

**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 AUGUST 4, 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 Committee Chair Anthea Hansen presiding.

**Members and Alternate Members in Attendance**

**Ex Officio**

Cannon Michael  
William Bourdeau

**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 - Vince Gin, Alternate

**Division 5**

Manny Amorelli, Alternate

**Friant Water Authority**

Wilson Orvis, Alternate

**Board of Directors Present**

**Division 1**

Anthea Hansen, Director

**Division 2**

Justin Diener, Alternate  
William Bourdeau, Vice Chair/Director

**Division 3**

Chris White, Alternate  
Jarrett Martin, Director  
Cannon Michael, Director

**Division 4**

Dana Jacobson, Director  
Brett Miller, Alternate

**Division 5**

Manny Amorelli, Director

**Authority Representatives Present**

Federico Barajas, Executive Director  
Pablo Arroyave, Chief Operating Officer  
Rebecca Akroyd, General Counsel

Scott Petersen, Water Policy Director  
Rebecca Harms, Deputy General Counsel  
Raymond Tarka, Director of Finance  
Bob Martin, O&M Director (via ZOOM)  
Jaime McNeil, Engineering Manager  
Lauren Viers, Accounting Manager  
Stewart Davis, Information Technology Officer

**Others in Attendance**

Lea Emmons, City of Tracy (via ZOOM)  
David Roose, DHR Hydro  
Chase Hurley, Pacheco Water District  
Russ Freeman, Westlands Water District

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

Committee 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 July 7, 2025 Meeting Minutes**

On a motion made by Member Brett Miller, seconded by Alternate Wilson Orvis, the Committee approved the July 7, 2025 meeting minutes with minor, non-substantive edits.

AYES: Michael, Bourdeau, Hansen, Diener, White, Miller, Amorelli, Orvis

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

Following an unplanned and unwelcome Zoom interruption, staff stopped the Zoom transmission of the meeting; the in-person gathering also took a recess during this time. After approximately 10 minutes, the Zoom transmission and meeting resumed.

**5. Recommendation to Board of Directors to Accept the Treasurer's Report for the Quarter Ending June 30, 2025**

Director of Finance Raymond Tarka briefly reviewed the Treasurer's Report. Tarka stated that total cash as of June 30, 2025 was \$43,172,091.57. On a motion made by Member Chris White, seconded by Member Justin Diener, the Committee accepted the Treasurer's Report for the

quarter ending June 30, 2025.

AYES: Michael, Bourdeau, Hansen, Diener, White, Miller, Amorelli,  
Orvis  
NAYS: None  
ABSTENTIONS: None

**6. Recommendation to Board of Directors to Adopt Resolution Authorizing Adoption of Amendments to the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority Consolidated Procurement Policy**

General Counsel Rebecca Akroyd presented the item. Akroyd began by providing information on the current Procurement Policy stating it was last updated in 2020, and staff desired to update the policy, including to adopt procurement methodologies available to other public entities for large construction projects to provide additional flexibility in construction contracting. Akroyd then presented the proposed changes, including additional changes that were not included in the packet relating to the informal bidding award and protest processes. Finance & Administration Committee members then engaged in discussion regarding the threshold for informal procurement. On a motion made by Member Justin Diener, seconded by Alternate Manny Amorelli the Committee recommended adoption of the Resolution authorizing adoption of amendments to the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority Consolidated Procurement Policy, including the additional amendments relating to the informal bidding award and protest processes, with the caveat that the Board of Directors engage in additional discussion regarding the threshold for informal procurement prior to action.

AYES: Michael, Bourdeau, Hansen, Diener, White, Amorelli  
NAYS: Orvis  
ABSTENTIONS: None

**7. Recommendation to Board of Directors to Authorize Award and Execution of Construction Agreements for Jones Pumping Plant Excitation Project, and Expenditure of Up to \$25,000,000 Utilizing Aging Infrastructure Account Funds**

Chief Operating Officer Pablo Arroyave reviewed the items included in the packet. Arroyave stated that staff proposes to award six separate contracts to Power Pros, one for each unit. Arroyave noted \$250,000 will need to be included in future EO&M budget, and noted that additional funds may also be needed for Reclamation support. On a motion made by Alternate Wilson Orvis, seconded by Alternate Brett Miller, the Committee recommended authorization to award and execute construction agreements for Jones Pumping Plant Excitation Project, and expenditure of up to \$25,000,000 utilizing Aging Infrastructure Account funds.

AYES: Michael, Bourdeau, Hansen, Diener, White, Amorelli, Orvis  
NAYS: None  
ABSTENTIONS: None

**8. Recommendation to Board of Directors to Authorize Award of Contract, Execution of Construction Agreement for DMC Road Maintenance Chipseal, and Expenditure of Up to \$396,466 from the FY26 EO&M Budget**

Chief Operating Officer Pablo Arroyave reviewed the items included in the packet. Arroyave stated the budgeted amount is to Chipseal approximately 25 miles of the DMC, with the current bid coming in under budget. On a motion made by Alternate Wilson Orvis, seconded by Member Chris White the Committee recommended authorization to award and execute construction agreements for DMC Road Maintenance Chipseal, and expenditure of up to \$396,466 from the FY26 EO&M Budget.

AYES: Michael, Bourdeau, Hansen, Diener, White, Amorelli, Orvis  
NAYS: None  
ABSTENTIONS: None

**9. Recommendation to Board of Directors to Authorize Execution of Change Order for O'Neill Pumping-Generating Plant Power Transformer Rehabilitations and Increase in Expenditure of Up to \$2,156,500 from the FY24 and FY26 EO&M Budgets**

Chief Operating Officer Pablo Arroyave reviewed the items included in the packet. Arroyave stated that the Authority has enough funds budgeted to cover these costs. Engineering Manager Jaime McNeil further clarified stating the funds budgeted were for this project and they are not funds being reallocated. Staff stated that after initial direction was received regarding the O'Neill Pumping-Generating Plant (OPP) Rehabilitation Project, direction was provided to divide the OPP Rehabilitation Project into a project with four separate outages, which resulted in increased costs. On a motion made by Member Justin Diener, seconded by Alternate Wilson Orvis the Committee recommended authorization to execute Change Order for O'Neill Pumping-Generating Plant power transformer rehabilitations and increase in expenditure of up to \$2,156,500 from the FY24 and FY26 EO&M Budgets.

AYES: Michael, Bourdeau, Hansen, Diener, White, Amorelli, Orvis  
NAYS: None  
ABSTENTIONS: None

**REPORT ITEMS**

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

Director of Finance Raymond Tarka presented the Budget to Actual Report through June

30, 2025 for the Activity Agreement funds. Tarka stated for the four-month period, the budget was trending positive overall with actual spending ending June 30, 2025 at \$2,029,685 or 15.11% of the approved budget.

## **II. FY26 O&M Budget to Actual Report through 6/30/2025**

Director of Finance Raymond Tarka reported that for WY25, the self-funded routine O&M expenses thru June 30, 2025 are under budget by \$1,638,032 or 21.6%. This is mainly due to the timing of expenditures for O&M expenses in most cost pools. The water year 2022 and 2023 final accountings remain outstanding along with one payment from the Water Year 2022 Interim Final Accounting and the fiscal year 2023 and 2024 audits. The revised water year 2025 rates approved at the July meeting are now in effect. All contractors should now be using the revised advanced payment forms.

## **12. Procurement Activity Report**

Director of Finance Raymond Tarka presented the procurement activity report for the period of July 1, 2025 through July 31, 2025. On July 8<sup>th</sup>, a contract was executed with Sytech Solutions for a document management system. The contract amount was \$121,700.00 and the funding source was the O&M budget. There were no contract change orders issued during this time.

## **13. Executive Director's Report**

Executive Director Federico Barajas provided the following updates:

- a. **Planning Committee Meeting** – Executive Director Federico Barajas stated that there is a Planning Committee meeting scheduled today at 1:30 p.m.
- b. **Sites Project** – Executive Director Federico Barajas stated formal negotiations for the Sites Project will begin in Sacramento on August 18<sup>th</sup>.
- c. **Operations** – Executive Director Federico Barajas referred to Chief Operating Officer Pablo Arroyave to provide updates on operations and the O'Neill Pumping Plant. Arroyave stated that OPP is currently operating at 5 units and there is a scheduled outage October 6 - 25, and that Central Valley Operations (CVO) has indicated no associated water supply impact.

## **14. Committee Member Reports - No reports.**

## **15. Reports Pursuant to Government Code Sec 54954.2 - No reports.**

16. **Adjournment** - The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:56 p.m.