

**SAN LUIS & DELTA-MENDOTA WATER AUTHORITY
FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING AND
JOINT FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING-SPECIAL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS WORKSHOP
MINUTES FOR JULY 10, 2023**

The Finance & Administration Committee of the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority convened at approximately 12:00 p.m. at 842 6th Street in Los Banos, California, with Chair Anthea Hansen presiding.

Members and Alternate Members in Attendance

Ex Officio

Absent

Division 1

Anthea Hansen, Member - Lea Emmons, Alternate (arrived during item 9)

Division 2

Justin Diener, Member

Division 3

Chris White, Member - Jarrett Martin, Alternate

Division 4

Joyce Machado, Member - Dana Jacobson, Alternate

Division 5

Bill Pucheu, Member - Manny Amorelli, Alternate

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Wilson Orvis, Alternate for Jason Phillips

Board of Directors Present

Division 1

Anthea Hansen, Director

Lea Emmons, Alternate (arrived during item 9)

Division 2

Justin Diener, Alternate

Division 3

Chris White, Alternate

Jarrett Martin, Director

Division 4

Steve Wittry, Director

Joyce Machado, Alternate

Division 5

Bill Pucheu, Director

Manny Amorelli, Director

Authority Representatives Present

Federico Barajas, Executive Director

Pablo Arroyave, Chief Operating Officer

Scott Petersen, Water Policy Director (ZOOM)
Rebecca Akroyd, General Counsel
Rebecca Harms, Deputy General Counsel
Raymond Tarka, Director of Finance (ZOOM)
Lauren Viers, Accountant III
Stewart Davis, IT Officer

Others in Attendance

Gracie Chavez, Del Puerto Water District

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Chair Anthea Hansen called the meeting to order at approximately 12:00pm and roll was called.

2. Additions or Corrections to the Agenda

No Additions or Corrections.

3. Opportunity for Public Comment

No public comment.

4. Finance & Administration Committee to Consider Approval of the June 5, 2023 Meeting Minutes.

On a motion made by Member Bill Pucheu, seconded by Alternate Member Wilson Orvis, the Committee approved the June 5, 2023 meeting minutes. The vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES: Hansen, Diener, White, Machado, Pucheu, Orvis

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

REPORT ITEMS

5. Discussion Regarding Status of Future Adjustments to WY2023 OM&R Water Rates.

Executive Director Federico Barajas introduced the item. Barajas described the rationale for postponing a potential WY2023 OM&R Water Rate adjustment to the August meetings. Barajas then referred to Director of Finance Raymond Tarka to provide an update on current water rates and the process for adjusting the rates.

6. FY23 Activity Agreements Budget to Actual Report through 5/31/2023

Director of Finance Raymond Tarka presented the Budget to Actual Report through May 31, 2023 for the Activity Agreement funds. Tarka stated that for the three-month period, the budget was trending positive overall with actual spending through May 31, 2023 at 11.14% of the approved budget.

7. FY23 O&M Budget to Actual Report through 5/31/23

Director of Finance Raymond Tarka reported that for WY23, the self-funded routine O&M expenses through May 31, 2023 were under budget by \$77,253. This is mainly due to lower operating costs at all facilities excluding Intertie and O'Neill Pumping Plant. The water year 2021 final accountings and the Intertie OM&R true-up remain outstanding.

8. Procurement Activity Report

Director of Finance Raymond Tarka presented the procurement activity report for the period of June 1st through June 30th. There were no contracts awarded or contract change orders issued during this time.

9. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Federico Barajas provided two updates to the committee.

- a. **O'Neill Transformer Rehab Project**– Executive Director Barajas introduced the topic and referred to Chief Operating Officer Pablo Arroyave to provide a status report on the project. The project is currently planned to take place during April-May of 2024. Authority staff will work with Reclamation to avoid/mitigate impacts to San Luis Reservoir storage.
- b. **B.F. Sisk Dam Raise and Reservoir Expansion Project** – Executive Director Barajas stated the Authority is continuing to work closely with the Activity Agreement Members and Reclamation to fully understand requirements associated with the design phase of the project.

10. Committee Member Reports

No reports.

11. Reports Pursuant to Government Code Sec 54954.2

No reports.

12. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:27 p.m.