

**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 JUNE 2, 2025**

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

William Bourdeau

Division 1

Anthea Hansen, Chair/Member

Division 2

Justin Diener, Member - Stephen Farmer, Alternate

Division 3

Chris White, Member (arrived at item 9) - Jarrett Martin, Alternate

Division 4

Vince Gin, Alternate

Division 5

Bill Pucheu, Member - Manny Amorelli, Alternate

Friant Water Authority

Wilson Orvis, Alternate

Board of Directors Present

Division 1

Bobby Pierce, Director (arrived at item 9)

Anthea Hansen, Director

Ed Pattison, Director

Division 2

Justin Diener, Alternate

William Bourdeau, Vice Chair/Director

Division 3

Chris White, Alternate (arrived at item 9)

Jarrett Martin, Director

Division 4

Dana Jacobson, Director

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
Rebecca Akroyd, General Counsel
Rebecca Harms, Deputy General Counsel
Raymond Tarka, Director of Finance
Bob Martin, O&M Director
Landon Truesdale, Legislative/Legal Policy Clerk
Melody Hernandez, Water Accounting Supervisor
Eddie Reyes, Information Systems Technician
Jaime McNeil, Engineering Manager (via ZOOM)

Others in Attendance

Chase Hurley, Pacheco Water District
Russ Freeman, Westlands Water District
Richard Welsh, Hallmark Group
Jimmy Bourdeau
John Wiersma, Henry Miller Reclamation District (via ZOOM)

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Chair Anthea Hansen called the meeting to order at approximately 12:00 p.m. 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 May 5, 2025 Meeting Minutes.

On a motion made by Ex Officio Member William Bourdeau, seconded by Alternate Wilson Orvis, the Committee approved the June 2, 2025 meeting minutes.

AYES: Bourdeau, Hansen, Diener, Martin, Gin, Pucheu, Orvis
NAYS: None
ABSTENTIONS: None

5. Recommendation to Board of Directors to Adopt Resolution Authorizing Execution of Agreement for Services for DCI Unit 1 and 2 Motor Control Centers Replacement and Commissioning, Adoption of Single Source Procurement Justification, and Related Expenditure of up to \$400,000 from the FY26 EO&M Budget.

Chief Operating Office Pablo Arroyave introduced the item and reviewed items included in the meeting packet. Arroyave reminded the Committee of the arc-flash events that occurred at the Delta-Mendota Canal/California Aqueduct Intertie (DCI) last summer that affected Units 1 and 2, which have been out of service since. Arroyave stated that new motor cabinets will need to be installed and commissioned by a company called Rexel. Arroyave added that the materials needed for this project are expected to arrive in August/September 2025. Arroyave noted that this project has to be completed before the transformer rehabilitation project at O'Neill Pumping Plant scheduled for October 2025 can begin due to the outage that will have to occur at O'Neill. Arroyave and Engineering Manager Jamie McNeill answered questions from Committee members. On a motion made by Member Justin Diener, seconded by Alternate Wilson Orvis, the Committee approved recommendation to the Board of Directors to adopt the Resolution authorizing execution of agreement for services for DCI Unit 1 and 2 Motor Control Centers replacement and commissioning, adoption of Single Source Procurement Justification, and related expenditure of up to \$400,000 from the FY26 EO&M Budget.

AYES:	Bourdeau, Hansen, Diener, Martin, Gin, Pucheu, Orvis
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS:	None

REPORT ITEMS

6. FY26 Activity Agreements Budget to Actual Report through 4/30/2025

Director of Finance Raymond Tarka presented the Budget to Actual Report through April 30, 2025 for the Activity Agreement funds. Tarka stated that the report shows actual year to date spending at 16.67% of the budget and 6.99% for the month of April.

7. FY26 O&M Budget to Actual Report through 4/30/2025

Director of Finance Raymond Tarka reported that for WY25, the self-funded routine O&M expenses thru April 30, 2025 were under budget by about \$729,000 or 19%. Tarka noted that one of the items that is over budget is the Intertie conveyance costs. Tarka reminded the Committee that DWR increased their wheeling costs by about 14% after the budget was approved. Member Justin Diener asked if DWR's increase would be addressed in the upcoming O&M water rate recalculation and Tarka confirmed it would be. Tarka then answered questions from various Committee members regarding the status of the FY23 and FY24 audits.

8. Procurement Activity Report

Director of Finance Raymond Tarka presented the procurement activity report for the

period of May 1, 2025 through May 31, 2025. Tarka stated there were no new contracts to report, but there was one change order in the amount of \$6,489.00 for the JPP Road Rehabilitation Project with DRYCO construction.

9. Executive Director's Report.

Executive Director Federico Barajas provided the following updates:

- a. **FY27 O&M Budget** – Executive Director Federico Barajas stated that an O&M Technical Committee meeting and tour is scheduled for June 16, 2025, which will initiate the O&M budget process for FY27.
- b. **O&M Water Rates** – Executive Director Federico Barajas provided an update regarding O&M water rates, stating that Reclamation recently increased the south-of-Delta agricultural contract allocation to 55%. Barajas noted that staff will re-survey members and will wait until Reclamation's final allocation announcement in June to update the O&M water rates for WY25.
- c. **Reclamation Workforce Reductions / CVPWA Coordination** – Executive Director Federico Barajas introduced the item, then referred to Alternate Wilson Orvis to provide an update. Orvis stated that the deferred resignation program at Reclamation has had a significant impact on staffing within Reclamation especially within their accounting staff. Orvis noted that two major tasks that are currently affected by staffing at Reclamation are the 2024 final accountings and the calculation of the 2026 rates. Orvis stated that CVPWA is exploring whether CVPWA can assist Reclamation's accounting staff with these tasks.
- d. **Funding Application Opportunities** – Executive Director Federico Barajas introduced the item, and then referred to Chief Operating Officer Pablo Arroyave to provide an update. Arroyave stated that there is currently an opportunity to submit applications for aging infrastructure funding through July 18th. Staff is looking to resubmit applications for the Delta-Mendota Canal Subsidence Correction Project and the O'Neill Pumping Plant Rehabilitation Project and submit a new application for the O'Neill Transformer Replacement project.
- e. **Planning Committee** – Executive Director Federico Barajas provided a reminder that there is a Planning Committee meeting schedule for 1:30 PM to focus on the DMC Subsidence Correction 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 12:48 p.m.