



Monday, March 3, 2025, 12:00 p.m.

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

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

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Because the notice provides for a regular meeting of the Finance & Administration Committee ("FAC") and a joint regular 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.

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. 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. **Approval of February 3, 2024 Meeting Minutes**
5. **Recommendation to Board of Directors to Adopt Resolution Authorizing Execution of Healthy Rivers & Landscapes Program Implementation Funding Activity Agreement, Barajas/Akroyd**
6. **Recommendation to Board of Directors to Authorize Award of Contract and Execution of Construction Agreement with DRYCO for Jones Pumping Plant Road Rehabilitation Project, and Related Expenditure of up to \$491,509 from the FY2023 EO&M Budget, Arroyave/McNeil**

REPORT ITEMS

7. FY25 Activity Agreements Budget to Actual Report through 1/31/25
8. FY25 O&M Budget to Actual Report through 1/31/25
9. Procurement Activity Reports
10. Executive Director's Report
(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)
13. ADJOURNMENT

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SLDMWA FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING TELEPHONIC LOCATIONS
MARCH 3, 2025

2535 Dover Court
Lakewood, CO 80215

SAN LUIS & DELTA-MENDOTA WATER AUTHORITY
FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING AND
JOINT FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING-SPECIAL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS WORKSHOP
MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 3, 2025

The Finance & Administration Committee of the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority convened at approximately 12:00 p.m. at 842 6th Street in Los Banos, California, with Chair Anthea Hansen presiding.

Members and Alternate Members in Attendance

Ex Officio

Cannon Michael

Division 1

Anthea Hansen, Chair/Member

Division 2

Justin Diener, Member

Division 3

Jarrett Martin, Alternate

Division 4

Brett Miller, Member

Division 5

Bill Pucheu, Member - Manny Amorelli, Alternate

Friant Water Authority

Absent

Board of Directors Present

Division 1

Anthea Hansen, Director

Division 2

Justin Diener, Alternate

Division 3

Jarrett Martin, Director
Cannon Michael, Chair/Director

Division 4

Dana Jacobson, Director
Brett Miller, Alternate

Division 5

Manny Amorelli, Director

Authority Representatives Present

Federico Barajas, Executive Director
Pablo Arroyave, Chief Operating Officer
Scott Petersen, Water Policy Director
Rebecca Akroyd, General Counsel

Rebecca Harms, Deputy General Counsel
Raymond Tarka, Director of Finance
Lauren Viers, Accounting Manager
Stewart Davis, Information Technology Officer

Others in Attendance

Lea Emmons, City of Tracy (via Zoom)
Robert Harvie, Valley Water (via ZOOM)

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Chair Anthea Hansen 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 6, 2025 Meeting Minutes.

Chair Anthea Hansen deemed the January 6, 2025 meeting minutes approved as submitted.

5. Recommendation to Board of Directors to Accept the Treasurer's Report for the Quarter Ending December 31, 2024.

Director of Finance Raymond Tarka briefly reviewed the Treasurer's Report. Tarka stated that total cash as of December 31, 2024 was \$28,779,776.31. On a motion made by Member Bill Pucheu, seconded by Alternate Brett Miller, the Committee accepted the Treasurer's Report for the Quarter Ending December 31, 2024.

AYES: Michael, Hansen, Diener, Jarrett Martin, Miller, Pucheu

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

6. Recommendation to Board of Directors to Approve Water Year 2025 Water Rates.

Chief Operating Officer Pablo Arroyave introduced the item. Arroyave then referred to Director of Finance Raymond Tarka to further review the preliminary illustrative Water Year 2025 OM&R Rates based on 40% and 20% agricultural contractor allocation per committee direction. Tarka stated that the budget for San Luis Joint Use (SLJU) and Project Use Energy

(PUE) increased about \$9 million in the current year which includes an increase of about 10% from FY25 for PUE to account for increased costs. Tarka also noted that 125,000 acre-feet was used for projected Intertie use and the amount budgeted for Intertie was based on a confirmed rate for the year. On a motion made by Member Justin Diener, seconded by Member Bill Pucheu, the Committee Approved Water Year 2025 Water Rates.

AYES: Michael, Hansen, Diener, Jarrett Martin, Miller, Pucheu
NAYS: None
ABSTENTIONS: None

REPORT ITEMS

7. FY25 Activity Agreements Budget to Actual Report through 12/31/2024

Director of Finance Raymond Tarka presented the Budget to Actual Report through December 31, 2024 for the Activity Agreement funds. Tarka stated for the ten-month period, the budget was trending positive overall with actual spending ending December 31, 2024 at 37.45% of the approved budget.

8. FY23 O&M Budget to Actual Report through 12/31/2024

Director of Finance Raymond Tarka reported that for WY24, the self-funded routine O&M expenses through December 31, 2024 were over budget by \$1,582,714. This is mainly due to the timing of expenditures for O&M expenses in most cost pools and labor expenses that will not be allocated to specific projects until later in the year. The water year 2022 and 2023 final accountings, fiscal year 2023 and 2024 audits, and the Intertie OM&R true-up remain outstanding. Water Year 2025 Rates have been developed under 20% and 40% allocations and are being considered for approval in this month's meetings.

9. Procurement Activity Report

Director of Finance Raymond Tarka presented the procurement activity report for the period of January 1, 2025 through January 31, 2025. On January 13th, a contract change order was issued to Pentair Flow Technologies for \$1,495,969.87 for the Pentair Pump Bowl Replacement first amendment, to include a sales tax rate of 7.75% for each equipment package. On January 13th, another contract change order was issued to Pentair flow Technologies in the amount of \$1,367,421.89 for Pentair Pump Bowl Replacement Change Order 1 for design changes.

10. **Executive Director's Report.** Executive Director Federico Barajas provided the following updates:

- a. O'Neill – Executive Director Federico Barajas referred to Chief Operating Officer Pablo Arroyave to discuss operations related to the O'Neill transformer rehabilitation project. Arroyave stated that staff is currently seeking four outages lasting about 10-14 days each, rather than one extended outage. The first outage will not occur until all 6 pumps are available at the Intertie. In addition to the transformer rehabilitation, the Authority will be seeking funding of about \$60 million in addition to the \$11.7 million previously received for O'Neill pumping plant upgrades. Staff is needing to secure funding by September 2025 and will be looking into various forms of funding, such as bonds.
- b. HRL Activity Agreement – The draft activity agreement for the Healthy Rivers and Landscapes (HRL) program implementation funding has gone out for review. Staff received some feedback and is anticipating having a final draft for approval at next month's meetings.
- c. Federal Funding Update – Currently most federal funding is on pause for review by the incoming federal administration. This includes funding for projects such as the Jones Pumping Plant excitation project, the Solar Over Canals grant, and the DMC Subsidence Correction project.
- d. San Luis Canal – There have been ongoing discussions with Reclamation and Authority staff regarding DWR invoices related to XM costs at the San Luis Canal, leading to a potential \$10 million charge to the Authority. Historically the Authority has only paid monthly O&M expenses. Staff is in ongoing conversations with Reclamation and has requested additional information on the matter.

II. Committee Member Reports

No reports.

12. Reports Pursuant to Government Code Sec 54954.2

No reports.

13. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:52 p.m.