technician

#### Others Present

Richard Welsh, Hallmark Group

Russ Freeman, Westlands Water District

# **Agenda**

Item	Topic	Lead
1.	Call to Order/Roll Call – The meeting was called to order by Committee Chair Anthea Hansen at approximately 12:00 p.m. and roll was called.	
2	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.	Finance and Administration Committee to Consider Approval of the August 4, 2025 Meeting Minutes - Chair Anthea Hansen deemed the August 4, 2025	

meeting minutes deemed approved as submitted.



5. Planning Committee Recommendation Regarding Adoption of Refinements to Cost Allocation Methodology and Scope for Phase 1 of the Upper Delta-Mendota Canal Portion of the Delta-Mendota Canal Subsidence Correction Project, and Possible Recommendation to Board of Directors Regarding Same – Executive Director Federico Barajas reviewed the memo in the packet and then referred to Richard Welsh from Hallmark Group to provide an overview of the DMC Subsidence Project, focusing on tasks and costs associated with Phase 1 of the DMC Project. Welsh then referred to Director of Finance Ray Tarka to discuss various funding options. Tarka provided a handout to the committee which illustrated how repayment to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation could be collected through rates.

Committee members discussed the staff recommended refinements to cost allocation methodology: the utilization of all available state, federal, and local non-reimbursable funding to fund Phase 1 work; if less than \$90M in nonreimbursable funding is available, develop further refinements to Phase 1 scope; and continue to pursue cost allocation recommendations for each Project component. Committee members also discussed staff recommended refinements to scope.

M/S - On a motion made by Alternate Wilson Orvis, seconded by Member Brett Miller, the Committee adopted the Planning Committee recommendation for refinements to Cost Allocation Methodology and scope for Phase 1 of the Delta-Mendota Canal Subsidence Correction Project, with the understanding that if less than \$90M non-reimbursable funding is available, the Planning Committee will need to discuss and approve the cost allocation and distribution of non-reimbursable funds. Vote: Ayes - Hansen, Diener, White, Miller, Orvis; Nays – 0; Abstentions – 0.

6. Recommendation to Board of Directors to Authorize Increase in Approved Contract Amount to \$466,440 for Previously Authorized Agreement for Services for DCI Unit 1 & 2 Motor Control Centers Replacement and Commissioning from the FY26 EO&M Budget - Executive Director Federico Barajas introduced the item. Barajas began by summarizing the action taken at the June meeting to approve the contract for \$400,000. Barajas then referred to Electrical Project Specialist Jim Lenhardt to explain the reasoning for the contract increase from \$400,000 to \$466,440. Lenhardt referenced the change in schedule and the fact that the original contract did not account for the increase on labor rates required for Alameda County.

Barajas, Lenhardt

M/S - On a motion made by Chair/Member Justin Diener, seconded by Alternate Wilson Orvis the Committee authorized increase in approved contract amount to \$466,440 for previously authorized Agreement for Services for DCI Unit 1 & 2 Motor Control Centers replacement and commissioning from the FY26 EO&M Budget. Vote: Ayes – Hansen, Diener, White, Miller, Orvis; Nays – 0; Abstentions – 0.

7. FY26 Activity Agreements Budget to Actual Report through 7/31/2025 -Director of Finance Raymond Tarka presented the Budget to Actual Report through July 31, 2025 for the Activity Agreement funds. Tarka stated for the five-month period, the budget was trending positive overall with actual



spending ending July 31, 2025 at \$2,941,623 or 21.90% of the approved budget.

- Raymond Tarka reported that for WY25, the self-funded routine O&M expenses thru July 31, 2025 are under budget by \$1,274,322 or 13.44%, mainly due to the timing of expenditures for O&M expenses in most cost pools. Reclamation provided the FY24 true-up in August in the amount of \$4.3M. The costs have been accrued to both FY24 and FY25 accordingly and will be collected through the final accounting process. The revised water year 2025 rates approved at the July meeting are now in effect. All contractors should be using the revised advanced payment forms. DWR has notified staff that FY26 conveyance charges from DCI to O'Neill Forebay have increased by \$3.93 to \$32.66 per acre-foot. The FY23 and FY24 audits are underway and staff is currently working with the auditors to provide all necessary information.
- 9. Procurement Activity Report Director of Finance Raymond Tarka presented the procurement activity report for the period of August 1, 2025 through August 31, 2025. On August 18<sup>th</sup>, a contract was executed with Power Pros for Excitation System & Control Panel Replacement. The contract amount was \$25,250,000.00 and the funding source was the EO&M budget. On August 18<sup>th</sup>, another contract was executed with Talley Oil, Inc. for DMC Road Maintenance Chip-seal. The contract amount was \$396,465.15 and the funding source is the EO&M budget. There was one contract change order issued to Cal Electro, Inc. in the amount of \$2,142,972.64 during this time. This is change order number 3 for the O'Neill Pumping-Generating Plant Power Transformer Rehabilitation.

#### 10. Executive Director's Report

**Barajas** 

- a. Reclamation Challenges Executive Director Federico Barajas reported that Reclamation is facing challenges regarding invoices and processing payments. Part of this challenge relates to the recent transition of finance department from Reclamation to the Department of Interior.
- **b.** Sites Reservoir Project Executive Director Federico Barajas reported that Reclamation is holding public negotiations on the Sites Reservoir this month and the Authority will continue monitoring them.
- **11. Committee Member Reports** Chair Anthea Hansen reported that Reclamation has sent out final accountings for FY2024 last week and there is close to \$20 million in refunds.
- **12.** Reports Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(a)(3) No reports.
- **13.** Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:34 p.m.