

**SAN LUIS & DELTA-MENDOTA WATER AUTHORITY JOINT SPECIAL WORKSHOP OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS, WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE, AND FINANCE &  
ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE SPECIAL JOINT WORKSHOP MINUTES  
DECEMBER 14, 2022**

The Joint Special Workshop of the Board of Directors, Water Resources Committee, and Finance & Administration Committee of the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority convened at approximately 10:00 a.m. at Hotel Mission de Oro, 13070 South Hwy 33, Santa Nella, with Vice-Chair William Bourdeau presiding.

**Directors and Alternate Directors in Attendance**

**Division 1**

Anthea Hansen, Director  
Lea Emmons, Alternate for Rick Gilmore

**Division 2**

William Bourdeau, Director  
Beau Correia, Director - Ara Azhderian, Alternate  
Bill Diedrich, Director

**Division 3**

Jarrett Martin, Director  
Ric Ortega, Director

**Division 4**

Aaron Baker, Alternate for John Varela  
Richard Santos, Alternate for Gary Kremen  
Jeff Cattaneo, Director

**Division 5**

Bill Pucheu, Director

**Water Resources Committee Members Present**

**Ex-Officio**

William Bourdeau

**Division 1**

Anthea Hansen, Alternate

**Division 2**

Bill Diedrich, Member

**Division 3**

Ric Ortega, Alternate

**Division 4**

Jeff Cattaneo, Alternate

**Division 5**

Absent

**Finance & Administration Committee Members Present**

**Ex-Officio**

William Bourdeau

**Division 1**

Anthea Hansen, Alternate

**Division 2**

Bobbie Ormonde, Member (arrived during agenda item 4)

**Division 3**

Jarrett Martin, Alternate

**Division 4**

Jeff Cattaneo, Member - Dana Jacobson, Alternate

**Division 5**

Bill Pucheu, Member

**Friant Water Authority**

Wilson Orvis, Alternate for Jason Phillips

**Authority Representatives Present**

Federico Barajas, Executive Director  
Pablo Arroyave, Chief Operating Officer  
Rebecca Akroyd, General Counsel  
Rebecca Harms, Deputy General Counsel  
Scott Petersen, Water Policy Director  
Ray Tarka, Director of Finance  
Lauren Neves, Accountant III  
Darlene Neves, Accountant II  
Laures Stile, Director of HR  
Bob Martin, Facilities O&M Director  
Stewart Davis, IT Officer

**Others in Attendance**

Justin Diener, Westlands Water District  
Ed Pattison, Byron Bethany Irrigation District  
Steve Stadler, San Luis Water District (arrived during agenda item 4)  
John Wiersma, Henry Miller Reclamation District  
Chase Hurley, Pacheco Water District  
Palmer McCoy, Grassland Basin Authority

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

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair William Bourdeau and roll was called.

**2. Agenda Item 3: Opportunity for Public Comment**

None.

**3. Agenda Item 4: Review Proposed Fiscal Year 24 Operations, Maintenance and Replacement (OM&R), and Activity Budgets.**

Executive Director Federico Barajas reviewed the process of developing the proposed FY24 OM&R and Activity budgets. Barajas discussed comparisons between the FY23 and proposed FY24 budgets, and referred to Chief Operating Officer Pablo Arroyave, who provided additional detail regarding the proposed FY24 OM&R Budget and highlighted changes from earlier drafts.

Subsequently, Barajas, Policy Director Scott Petersen, and General Counsel Rebecca Akroyd provided additional detail regarding the proposed FY24 Activity Budget and highlighted changes from earlier drafts. Barajas also clarified the difference between the FY24 proposed budget and anticipated membership assessment.

**4. Agenda Item 5: Discussion Regarding Consumer Price Index/Salary Adjustments Relative to Fiscal Year 2024 Budget.**

Executive Director Federico Barajas introduced the item and referred to General Counsel Rebecca Akroyd, who reviewed the Water Authority's Salary Adjustment Policy and current Consumer Price Index (CPI) information. Board and Committee members provided direction to staff to consider amending the policy going forward.

**5. Agenda Item 6: Review Preliminary Illustrative Water Year 2023 OM&R Rates**

Chief Operating Officer Pablo Arroyave reviewed the preliminary illustrative WY23 OM&R rates, which are based on 0%, 5%, and 10% Ag allocations. Arroyave indicated that demand data is not yet incorporated into the rates. Finance & Administration Committee member Wilson Orvis requested the inclusion of minimum participation numbers in calculation of the rates.

**6. Agenda Item 7: Discussion Regarding Cost Allocation of Various Activity/Fund Budgets.**

Executive Director Federico Barajas presented the item. Barajas reviewed current cost allocation methodology and the alternative methodology developed following months of discussion with members. Board and Committee members requested making any changes to the cost allocation methodology through the strategic plan process rather than via adoption of the proposed FY24 budget.

**7. Agenda Item 8: Executive Director's Report.**

Executive Director Federico Barajas referred to General Counsel Rebecca Akroyd, who reviewed requirements associated with AB2449, including the need for a camera in the Board room in order for Board and Committee members to take advantage of new teleconference opportunities. Board members confirmed that staff should pursue purchase and installation of a camera in the Board room this current fiscal year.

8. **Agenda Items 9-11: Closed Session Report.**

Vice Chair William Bourdeau adjourned the open session to address the items listed on the Closed Session Agenda at approximately 1:15 p.m. Upon return to open session at approximately 1:32 p.m., General Counsel Rebecca Akroyd stated that no reportable actions were taken.

9. **Agenda Item 12: Reports Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2 (a) (3)**

No reports.

10. **Agenda Item 13: Adjournment.**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:33 p.m.