Meeting Minutes

Date & Time: 8/3/2026 | 12:03 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

Division 1: Anthea Hansen, Chair/Member
Division 2: Justin Diener, Member (ZOOM)
Stephen Farmer, Alternate
Division 3: Chris White, Member
Jarrett Martin, Alternate
Division 4: Brett Miller, Member
Division 5: Manny Amorelli, Alternate
FWA: Wilson Orvis, Member

Board of Directors Present

Division 1: Anthea Hansen, Director
Division 2: Justin Diener, Director (ZOOM)
Division 3: Chris White, Alternate
Jarrett Martin, Director
Division 4: Dana Jacobson, Director
Brett Miller, Alternate
Division 5: Manny Amorelli, Director
FWA Representative: Absent

Authority Representatives Present

Federico Barajas, Executive Director
Pablo Arroyave, Chief Operating Officer
Scott Petersen, Chief Strategic & Admin. Officer
Rebecca Akroyd, General Counsel
Rebecca Harms, Deputy General Counsel
Ray Tarka, Director of Finance
Lauren Viers, Accounting Manager
Eddie Reyes, Information Systems Technician

Others Present

Lea Emmons, City of Tracy (ZOOM)
Patrick McGowan, Panoche Water District
Chase Hurley, Pacheco Water District
John Wiersma, Henry Miller Reclamation District
Jason Usher, Valley Strong Credit Union

Agenda Item	Topic	Lead
1.	**Call to Order/Roll Call** — The meeting was called to order by Committee Chair Anthea Hansen at approximately 12:03 p.m. and roll was called. During roll call, Committee Member Justin Diener was 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** — Jason Usher from Valley Strong Credit Union made a public comment regarding Valley Strong Credit Union's public funds money market account.	

4.	**Finance and Administration Committee to Consider Approval of the July 6, 2026 Meeting Minutes** — Chair Anthea Hansen deemed July 6, 2026 meeting minutes approved as submitted.	
5.	**Recommendation to Accept the Treasurer's Report for the Quarter Ending June 30, 2026** — Director of Finance Raymond Tarka reviewed the Treasurer's Report. Tarka stated that total cash as of June 30, 2026 was $31,125,891.86. 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 June 30, 2026. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Hansen, Diener, White, Miller, Amorelli, Orvis; Nays – 0; Abstentions – 0.	Tarka
6.	**Recommendation to Accept Financial & Expenditure Reports** — Director of Finance Raymond Tarka presented the packet to the committee and answered questions throughout his presentation. Tarka noted this is the same report typically provided to the Board of Directors but will now be presented to the Finance & Administration Committee as well. M/S - On a motion made by Member Brett Miller, seconded by Member Chris White, the Committee recommended acceptance of the Financial & Expenditure Reports. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Hansen, Diener, White, Miller, Amorelli, Orvis; Nays – 0; Abstentions – 0.	Tarka
7.	**Status Update Regarding the DMC Subsidence Correction Project** — Chief Operating Officer Pablo Arroyave presented the item. Arroyave indicated the PowerPoint presentation included in the packet summarizes the work completed on the project in July, and provided an overview of completed work.	Arroyave
8.	**FY27 Activity Agreements Budget to Actual Report through 6/30/26** — Director of Finance Raymond Tarka presented the Budget to Actual Report through June 30, 2026 for the Activity Agreement funds. Tarka stated for the four-month period, the budget was trending positive overall with actual spending ending June 30, 2026 at $2,281,369 or 19.49% of the approved budget.	Tarka
9.	**FY27 O&M Budget to Actual Report through 6/30/2026** — Director of Finance Raymond Tarka reported that for WY25, the self-funded routine O&M expenses through June 30, 2026 are under budget by $859,016 or 12.73%, mainly due to underspending for O&M expenses in all cost pools. Intertie conveyance costs are expected to exceed budget due to the increase in conveyance rate for the current year of about 18.6%. 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 July 1, 2026 through July 30, 2026. During this time there were no contracts or contract change orders issued.	Tarka

11.	**Accounting Updates** — Director of Finance Raymond Tarka provided Accounting Department updates to the Committee. Tarka stated that staff is working to complete the FY2025 Audit with a target completion of October. Staff is also working to streamline and automate water accounting processes.	Tarka
12.	**Executive Director's Report** **A. Discussion with Reclamation** — The Authority has been in discussions with Reclamation regarding the ongoing invoicing delays. **B. OBBBA Funding** — OBBBA funding for the DMC Subsidence Correction Project has been received, and staff is looking to clarify language in the funding agreement regarding the OBBBA funds.	Barajas
13.	**Committee Member Reports** — None.	
14.	**Reports Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(a)(3)** — None.	
15.	**Adjournment** — The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:35 p.m.	