



Meeting Minutes

Date & Time: 3/2/2026 | 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: Stephen Farmer, Alternate
 Division 3: Jarrett Martin, Alternate
 Division 4: Brett Miller, Member
 Vince Gin, Alternate (ZOOM)
 Division 5: Manny Amorelli, Alternate
 FWA: Wilson Orvis, Member

FWA Representative: Wilson Orvis, Alternate

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
 Ray Tarka, Director of Finance
 Lauren Viers, Accounting Manager
 Eddie Reyes, Information Systems Technician

Board of Directors Present

Division 1: Anthea Hansen, Director
 Division 2: None
 Division 3: Jarrett Martin, Director
 Division 4: Brett Miller, Alternate
 Division 5: Manny Amorelli, Director

Others Present

Lea Emmons, City of Tracy (ZOOM)

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 February 2, 2026 Meeting Minutes — M/S - On a motion made by Member Wilson Orvis, seconded by Alternate Stephen Farmer, the Committee approved the February 2, 2026 meeting minutes with minor edits. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Hansen, Farmer, Jarrett Martin, Miller, Amorelli, Orvis; Nays – 0; Abstentions – 0.	
5.	FY26 Activity Agreements Budget to Actual Report through 1/31/26 — Director of Finance Raymond Tarka presented the Budget to Actual Report	

through January 31, 2026 for the Activity Agreement funds. Tarka stated for the eleven-month period, the budget was trending positive overall with actual spending ending January 31, 2026 at \$6,560,101 or 48.85% of the approved budget.

6. **FY26 O&M Budget to Actual Report through 1/31/2026** — Director of Finance Raymond Tarka reported that for WY25, the self-funded routine O&M expenses through January 31, 2026 are under budget by \$973,016 or 4.7%, 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 2024 and 2025 audits are underway and will be completed as soon as possible.
7. **Contract/Procurement Activity Report** — Director of Finance Raymond Tarka presented the Contract/Procurement Activity Report included in the packet for the period of February 1, 2026 through February 28, 2026. On February 5th, a construction contract was issued with Hartman Walsh Painting Company for the JPP recoating project. The contract amount is \$1,037,350 and is funded by the EO&M budget. On February 9th, a construction contract was issued with Kiewit Infrastructure for Phase 1 of the DMC subsidence correction project. The contract amount is \$200,000 and is funded by the CIP budget. On February 10th, a construction contract was issued to Unico Mechanical for the JPP unit five impeller balancing. The contract amount is \$149,500 and is funded by the EO&M budget.
8. **Accounting Updates** — Director of Finance Raymond Tarka provided Accounting Department updates to the committee.
 - a. **Trainings/Certifications:** Accounting Manager Lauren Viers is now certified in grant management.
 - b. **NetSuite/Reporting:** Accounting staff have been working with a consultant in order to get monthly reports generated out of NetSuite.
 - c. **Excise Tax:** Staff have been working internally along with members of the committee to verify the Authority is exempt from excise tax on purchases. It has now been confirmed the Authority qualifies for exemption as a local government agency.
 - d. **Membership Assessments:** FY2027 1st installments of membership assessments will be going out by the end of the week.
 - e. **Audit:** Currently, the FY2024 audit is anticipated to be presented at the April meeting.
9. **Executive Director's Report**
 - a. **SLU Joint Use Facilities:** Executive Director Federico Barajas reported that there has been an initial meeting between BOR and DWR regarding cost shares in attempt to reach alignment regarding expectations. There is interest in establishing an annual meeting going forward. DWR is going to share more information with BOR and CVP Contractors regarding forecasting over the next

3 years. There will be a meeting in April with hopes of a premeeting among CVP contractors and BOR.

- b. **CVPIA Completion:** Executive Director Federico Barajas reported that there is interest from the administration in evaluating CVPIA completion. Reclamation is seeking input from the CVP contractors.

- 10. **Committee Member Reports** — No reports.
- 11. **Reports Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(a)(3)** — None.
- 12. **Adjournment** — The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:31 p.m.