



Meeting Minutes

Date & Time: 5/11/2026 | 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
Lea Emmons, Alternate
Division 2: Justin Diener, Member
Stephen Farmer, Alternate
Division 3: Jarrett Martin, Alternate
Division 4: Brett Miller, Member
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
Ray Tarka, Director of Finance
Lauren Viers, Accounting Manager
Jaime McNeil, Engineering Manager
Chauncey Lee, O&M Manager
Stewart Davis, IT Officer
Eddie Reyes, Information Systems Technician

Board of Directors Present

Division 1: Anthea Hansen, Director
Lea Emmons, Alternate
Division 2: Justin Diener, Director
Division 3: Jarrett Martin, Director
Division 4: Dana Jacobson, Director
Brett Miller, Alternate
Division 5: Manny Amorelli, Director

Others Present

Patrick McGowan, Panoche Water District
Chase Hurley, Pacheco 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 April 6, 2026 Meeting Minutes — Chair Anthea Hansen deemed the April 6, 2026 meeting minutes approved as presented.	

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5. **Recommendation to Board of Directors to Accept the Treasurer’s Report for the Quarter Ending March 31, 2026** – Director of Finance Raymond Tarka reviewed the Treasurer’s Report. Tarka stated that total cash as of March 31, 2026 was \$17,759,205.72. The Authority is in compliance with the investment policy and is able to meet cash requirements for the next six months. M/S - On a motion made by Member Brett Miller, seconded by Member Wilson Orvis, the Committee recommended acceptance of the Treasurer’s Report for the quarter ending March 31, 2026. Vote: Ayes –Hansen, Diener, Jarrett Martin, Miller, Amorelli, Orvis; Nays – 0; Abstentions – 0. Tarka
6. **Recommendation to Board of Directors to Accept Fiscal Year 2024 Audited Financial Statements** – Director of Finance Raymond Tarka introduced the item. Tarka then referred to external auditor Brian Nash from Richardson and Company to review the final draft of the FY2024 audited financials. Nash began by commending staff on the completion of two audits in less than eight months. Nash then reviewed the audit outline presented to the committee. The outline noted any changes and significant variances from the FY2023 audit. Nash then reviewed the Governance Letter and Management letter with the committee. Tarka and Nash answered questions throughout the presentation. M/S - On a motion made by Member Brett Miller, seconded by Member Justin Diener, the Committee recommended accepting Fiscal Year 2024 Audited Financial Statements. Vote: Ayes – Hansen, Diener, Jarrett Martin, Miller, Amorelli, Orvis; Nays – 0; Abstentions – 0. Tarka
7. **Recommendation to Board of Directors to Authorize Award and Execution of Agreement for Fuel Delivery Services and Expenditure of Up to \$300,000 from the FY 2027 OM&R Budget** – Chief Operating Officer Pablo Arroyave introduced the item, stating staff is seeking approval to execute two 3-year fuel contracts with two additional option years: one contract issued to Ramos Fuel for the Tracy facilities and the other for Toro to provide fuel for the Los Banos facilities. Staff answered questions throughout the presentation. M/S - On a motion made by Member Brett Miller, seconded by Member Justin Diener, the Committee recommended authorizing award and execution of agreement for fuel delivery services and expenditure of up to \$300,000 from FY 2027 OM&R Budget. Vote: Ayes –Hansen, Diener, Jarrett Martin, Miller, Amorelli, Orvis; Nays – 0; Abstentions – 0. Arroyave
8. **Recommendations to Board of Directors Related to DMC Subsidence Correction Project** Barajas, Arroyave, McNeill
 A. Revisions to Cost Allocation for Phase 1
 B. Revisions to Scope for Phase 1
Executive Director Federico Barajas introduced the item. Barajas noted that the scope of work has changed as discussed in the planning committee meeting due to the \$235M Federal award. Barajas then referred to Engineering Manager Jaime McNeil to discuss the changes under each task. M/S - On a motion made by Member Justin Diener, seconded by Member Wilson Orvis, the Committee approved
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recommendations related to DMC Subsidence Correction Project, including utilization of nonreimbursable funds for Phase 1, and adoption of a revised scope for Phase 1 consistent with the following: Task 1: No changes (Approximate 2 ft. freeboard raise between 3.5 (JPP) to MP 7.2 (DCI), based on 4,600 cfs design flow and no future anticipated subsidence); Task 2: Revised (expanded sag area repairs on Upper DMC); Task 3: Replaced (instead of panel repair program, address 3 critical bridges on Upper DMC); Task 4: Replaced (instead of panel repair program, address 1-2 critical bridges on Lower DMC). Vote: Ayes – Hansen, Diener, Jarrett Martin, Miller, Amorelli, Orvis; Nays – 0; Abstentions – 0.

9. **Recommendation to Board of Directors to Ratify Execution of Change Orders for Jones Pumping Plant Unit 5 Leak Investigation & Repair Project and Increase in Expenditures of Up to \$264,898 from the FY 2026 EO&M Budget** Arroyave, McNeill
- A. **Unit 5 Impeller Balancing Construction Agreement with Unico Mechanical Corp.**
 - B. **JPP Pump Casing and Bifurcation Pipe Recoating Construction Agreement with Hartman-Walsh Painting Company**
- Chief Operating Officer Pablo Arroyave introduced the item, explaining the need for prompt execution of the change orders. Arroyave stated that with the repair the Authority will be back to five units at Jones Pumping Plant next week. Engineering Manager Jaime McNeil stated the repair exceeds the \$200,000 approval threshold and the change order is over 10% requiring board approval. M/S - On a motion made by Member Wilson Orvis, seconded by Alternate Manny Amorelli, the Committee recommended ratifying execution of Change Orders for Jones Pumping Plant Unit 5 Leak Investigation & Repair Project and increase in expenditures of up to \$264,898 from the FY2026 EO&M budget. Vote: Ayes – Hansen, Diener, Jarrett Martin, Miller, Amorelli, Orvis; Nays – 0; Abstentions – 0.
10. **FY26 Activity Agreements Budget to Actual Report through 3/31/26** — Tarka
 Director of Finance Raymond Tarka presented the Budget to Actual Report through March 31, 2026 for the Activity Agreement funds. Tarka stated for the five-month period, the budget was trending positive overall with actual spending ending March 31, 2026 at \$367,368 or 3.14% of the approved budget.
11. **FY26 O&M Budget to Actual Report through 3/31/2026** — Director of Finance Raymond Tarka reported that for WY25, the self-funded routine O&M expenses through March 31, 2026 are under budget by \$54,194 or 2.6%, mainly due to underspending for O&M expenses in most cost pools except for DCI. Intertie conveyance costs are over-budget by \$398,144. The fiscal year 2025 audit is underway and will be completed as soon as possible. Tarka answered questions throughout the presentation. Tarka
12. **Contract/Procurement Activity Report** — Director of Finance Raymond Tarka presented the Contract/Procurement Activity Report included in the Tarka

packet for the period of April 1, 2026 through April 30, 2026. There were no new contracts issued during this time. Tarka provided detail regarding the four contract change orders issued during the April 1 – April 30 period.

- 13. Accounting Updates** — Director of Finance Raymond Tarka provided Accounting Department updates to the Committee. Tarka
- A. FY2025 Audit – Staff has already begun work on the FY2025 audit and are working with the auditors on an estimated timeline for approval.
 - B. Final Accountings – Water Year 2023/2024 final accountings are estimated to be completed within the next 30 days.
- 14. Executive Director’s Report** Barajas
- A. San Luis Joint Use Facility Cost Share – Executive Director Federico Barajas stated there is ongoing dialogue with DWR and Reclamation. Reclamation is reviewing the approval processes and CVP contractors will now be included in conversations with Reclamation.
 - B. California Aqueduct Subsidence Program (CASP) – Technical and policy conversations and have occurred related to CASP, including members from the Authority and General Managers from districts involved.
- 15. Committee Member Reports** — No reports.
- 16. Reports Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(a)(3)** — None.
- 17. Adjournment** — The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:01 p.m.