



Meeting Minutes

Date & Time: 6/4/2026 | 9:30 AM

Location: SLDMWA Boardroom

San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes

Board of Directors Present

- Division 1: Anthea Hansen, Director
Ed Pattison, Director
- Division 2: William Bourdeau, Director (ZOOM)
Lon Martin, Alternate
- Division 3: Chris White, Alternate
Jarrett Martin, Director
Cannon Michael, Chair/Director
Mike Gardner, Alternate
Ric Ortega, Director
- Division 4: Aaron Baker, Alternate
Richard Santos, Director
Brett Miller, Alternate
- Division 5: Allison Febbo, Director
Manny Amorelli, Director
- Friant Representative:
Johnny Amaral, FWA Rep.

Authority Representatives Present

- Federico Barajas, Executive Director
- Pablo Arroyave, Chief Operating Officer

- Rebecca Akroyd, General Counsel
- Rebecca Harms, Deputy General Counsel
- Scott Petersen, Chief Strategic & Admin. Officer
- Ray Tarka, Director of Finance
- Jaime McNeil, Engineering Director
- Jacob Bejarano, Civil Engineering Manager
- Cindy Meyer, Special Programs Manager (ZOOM)
- Stewart Davis, IT Officer
- Eddie Reyes, Information Systems Technician

Others Present

- Mitch Partovi, Water Agency
- Danny Wade, Tranquillity Irrigation District
- Kristin Olsen-Cate, California Strategies (ZOOM)
- Matt Smith, CDM Smith
- Cindy Kao, Valley Water
- Chase Hurley, Pacheco Water District
- John Wiersma, Henry Miller Reclamation District
- Joe Hopkins, Provost and Pritchard
- Levi Johnson, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation

Agenda

Item	Topic	Lead
1.	Call to Order/Roll Call – The meeting was called to order at approximately 9:30 a.m. by Chair Cannon Michael and roll was called. During roll call, Director William Bourdeau was identified as participating via teleconference pursuant to Government Code section 54953.8.3(c)(2) for just cause.	
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.	Agenda Items 4-6: Board to Consider: 4) May 14, 2026 Meeting Minutes, 5) Acceptance of the Financial & Expenditures Reports, and 6) Acceptance of Staff Reports - M/S - Motion by Director Richard Santos, seconded by Alternate Aaron Baker, the Board accepted the May 14, 2026 meeting minutes, financial & expenditure reports, and staff reports. Roll	

Call Vote: Ayes – Hansen, Pattison, Bourdeau, Lon Martin, White, Jarrett Martin, Michael, Ortega, Baker, Santos, Miller, Febbo, Amorelli; Nays – 0; Abstentions – 0.

5. **Agenda Item 7: Finance & Administration Committee Recommendations Related to DMC Subsidence Correction Project** Arroyave, McNeil

- A. Adoption of Resolution Authorizing Execution of Amended and Restated Construction Manager/General Contractor Agreement with Kiewit Corporation and Related Expenditure of \$37.5 Million** – Chief Operating Officer Pablo Arroyave briefly reviewed the item, and introduced Matt Smith from CDM Smith, who reviewed a PowerPoint presentation highlighting construction challenges/mitigation strategies, negotiations, and the GMP. Smith reported that Kiewit has a proven track record for delivering high quality, safe projects on time.

On a motion made by Director Richard Santos, seconded by FWA Representative Johnny Amaral, the Board adopted the resolution authorizing execution of amended and restated Construction Manager/General Contractor Agreement with Kiewit Corporation and related expenditure of \$37.5 million. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Hansen, Pattison, Bourdeau, Lon Martin, White, Jarrett Martin, Michael, Ortega, Baker, Santos, Miller, Febbo, Amorelli, Amaral; Nays – 0; Abstentions – 0.

- B. Execution of Construction Support Services Task Order with CDM Smith, Inc. and Related Increase in Expenditure of Up to \$4,538,061** – Chief Operating Officer Pablo Arroyave reported the Authority will be required to perform construction management and environmental monitoring to support the construction activities, and CDM Smith is well qualified to provide these services. Arroyave reported that staff recommends authorizing the proposed Support Services Task Order with CDM Smith and the related increase in expenditure.

On a motion made by Director Richard Santos, seconded by Alternate Chris White, the Board authorized executing Construction Support Services Task Order with CDM Smith, Inc. and related increase in expenditure of up to \$4,538,061. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Hansen, Pattison, Bourdeau, Lon Martin, White, Jarrett Martin, Michael, Ortega, Baker, Santos, Miller, Febbo, Amorelli, Amaral; Nays – 0; Abstentions – 0.

- C. Adoption of Resolution Authorizing Execution of Mitigation Credit Purchase and Sale Agreement and Related Expenditure of Up to \$1.2 Million** – Chief Operating Officer Pablo Arroyave reported that under the terms of the Agreement, the Authority would purchase up to 8.76 acres of upland salamander and frog credits and up to 1.22 acres of aquatic salamander and frog credits to compensate for the loss of California red-legged frog and California tiger salamander habitat. Arroyave reported that the Agreement has been reviewed by staff and is near final, but the final number of acres of upland and aquatic credits necessary

prior to initiating construction of Task 1 is being finalized with USFWS and Reclamation. General Counsel Rebecca Akroyd reviewed the resolution changes, the MOU, and the agreement. Arroyave and Akroyd answered questions throughout the presentation.

On a motion made by Director Ric Ortega, seconded by Director Richard Santos, the Board adopted the resolution authorizing execution of Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Future Credit Transfer Processing Assistance and Credit Sale and Transfer Agreement for the Delta-Mendota Canal Subsidence Correction Project and related expenditure of up to \$1.2 million. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Hansen, Pattison, Bourdeau, Lon Martin, White, Jarrett Martin, Michael, Ortega, Baker, Santos, Miller, Febbo, Amorelli, Amaral; Nays – 0; Abstentions – 0.

6. Agenda Item 8: Finance & Administration Committee Tarka

Recommendation Regarding Adoption of Resolution Updating Banking Relationship with and Signature Requirements for Community West Bank and Superseding Resolution No. 2020-473 – Director of Finance Ray Tarka reported that the resolution would add the Chief Strategic & Administrative Officer position to the list of authorized check-signers. Tarka reported that the proposed resolution would also update the banking relationship to reflect the current name of the bank, Community West Bank, and in addition, it would indicate that account transactions could also be accomplished by ACH.

M/S - Motion by Director Richard Santos, seconded by Alternate Brett Miller, the Board adopted the resolution updating banking relationship with and signature requirements for Community West Bank and superseding Resolution No. 2020-473. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Hansen, Pattison, Bourdeau, Lon Martin, White, Jarrett Martin, Michael, Ortega, Baker, Santos, Miller, Febbo, Amorelli; Nays – 0; Abstentions – 0.

7. Agenda Item 9: Water Resources Committee and Finance & Administration Committee Recommendations to Authorize Amendments to Task Orders with Stantec, Inc. and Related Expenditure of \$139,500 from the FY27 Leg Ops and OM&R Budgets- Petersen

Chief Strategic & Administrative Officer Scott Petersen reviewed the memo and attachments included in the packet. Petersen reported staff is seeking to add \$124,000 to Task Order 1, and to extend it for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2027, to provide Real-Time Operations Monitoring and an annual report of Central Valley Project Operations. Petersen reported that the extension will place the total contract value over the \$200,000 threshold for Board action. Petersen answered questions throughout the presentation.

M/S - Motion by Director Richard Santos, seconded by Alternate Chris White, the Board authorized amendments to Task Orders with Stantec, Inc. and related expenditure of \$139,500 from the FY27 Leg Ops and OM&R Budgets. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Hansen, Pattison, Bourdeau, Lon

Martin, White, Jarrett Martin, Michael, Ortega, Baker, Santos, Miller, Febbo, Amorelli, Amaral; Nays – 0; Abstentions – 0.

8. **Agenda Item 10: Expression of Appreciation for Bill Pucheu, Board Member of San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority** – Chair Cannon Michael reported that Director Bill Pucheu was unable to attend the meeting today and this item will be deferred to a future Board meeting. Danny Wade, General Manager for Tranquillity Irrigation District made remarks about Pucheu’s many accomplishments over the years. Barajas, Michael
9. **Agenda Item 11: Update on Status of Golden Mussels** – Chief Operating Officer Pablo Arroyave reviewed the handout that was distributed at the meeting. Arroyave reported that staff has been hosting monthly coordination meetings with statewide water agencies with the facilitation support of Kearns & West and will do so through July 2026. Arroyave reported on pilot studies and field testing, which included Bio-coating plates, CO2 treatment, Sand/gravel filter w/UV, HYDAC Filters, and treatment effectiveness test chemicals (CO2 & UV), and work by CCWD (lab & field studies). Chief Strategic & Administrative Officer Scott Petersen provided a brief update on legislative efforts. Special Programs Manager Cindy Meyers requested that members send photos and location information of any golden mussel sightings. Arroyave, Meyers, and Petersen answered questions throughout the presentation. Arroyave, Petersen, Meyer
10. **Agenda Item 12: Report on State & Federal Affairs** Chief Strategic & Administrative Officer Scott Petersen provided federal updates including his federal testimony before Congress, Western Drought Funding Letter, Golden Mussels response letter, new Interior Solicitor, forthcoming potential nomination for Reclamation Commissioner, NEPA compliance memo, and the ESA Amendments bill. Petersen additionally provided a California legislative update. Petersen introduced Kristin Olsen-Cate, who provided a State Affairs update. Petersen and Olsen-Cate answered questions throughout the presentation. Petersen, Olsen-Cate
11. **Agenda Item 13: Executive Director’s Report** Barajas
- a. **Joint Use Facility Cost Share** – Executive Director Federico Barajas reported that Reclamation’s response to DWR is included in the packet. Barajas reported that discussion and coordination is underway with Reclamation, DWR, SWC and key Water Authority members
 - b. **Aging Infrastructure Funding Awards** – Executive Director Federico Barajas reported that Reclamation recently announced three new awards to the Water Authority, 1) \$53 million for O’Neill Pumping/Generating Plant transformer replacement project, 2) \$11 million for O’Neill Pumping Plant rehabilitation project, and 3) \$112 million for Delta-Mendota Canal Subsidence Correction Project.
 - c. **OBBBA Funding Agreement** – Executive Director Federico Barajas reported the OBBBA Funding Letter Agreement between

Reclamation and the Water Authority was executed consistent with Board action.

- d. **Tribal Beneficial Use Draft Report** - Executive Director Federico Barajas reported that the State Water Resources Control Board is going to be releasing a public draft of their TBU guidance document for public review and comment. Barajas reported that a public workshop will be planned sometime in July.

12. **Agenda Item 14: Chief Operating Officer's Report** Arroyave,
 - a. **Operations** – Chief Operating Officer Pablo Arroyave reported that Jones Pumping Plant has been at 3-units since yesterday. Arroyave reported that there were two opportunities to run all 6-units at the Intertie over the last 2-weeks.
 - b. **Transfers** - Chief Operating Officer Pablo Arroyave reported that 1) Exchange Contractor Transfers Program is underway, 2) Yuba transfers after losses are at about 9,500 af, and 3) anticipated North to South transfers for 2026 are estimated at 14,000 af.
13. **Agenda Item 15: Update on Water Operations and Forecasts** – Chief Operating Officer Pablo Arroyave referenced the current forecasts included in the packet. Levi Johnson provided updates regarding operations, CVP supply, and reservoir storage. Johnson answered Board member/staff questions throughout the presentation. Arroyave,
Johnson
14. **Agenda Item 16: Committee Reports** – Operations & Maintenance Technical Committee Chair Chris White provided a brief report on the May 4, 2026 O&M meeting/tour.
15. **Agenda Item 17: Outside Agency/Organization Reports**
 - a. **Family Farm Alliance (FFA)** – Chief Strategic & Administrative Officer Scott Petersen reported that there is a retreat scheduled in July.
 - b. **Farm Water Coalition** – No report.
 - c. **Association of California Water Agencies** – No report.
 - d. **San Joaquin Valley Water Blueprint Effort** – Chief Strategic & Administrative Officer Scott Petersen provided a brief update about the Water Resilience Summit and Unified Water Plan.
 - e. **San Joaquin Collaborative Action Plan** – Chief Strategic & Administrative Officer Scott Petersen provided a brief update.
 - f. **Central Valley Project Water Association** – Director Anthea Hansen reported that there was a strategic planning closed session last month.
 - g. **Great Valley Farm Water Partnership (GVFWAP)** – Chief Strategic & Administrative Officer Scott Petersen reported South of Delta storage draft document is out for Advisory Committee review.
16. **Agenda Item 18: Board Member Reports** – No reports.
17. **Agenda Items 19-21: Closed Session** –Chair Cannon Michael adjourned the open session to address the items listed on the Closed Session

Agenda at approximately 11:06 a.m. Upon return to open session at approximately 11:39 a.m., Chair Cannon Michael reported that no reportable actions were taken in closed session.

- 18. Agenda Item 22: Reports Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(a)(3)** – No reports.
- 19. Agenda Item 23: Adjournment** - The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:40 a.m.