



Meeting Minutes

Date & Time: 6/1/2026 | 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: Cannon Michael
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 (ZOOM)
Division 5: Manny Amorelli, Alternate
FWA: Wilson Orvis, Member (ZOOM)

Division 5: Manny Amorelli, Director
FWA Representative: Absent

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
Jaime McNeil, Engineering Director
Jacob Bejarano, Civil Engineering Manager
Stewart Davis, IT Officer
Eddie Reyes, Information Systems Technician

Board of Directors Present

Division 1: Anthea Hansen, Director
Division 2: Justin Diener, Director
Division 3: Christ White, Alternate
Jarrett Martin, Director
Cannon Michael, Chair/Director
Ric Ortega, Director
Division 4: Brett Miller, Alternate

Others Present

Matt Smith, CDM

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.
During roll call, Committee Members Vince Gin and Wilson Orvis were identified as participating remotely via teleconference pursuant to Government Code section 54953(b), consistent with traditional teleconference rules.
- 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.

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4. **Finance and Administration Committee to Consider Approval of the May 11, 2026 Meeting Minutes** — Chair Anthea Hansen deemed May 11, 2026 meeting minutes approved as presented.
5. **Recommendations to Board of Directors Related to DMC Subsidence Correction Project** – Arroyave, McNeil
- A. Restated Construction Manager/General Contractor Agreement with Kiewit Corporation and Related Expenditure of \$37.5 Million** - Chief Operating Officer Pablo Arroyave briefly reviewed the item and introduced Matt Smith from CDM Smith. Jaime McNeil reviewed a PowerPoint presentation highlighting construction challenges/mitigation strategies, negotiations, and the GMP. McNeil and Smith answered questions throughout the presentation. Smith reported that Kiewit has a proven track record for delivering high quality, safe projects on time.
- M/S - On a motion made by Ex Officio Cannon Michael, seconded by Alternate Manny Amorelli, the Committee recommended approval of restated Construction Manager/General Contractor Agreement with Kiewit Corporation and related expenditure of \$37.5 million. Vote: Ayes – Michael, Hansen, Diener, White, Miller, Amorelli; Nays – 0; Abstentions – Orvis.
- B. Execution of Construction Support Services Task Order with CDM Smith, Inc. and Related Increase in Expenditure of Up to \$4,538,061** - Chief Operating Officer Pablo Arroyave reported that the Authority will be required to perform construction management and environmental monitoring to support the construction activities, and CDM Smith is well qualified to provide these services with the Authority. Arroyave reported that staff recommend authorizing the proposed Support Services Task Order with CDM Smith and related increase in expenditure.
- M/S - On a motion made by Member Justin Diener, seconded by Alternate Manny Amorelli, the Committee recommended execution of Construction Support Services Task Order with CDM Smith, Inc. and related increase in expenditure of up to \$4,538,061. Vote: Ayes – Michael, Hansen, Diener, White, Miller, Amorelli, Orvis; Nays – 0; Abstentions – 0.
- C. Adoption of Resolution Authorizing Execution of Mitigation Credit Purchase and Sale Agreement and Related Expenditure of Up to \$1.2 Million** – Chief Operating Officer Pablo Arroyave reported that under the terms of the Agreement, the Authority would purchase up to 8.76 acres of upland salamander and frog credits and up to 1.22 acres of aquatic salamander and frog credits to compensate for the loss of California red-legged frog and California tiger salamander habitat. Arroyave reported that the Agreement has been reviewed by staff and is near final, but the final number of acres of upland and aquatic credits necessary prior to initiating construction of Task 1 is being finalized with

USFWS and Reclamation. General Counsel Rebecca Akroyd reviewed the resolution changes, the MOU, and the agreement. Arroyave and Akroyd answered questions throughout the presentation.

M/S - On a motion made by Ex Officio Cannon Michael, seconded by Member Chris White, the Committee recommended adoption of resolution authorizing execution of Mitigation Credit Purchase and Sale Agreement and related expenditure of up to \$1.2 million. Vote: Ayes – Michael, Hansen, Diener, White, Miller, Amorelli, Orvis; Nays – 0; Abstentions – 0.

6. Recommendation to Board of Directors to Adopt Resolution Updating Banking Relationship with and Signature Requirements for Community West Bank and Superseding Resolution No. 2020-473 – Tarka

Director of Finance Raymond Tarka reported that revisions to the resolution would include the addition of the Chief Strategic and Administrative Officer position as an authorized check-signer. Tarka reported that the proposed resolution would also update the banking relationship to reflect the current name of the bank, Community West Bank, and would indicate that account transactions could also be completed via ACH.

M/S - On a motion made by Ex Officio Cannon Michael, seconded by Member Chris White, the Committee recommended adoption of resolution updating banking relationship with and signature requirements for Community West Bank and superseding Resolution No. 2020-473. Vote: Ayes – Michael, Hansen, Diener, White, Miller, Amorelli, Orvis; Nays – 0; Abstentions – 0.

7. Recommendation to Board of Directors to Authorize Amendments to Task Orders with Stantec, Inc. and Related Expenditure of \$139,500 from the FY27 Leg Ops and OM&R Budgets – Petersen

Chief Strategic & Administrative Officer Scott Petersen reviewed the memo and attachments included in the packet. Petersen reported staff is seeking to add \$124,000 to Task Order 1, and to extend it for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2027 to provide real-time operations monitoring and an annual report of Central Valley Project Operations. Petersen reported that the extension will place the total contract value over the \$200,000 threshold for Board action. Petersen answered questions throughout the presentation.

M/S - On a motion made by Alternate Manny Amorelli, seconded by Member Justin Diener, the Committee authorized approval of amendments to Task Orders with Stantec, Inc. and related expenditure of \$139,500 from the FY27 Leg Ops and OM&R Budgets. Vote: Ayes – Michael, Hansen, Diener, White, Miller, Amorelli; Nays – Orvis; Abstentions – 0.

8. FY26 Activity Agreements Budget to Actual Report through 4/30/26 — Tarka

Director of Finance Raymond Tarka presented the Budget to Actual Report through April 30, 2026 for the Activity Agreement funds. Tarka stated for the two-month period, the budget was trending positive overall with actual

spending ending April 30, 2026 at \$716,838 or 6.12% of the approved budget.

9. **FY26 O&M Budget to Actual Report through 4/30/2026** — Director of Finance Raymond Tarka reported that for WY25, the self-funded routine O&M expenses through April 30, 2026 are under budget by \$581,465 or 13.95%, mainly due to underspending for O&M expenses in most cost pools including the DCI. There were no Intertie conveyance costs in the month of April due to no use of the Intertie occurring. Water year 2023 final accountings will be completed and mailed out within the next two weeks. The fiscal year 2025 audit is underway and will be completed as soon as possible. Tarka answered questions throughout the presentation. Tarka
10. **Contract/Procurement Activity Report** — Director of Finance Raymond Tarka presented the Contract/Procurement Activity Report included in the packet for the period of May 1, 2026 through May 31, 2026. On May 14th a contract was executed with CraneTech USA, Inc in the amount of \$68,913.51 for the JPP 80/20 Ton Crane VFD replacement. The funding source is the EO&M budget. On May 14th there was a contract executed with Ramos Oil Co. in the amount of \$150,000 for Tracy fuel delivery services. On May 26th a contract was executed with Toro Petroleum Corp. for Los Banos fuel delivery services. Both fuel contracts are funded by the O&M budget. On May 6th a contract change order was issued to Hartman-Walsh Painting Company in the amount of \$141,840 for the JPP Pump Casing and Bifurcation Pipe Recoating. On May 1st a contract change order was issued to Unico Mechanical Corp. for the JPP Unit 5 Impeller Balancing in the amount of \$123,058. Tarka
11. **Accounting Updates** — Director of Finance Raymond Tarka provided Accounting Department updates to the Committee. Tarka stated how staff has been working to generate monthly financial and expenditure reports directly from NetSuite. Tarka presented a draft accounts receivable aging report and an accounts payable aging report for the committee to review. Tarka answered questions throughout his presentation. Tarka
12. **Executive Director's Report** Barajas
 - A. **Funding Awards:** Executive Director Federico Barajas reported that Reclamation recently announced three new awards to the Water Authority, 1) \$53 million for O'Neill Pumping/Generating Plant transformer replacement project, 2) \$11 million for O'Neill Pumping Plant rehabilitation project, and 3) \$112 million for Delta-Mendota Canal Subsidence Correction Project.
 - B. **OBBBA Funding Agreement:** Executive Director Federico Barajas reported the OBBBA Funding Letter Agreement between Reclamation, and the Water Authority was executed consistent with Board action.
13. **Committee Member Reports** — No reports.
14. **Reports Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(a)(3)** — None.

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15. **Adjournment** — The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:00 p.m.