

SAN LUIS & DELTA-MENDOTA WATER AUTHORITY  
SPECIAL WORKSHOP OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MEETING MINUTES FOR JUNE 21, 2023

The Special Workshop of the Board of Directors convened at approximately 9:08 a.m. at Los Banos Community Center, 645 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Los Banos, California with Chair Cannon Michael presiding.

**Board of Directors and Alternate Directors Present**

**Division 1**

Dave Weisenberger, Director  
Bobby Pierce, Director

**Division 2**

William Bourdeau, Director  
Beau Correia, Director (arrived during item 4)  
Bill Diedrich, Director (arrived during item 4)

**Division 3**

Chris White, Alternate for Dan McCurdy  
Jarrett Martin, Director  
Cannon Michael, Director  
Ric Ortega, Director - Ellen Wehr, Alternate

**Division 4**

Aaron Baker, Alternate  
Jim Beall, Alternate  
Steve Wittry, Director  
Joe Tonascia, Director - Joyce Machado, Alternate

**Division 5**

Absent

**Authority Representatives Present**

Federico Barajas, Executive Director  
Pablo Arroyave, Chief Operating Officer  
Rebecca Akroyd, General Counsel  
Scott Petersen, Water Policy Director  
Ray Tarka, Director of Finance  
Rebecca Harms, Deputy General Counsel  
Laures Stiles, Director of H.R.  
Bob Martin, Facilities O&M Director  
Cheri Worthy, Executive Secretary  
Chauncey Lee, O&M Manager  
Jaime McNeill, Engineering Manager  
Stewart Davis, IT Manager

## Others in Attendance

Martin Rauch, Rauch Communication Consultants Inc.  
Dana Jacobson, Valley Water  
Allison Febbo, Westlands Water District  
John Wiersma, Henry Miller Reclamation District

### 1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Chair Cannon Michael at approximately 9:08 am.

### 2. Corrections to the Agenda

No corrections.

### 3. Opportunity for Public Comment

No public comment.

## REPORT ITEMS

### 4. Discussion regarding Strategic Plan Update

a. **Discuss Strategic Plan Updates** – Martin Rauch reviewed the current status of the Water Authority’s effort to develop an updated Strategic Plan and reviewed the notes from the last workshop. Rauch then reviewed guidelines for the workshop. Following review of the process, Rauch guided the workshop participants through small group and large group exercises in which participants discussed and evaluated issues and challenges relating to Water Authority activity agreements, legal strategy, water supply, and cost allocation.

b. **Activity Agreements** – Executive Director Federico Barajas reviewed the Water Authority Activity Agreements prior to the participants discussing the same in small and large groups.

c. **Mission, Vision, and Values** – Martin Rauch requested input regarding the Mission, Vision, and Values statements by July 10, 2023.

d. **Next Steps** – Martin Rauch described the next steps with the Strategic Plan process.

### 5. Executive Director’s Report

a. **SLDMWA New Administrative Office Building** - Executive Director Federico Barajas provided a brief update regarding the new office building.

b. **Strategic Plan Workshop** – Executive Director Federico Barajas reported that the next Strategic Plan Workshop will be scheduled August 10 after the Water Authority board meeting.

6. **Closed Session Report.**

Chair Cannon Michael adjourned the open session to address the items listed on the Closed Session Agenda at approximately 12:36 p.m. Upon return to open session at approximately 1:02 p.m., Chair Cannon Michael stated that no reportable actions were taken.

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

No reports.

8. **Adjournment.**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:03 p.m.