



Meeting Minutes

Date & Time: 11/3/2025 | 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
Division 1: Anthea Hansen, Chair/Member
Division 2: Justin Diener, Member
Division 3: Chris White, Member
Jarrett Martin, Alternate
Division 4: Absent
Division 5: Bill Pucheu, Member
Manny Amorelli, Alternate
FWA: Wilson Orvis, Alternate

Board of Directors Present

Division 1: Bobby Pierce, Director
Anthea Hansen, Director
Division 2: Justin Diener, Alternate
Division 3: Chris White, Alternate
Jarrett Martin, Director
Cannon Michael, Chair/Director
Division 4: Dana Jacobson, Director
Division 5: Bill Pucheu, Director
Allison Febbo, Director
Manny Amorelli, Director

FWA Representative: Absent

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
Jaime McNeil, Engineering Manager
Bob Martin, Facilities O&M Director
Chauncey Lee, O&M Manager
Eddie Reyes, Information Systems Technician

Others Present

Patrick McGowan, Panoche Water District
John Wiersma, Henry Miller Reclamation District
Ingrid Sheipline, Richardson & Co. (ZOOM)

Agenda

Item	Topic	Lead
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| 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 October 6, 2025 Meeting Minutes** – Chair Anthea Hansen deemed the minutes approved with suggested non-substantive edits.
5. **Recommendation to Board of Directors to Accept the Treasurer’s Report for the Quarter Ending September 30, 2025** – Director of Finance Raymond Tarka briefly reviewed the Treasurer’s Report. Tarka stated that total cash as of September 30, 2025 was \$51,118,653.81. M/S - On a motion made by Chair/Member Anthea Hansen, seconded by Alternate Wilson Orvis, the Committee recommended acceptance of the Treasurer’s Report for the quarter ending September 30, 2025. Vote: Ayes – Michael, Hansen, Diener, White, Pucheu, Orvis; Nays – 0; Abstentions – 0. Tarka
6. **Recommendation to Board of Directors to Authorize Fourth Amendment and Related Budget Increase of \$84,100 for DCI Arc Flash Investigation and Fault Analysis Project Task Order with DHR Hydro Services, Inc.-** Chief Operating Officer Pablo Arroyave reviewed the item. Arroyave stated that the original DCI Arc Flash Investigation and Fault Analysis Project and associated outage was rescheduled from September to mid-November due to pumping concerns. Arroyave explained that due to the unexpected delays and complexities of the project, DHR Hydro Services is requiring additional support to complete the project resulting in a budget increase of \$84,100. However, there are budget funds available for use. Arroyave, McNeil
M/S - On a motion made by Alternate Wilson Orvis, seconded by Member Chris White the Committee recommended authorizing the Fourth Amendment and related budget increase of \$84,100 for DCI Arc Flash Investigation and Fault Analysis Project Task Order with DHR Hydro Services, Inc. Vote: Ayes – Michael, Hansen, Diener, White, Pucheu, Orvis; Nays – 0; Abstentions – 0.
7. **Recommendation to Board of Directors to Accept Fiscal Year 2023 Audited Financial Statements** – Director of Finance Raymond Tarka introduced the item. Tarka then referred to external auditor Ingrid Shepline from Richardson and Company to review the final draft of the FY2023 audited financials. Shepline began by noting the partner rotation requirement due to the number of years auditor Brian Nash had been auditing the Authority’s financials. Ingrid then reviewed the audit outline provided to the committee. The outline noted changes and significant variances from the FY2022 audit. The most notable change in the FY2023 audit was a reclassification of the EO&M and CIP fund balances from unrestricted to restricted. After further review by staff and the auditor, it was decided these funds need to be reclassified as restricted because they were collected from members for the purpose of a specific project and in order to be used for other projects staff would need to go back to board for approval. Shepline then reviewed the Governance Letter and Management letter with the committee. Tarka and Shepline answered questions throughout the presentation. Tarka

M/S - On a motion made by Member Justin Diener, seconded by Member Chris White, the Committee recommended acceptance of Fiscal Year 2023 Audited Financial Statements. Vote: Ayes – Michael, Hansen, Diener, White, Pucheu, Orvis; Nays – 0; Abstentions – 0.

8. **Planning Committee Recommendation Regarding Adoption of Cost Allocation Recommendation for Phase 1 of the DMC Subsidence Correction Project, and Possible Recommendation to Board of Directors Regarding the Same** – Executive Director Federico Barajas reviewed the memo provided to the committee and relevant enclosures, which outlined various payment options associated with Phase 1 Implementation of the DMC Subsidence Correction Project. Barajas stated the Planning Committee recommended scenario 1 with the note that there could be potential adjustments for tasks 1 and 2 based on technical information related to modeling and benefits to Friant Water Authority. Barajas, Arroyave
- M/S - On a motion made by Alternate Wilson Orvis, seconded by Ex-Officio Member Cannon Michael, the Committee recommended adoption of the Planning Committee Recommendation Regarding Cost Allocation Recommendation for Phase 1 of the DMC Subsidence Correction Project. Vote: Ayes – Michael, Hansen, Diener, White, Pucheu, Orvis; Nays – 0; Abstentions – 0.
9. **Recommendation to Board of Directors to Adopt the Proposed Fiscal Year 2027 OM&R Budget, Including Routine OM&R and Extraordinary OM&R/Capital Improvement Project Budgets** – Chief Operating Officer Pablo Arroyave introduced the item. Arroyave began by confirming the O&M Technical Committee’s recommendation for proposed projects in FY2027. Arroyave then continued to review the budget PowerPoint presentation, which summarized the various components of the O&M, RO&M, & EO&M budgets including a proposed increase salary of 3.5% reflecting a cost-of-living adjustment. Staff then provided a preliminary rate discussion based on the numbers presented in the budget. Arroyave indicated that upon recommendation, the O&M budget will be distributed to CVP contractors for a 30-day review period, and will go to the Board for approval in January or February with the Activity Agreement budget. Arroyave
- M/S - On a motion made by Alternate Wilson Orvis, seconded by Member Bill Pucheu, the Committee recommended adoption of the proposed Fiscal Year 2027 OM&R Budget, including Routine OM&R and Extraordinary OM&R/Capital Improvement Project Budgets. Vote: Ayes – Michael, Hansen, Diener, White, Pucheu, Orvis; Nays – 0; Abstentions – 0.
10. **Update on O’Neill Pumping/Generating Plant Rehabilitation Project** – Chief Operating Officer Pablo Arroyave introduced Engineering Manager Jaime McNeil who provided an update on the plant rehabilitation project. McNeil reviewed a PowerPoint presentation with the committee, and described damage in the spare transformer that required work to be stopped. Arroyave, McNeil

11. **FY26 Activity Agreements Budget to Actual Report through 9/30/25 -** Tarka
Director of Finance Raymond Tarka presented the Budget to Actual Report through September 30, 2025 for the Activity Agreement funds. Tarka stated for the seven-month period, the budget was trending positive overall with actual spending ending September 30, 2025 at \$4,093,082 or 30.48% of the approved budget.
12. **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 through September 30, 2025 are under budget by \$941,591 or 7.09%, mainly due to the timing of expenditures for O&M expenses in most cost pools. Intertie conveyance costs continue to trend over-budget. The fiscal year 2023 audit has been completed and will be presented to the Board later this week. The fiscal year 2024 and 2025 audits are underway and will be completed as soon as possible. Tarka
13. **Contract/Procurement Activity Report –** Director of Finance Raymond Tarka presented the Contract/Procurement Activity Report for the period of October 1, 2025 through October 31, 2025. There were no contracts executed during this time. On October 15th, a third contract change order was issued with DHR Hydro, Inc. in the amount of \$70,000 for the Jones Pumping Plant Excitation and Control Panel Replacement Project. Tarka
14. **Executive Director's Report** Barajas
 - a. **Budget Workshop** – Executive Director Federico Barajas reported that the FY27 Budget Workshop is scheduled for December 2025.
15. **Committee Member Reports** – No reports.
16. **Reports Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(a)(3)** – No reports.
17. **Adjournment** - The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:37 p.m.