

SAN LUIS & DELTA-MENDOTA WATER AUTHORITY
SPECIAL WORKSHOP OF THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES FOR APRIL 17, 2023

The Special Workshop of the Board of Directors convened at approximately 9:00 a.m. at Hotel Mission D Oro, 13070 State Hwy 33, Santa Nella, California with Chair Cannon Michael presiding.

Board of Directors and Alternate Directors Present

Division 1

Dave Weisenberger, Director
Anthea Hansen, Director
Ed Pattison, Director - Lea Emmons, Alternate

Division 2

Ross Franson, Director
William Bourdeau, Director
Bill Diedrich, Director

Division 3

Chris White, Alternate for Dan McCurdy
Jarrett Martin, Director
Cannon Michael, Director

Division 4

Richard Santos, Director
Steve Wittry, Director - Doug Williams, Alternate
Joe Tonascia, Director - Joyce Machado, Alternate

Division 5

Kirk Teixeira, Director
Manny Amorelli, Director

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

Others in Attendance

Martin Rauch, Rauch Communication Consultants Inc.
Steve Stadler, San Luis Water District
Vince Gin, Valley Water
Dana Jacobson, Valley Water

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

The meeting was called to order by Chair Cannon Michael at approximately 9:00 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. **Review of 2019 Strategic Plan, Implementation** – Executive Director Federico Barajas reviewed the memo from March 9, 2023 Workshop regarding the Strategic Plan Implementation Progress.

b. **Discuss Strategic Plan Updates** – Martin Rauch reviewed the process for developing an updated Strategic Plan and the agenda for the workshop. Rauch reported that the two main purposes of today’s workshop are: 1) establish continuity with 2019 Strategic Plan as a starting place, and 2) develop a shared understanding of strategic issues facing the Authority currently and in coming years. 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 facing the Authority today and in coming years.

c. **Overall Process and Next Steps** – Executive Director Federico Barajas reported that a total of three workshops are planned for the Strategic Plan update process. Barajas reported that the information gathered today, information from the interviews, and the Authority’s mission, vision, and values will be compiled and organized for the next workshop. Barajas also reported that an ad hoc committee will review the information before the next workshop. Barajas reported that the next workshop will be May or June.

5. **Executive Director’s Report, Barajas**

Executive Director Federico Barajas reported that BIL funding in the amounts of \$25 million for Jones Pumping Plant and \$25 million for the DMC have been made available. Barajas reported that Chief Operating Officer Pablo Arroyave is coordinating with the Reclamation on the type of agreement needed, and next steps.

Barajas reported that the state legislative visits last week were very successful. Water Policy

Director Scott Petersen summarized items discussed during the visits.

6. Closed Session Report.

Chair Cannon Michael adjourned the open session to address the items listed on the Closed Session Agenda at approximately 12:48 p.m. Upon return to open session at approximately 12:52 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 12:53 p.m.