



Meeting Minutes

Date & Time: 10/6/2025 | 12:00 PM
Location: SLDMWA Boardroom
842 6th Street, Los Banos

San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority Finance and Administration Committee Regular Meeting and Joint Finance and Administration Committee Regular Meeting – Special Board of Directors Workshop

Attendance

Committee Members Present

Ex-Officio: Cannon Michael, Member
William Bourdeau, Member
Division 1: Anthea Hansen, Chair/Member
Division 2: Justin Diener, Member
Stephen Farmer, Alternate
Division 3: Chris White, Member
Jarrett Martin, Alternate
Division 4: Brett Miller, Member
Division 5: Manny Amorelli, Alternate
FWA: Jason Phillips, Member (Item 5)
Wilson Orvis, Alternate (ZOOM)

Division 5: Manny Amorelli, Director
FWA Representative:
Jason Phillips, Representative

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 Viers, Accounting Manager
Stewart Davis, IT Officer
Eddie Reyes, Information Systems Technician

Board of Directors Present

Division 1: Anthea Hansen, Director
Division 2: Justin Diener, Alternate
William Bourdeau, Director
Division 3: Chris White, Alternate
Jarrett Martin, Director
Cannon Michael, Chair/Director
Ric Ortega, Director
Division 4: Brett Miller, Alternate

Others Present

Patrick McGowan, Panoche Water District
Chase Hurley, Pacheco Water District

Agenda

Item	Topic	Lead
1.	Call to Order/Roll Call – The meeting was called to order by Committee Chair Anthea Hansen at approximately 12:00 p.m. and roll was called.	
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.	Finance and Administration Committee to Consider Approval of the September 8, 2025 Meeting Minutes – Chair Anthea Hansen suggested a	

clarification to the language regarding item 8, Reclamation true up “for PUE.”

M/S - On a motion made by Member Chris White, seconded by Member Brett Miller the Committee approved the September 8, 2025 meeting minutes with revised language. Vote: Ayes – Michael, Bourdeau, Hansen, Diener, White, Miller, Amorelli, Orvis; Nays – 0; Abstentions – 0.

5. **Recommendation to Board of Directors to Authorize Issuance of Notice to Proceed with Phase II of O’Neill Pumping/Generating Plant Unit Upgrades Project** – Chief Operating Officer Pablo Arroyave presented the memo provided to the committee. Arroyave stated that \$900,000 will need to be included in the FY27 EO&M budget for the contract amount due in May. Engineering Manager Jaime McNeil added that the Authority has been awarded federal funding in the amount of \$11.6 million and has applied for an additional \$25 million in federal funding, and staff should have an update regarding the status of that funding in December. Staff answered committee member questions throughout the presentation.

M/S - On a motion made by Member Brett Miller, seconded by Member Justin Diener the Committee recommended that the Board of Directors authorize issuance of Notice to Proceed with Phase II of O’Neill Pumping/Generating Plant Unit Upgrades Project. Vote: Ayes – Michael, Bourdeau, Hansen, Diener, White, Miller, Amorelli, Phillips; Nays – 0; Abstentions – 0.

Arroyave,
McNeil
6. **Update Regarding Cost Allocation Recommendations for Phase 1 of the DMC Subsidence Correction Project** – Executive Director Federico Barajas provided an update regarding planned discussions for Phase 1 of the project with the Planning Committee later today. Barajas stated staff is anticipating an action for the Finance & Administration Committee meeting next month.

Barajas
7. **FY26 Activity Agreements Budget to Actual Report through 8/31/2025** - Director of Finance Raymond Tarka presented the Budget to Actual Report through August 31, 2025 for the Activity Agreement funds. Tarka stated for the six-month period, the budget was trending positive overall with actual spending ending August 31, 2025 at \$3,481,009 or 25.92% of the approved budget.

Tarka
8. **FY26 O&M Budget to Actual Report through 8/31/2025** – Director of Finance Raymond Tarka reported that for WY25, the self-funded routine O&M expenses thru August 31, 2025 are under budget by \$977,614 or 8.59%, mainly due to the timing of expenditures for O&M expenses in most cost pools. Intertie Conveyance Costs are still trending slightly over budget despite the increase from \$3.5M to \$4M to be collected through rates. The FY23 and FY24 audits are underway and staff is currently working with the auditors to provide all necessary information. The FY23 audit is expected to be presented at the November meetings.

Tarka

9. **Contract/Procurement Activity Report** – Director of Finance Raymond Tarka
Tarka presented the Contract/Procurement Activity Reports for the period of September 1, 2025 through September 30, 2025. On September 16th, a contract was executed with Rexel USA, Inc for DCI Unit 1 & 2 motor control centers replacement and commissioning. The contract amount is for \$466,439.53 and is being funded by the EO&M budget. On September 24th, a contract change order was issued to Talley Oil, Inc in the amount of \$22,680.00 for additional oil application.
10. **Executive Director's Report** Barajas
a. **Government Shutdown** – Executive Director Federico Barajas reported that Reclamation has prior year funding to keep a full staff working through October 18th. Barajas reported that Reclamation recently published the CVP rates. Barajas then described that Reclamation's consolidated services such as Accounting and Finance, Human Resources, Communications and Congressional Affairs, Contracts and Financial Agreements, and Information Technology, will for the most part be working with limited staffing and on a case-by-case basis...
b. **O'Neill Pumping/Generating Plant Outage** – Executive Director Federico Barajas referred to Chief Operating Officer Pablo Arroyave to provide an update regarding the O'Neill outage. Arroyave stated the outage is beginning today and anticipated through the 25th. Jones Pumping Plant will be operating at 3-4 units in order to meet demand. There is a 24-hour requirement to pump all units at O'Neill as part of the recommissioning of the O'Neill Pumping Plant.
11. **Committee Member Reports** – No reports.
12. **Reports Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(a)(3)** – No reports.
13. **Adjournment** - The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:25 p.m.