



Meeting Minutes

Date & Time: 9/8/2025 | 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: Absent
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: Absent
FWA: Wilson Orvis, Alternate

Board of Directors Present

Division 1: Anthea Hansen, Director
Division 2: Justin Diener, Alternate
Division 3: Jarrett Martin, Director
Chris White, Alternate
Division 4: Dana Jacobson, Director
Brett Miller, Alternate
Division 5: Absent

Authority Representatives Present

Federico Barajas, Executive Director
Pablo Arroyave, Chief Operating Officer (ZOOM)
Rebecca Akroyd, General Counsel
Rebecca Harms, Deputy General Counsel
Scott Petersen, Water Policy Director
Ray Tarka, Director of Finance
Bob Martin, Facilities O&M Director
Jim Lenhardt, Electrical Project Specialist
Lauren Viers, Accounting Manager
Stewart Davis, IT Officer
Eddie Reyes, Information Systems Technician

Others Present

Richard Welsh, Hallmark Group
Russ Freeman, Westlands 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 August 4, 2025 Meeting Minutes - Chair Anthea Hansen deemed the August 4, 2025 meeting minutes deemed approved as submitted.	

5. **Planning Committee Recommendation Regarding Adoption of Refinements to Cost Allocation Methodology and Scope for Phase 1 of the Upper Delta-Mendota Canal Portion of the Delta-Mendota Canal Subsidence Correction Project, and Possible Recommendation to Board of Directors Regarding Same** – Executive Director Federico Barajas reviewed the memo in the packet and then referred to Richard Welsh from Hallmark Group to provide an overview of the DMC Subsidence Project, focusing on tasks and costs associated with Phase 1 of the DMC Project. Welsh then referred to Director of Finance Ray Tarka to discuss various funding options. Tarka provided a handout to the committee which illustrated how repayment to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation could be collected through rates.
- Committee members discussed the staff recommended refinements to cost allocation methodology: the utilization of all available state, federal, and local non-reimbursable funding to fund Phase 1 work; if less than \$90M in non-reimbursable funding is available, develop further refinements to Phase 1 scope; and continue to pursue cost allocation recommendations for each Project component. Committee members also discussed staff recommended refinements to scope.
- M/S - On a motion made by Alternate Wilson Orvis, seconded by Member Brett Miller, the Committee adopted the Planning Committee recommendation for refinements to Cost Allocation Methodology and scope for Phase 1 of the Delta-Mendota Canal Subsidence Correction Project, with the understanding that if less than \$90M non-reimbursable funding is available, the Planning Committee will need to discuss and approve the cost allocation and distribution of non-reimbursable funds. Vote: Ayes – Hansen, Diener, White, Miller, Orvis; Nays – 0; Abstentions – 0.
6. **Recommendation to Board of Directors to Authorize Increase in Approved Contract Amount to \$466,440 for Previously Authorized Agreement for Services for DCI Unit 1 & 2 Motor Control Centers Replacement and Commissioning from the FY26 EO&M Budget** – Executive Director Federico Barajas introduced the item. Barajas began by summarizing the action taken at the June meeting to approve the contract for \$400,000. Barajas then referred to Electrical Project Specialist Jim Lenhardt to explain the reasoning for the contract increase from \$400,000 to \$466,440. Lenhardt referenced the change in schedule and the fact that the original contract did not account for the increase on labor rates required for Alameda County.
- M/S - On a motion made by Chair/Member Justin Diener, seconded by Alternate Wilson Orvis the Committee authorized increase in approved contract amount to \$466,440 for previously authorized Agreement for Services for DCI Unit 1 & 2 Motor Control Centers replacement and commissioning from the FY26 EO&M Budget. Vote: Ayes – Hansen, Diener, White, Miller, Orvis; Nays – 0; Abstentions – 0.
7. **FY26 Activity Agreements Budget to Actual Report through 7/31/2025** - Director of Finance Raymond Tarka presented the Budget to Actual Report through July 31, 2025 for the Activity Agreement funds. Tarka stated for the five-month period, the budget was trending positive overall with actual

spending ending July 31, 2025 at \$2,941,623 or 21.90% of the approved budget.

8. **FY26 O&M Budget to Actual Report through 7/31/2025** – Director of Finance Raymond Tarka reported that for WY25, the self-funded routine O&M expenses thru July 31, 2025 are under budget by \$1,274,322 or 13.44%, mainly due to the timing of expenditures for O&M expenses in most cost pools. Reclamation provided the FY24 true-up in August in the amount of \$4.3M. The costs have been accrued to both FY24 and FY25 accordingly and will be collected through the final accounting process. The revised water year 2025 rates approved at the July meeting are now in effect. All contractors should be using the revised advanced payment forms. DWR has notified staff that FY26 conveyance charges from DCI to O’Neill Forebay have increased by \$3.93 to \$32.66 per acre-foot. The FY23 and FY24 audits are underway and staff is currently working with the auditors to provide all necessary information. Tarka
9. **Procurement Activity Report** – Director of Finance Raymond Tarka presented the procurement activity report for the period of August 1, 2025 through August 31, 2025. On August 18th, a contract was executed with Power Pros for Excitation System & Control Panel Replacement. The contract amount was \$25,250,000.00 and the funding source was the EO&M budget. On August 18th, another contract was executed with Talley Oil, Inc. for DMC Road Maintenance Chip-seal. The contract amount was \$396,465.15 and the funding source is the EO&M budget. There was one contract change order issued to Cal Electro, Inc. in the amount of \$2,142,972.64 during this time. This is change order number 3 for the O’Neill Pumping-Generating Plant Power Transformer Rehabilitation. Tarka
10. **Executive Director’s Report** Barajas
 - a. **Reclamation Challenges** – Executive Director Federico Barajas reported that Reclamation is facing challenges regarding invoices and processing payments. Part of this challenge relates to the recent transition of finance department from Reclamation to the Department of Interior.
 - b. **Sites Reservoir Project** – Executive Director Federico Barajas reported that Reclamation is holding public negotiations on the Sites Reservoir this month and the Authority will continue monitoring them.
11. **Committee Member Reports** – Chair Anthea Hansen reported that Reclamation has sent out final accountings for FY2024 last week and there is close to \$20 million in refunds.
12. **Reports Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(a)(3)** – No reports.
13. **Adjournment** - The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:34 p.m.