

**SAN LUIS & DELTA-MENDOTA WATER AUTHORITY
FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING AND
JOINT FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING-SPECIAL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS WORKSHOP
MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 5, 2024**

The Finance & Administration Committee of the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority convened at approximately 12:24 p.m. at 842 6th Street in Los Banos, California, with Chair Anthea Hansen presiding.

Members and Alternate Members in Attendance

Ex Officio

Cannon Michael
William Bourdeau

Division 1

Anthea Hansen, Chair/Member

Division 2

Justin Diener, Member (via ZOOM)

Division 3

Absent

Division 4

Dana Jacobson, Alternate

Division 5

Bill Pucheu, Member - Manny Amorelli, Alternate

Friant Water Authority

Absent

Board of Directors Present

Division 1

Anthea Hansen, Director

Division 2

Justin Diener, Alternate Director
William Bourdeau, Vice-Chair/Director

Division 3

Cannon Michael, Chair/Director

Division 4

Steve Wittry, Director
Megan Holland, Alternate Director

Division 5

Bill Pucheu, Director
Manny Amorelli, Director

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 (via ZOOM)
Raymond Tarka, Director of Finance
Lauren Viers, Accountant III
Stewart Davis, IT Officer

Others in Attendance

None

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Chair Anthea Hansen called the meeting to order at approximately 12:24 p.m. and roll was called.

2. Additions or Corrections to the Agenda

No additions or corrections.

3. Opportunity for Public Comment

No public comment.

4. Finance & Administration Committee to Consider Approval of the January 8, 2024 Meeting Minutes.

On a motion of Ex Officio Member Cannon Michael, seconded by Ex Officio Member William Bourdeau, the Committee approved the January 8, 2024 meeting minutes with minor edits. The vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES: Michael, Bourdeau, Hansen, Diener, Jacobson, Pucheu
NAYS: None
ABSTENTIONS: None

5. Recommendation to Board of Directors to Accept the Treasurer's Report for the Quarter Ending December 31, 2023.

Director of Finance Raymond Tarka briefly reviewed the Treasurer's Report. Tarka stated that total cash as of December 31, 2023 was \$15,759,273.80. On a motion of Member Bill Pucheu, seconded by Ex Officio Member Cannon Michael, the Committee accepted the Treasurer's Report for the quarter ending December 31, 2023. The vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES: Michael, Bourdeau, Hansen, Diener, Jacobson, Pucheu
NAYS: None
ABSTENTIONS: None

6. Recommendation to Board of Directors to Approve Water Year 2024 OM&R Water Rates.

Chief Operating Officer Pablo Arroyave introduced the item. Arroyave then referred to Director of Finance Raymond Tarka to further review the preliminary illustrative Water Year 2024 OM&R Rates based on 40% and 20% agricultural contractor allocation. Based on recommendation from the committee, staff will proceed with 20% allocation and then shift to a 40% allocation if announcement from Reclamation shows an increased agriculture contractor allocation of 40% or higher. Staff also referenced the possibility for an additional rate adjustment in the summer.

On a motion of Member Justin Diener, seconded by Alternate Member Dana Jacobson, the Committee recommended approval of the Water Year 2024 OM&R Water Rates. The vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES:	Michael, Bourdeau, Hansen, Diener, Jacobson, Pucheu
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS:	None

REPORT ITEMS

6. FY23 Activity Agreements Budget to Actual Report through 12/31/2023

Director of Finance Raymond Tarka presented the Budget to Actual Report through December 31, 2023 for the Activity Agreement funds. Tarka stated for the ten-month period, the budget was trending positive overall with actual spending through December 31, 2023 at 58.15% of the approved budget.

7. FY23 O&M Budget to Actual Report through 12/31/2023

Director of Finance Raymond Tarka reported that for WY23, the self-funded routine O&M expenses through December 31, 2023 were over budget by \$956,033. This is mainly due to over-budget DWR conveyance charges for DCI activity. The water year 2022 final accountings, fiscal year 2023 audit, and the Intertie OM&R true-up remain outstanding.

8. Procurement Activity Report

Director of Finance Raymond Tarka presented the procurement activity report for the period of January 1, 2024 through January 31, 2024. During this period, no contracts were

awarded under the Authority's informal bidding, formal bidding, or single source procedures during this report period. On January 29th a contract change order was issued to Cal Electro, Inc. for the OPP Transformer Rehabilitations. The change order amount was for \$52,782.71.

9. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Federico Barajas provided the following updates to the committee:

- a. **O'Neill Scheduled Outage** – Executive Director Federico Barajas referred to Chief Operating Officer Pablo Arroyave. Arroyave stated the 45-day outage at O'Neill is still expected to take place from mid-April through end of May. Authority staff is working with Reclamation and the Exchange Contractors to discuss and mitigate any implications associated with the outage.
- b. **Delta Conveyance Project** – Barajas stated that Reclamation informed CVP Contractors that DWR will be submitting a change petition to the State Water Resources Control Board later this month without Reclamation.

10. Committee Member Reports

No reports.

11. Reports Pursuant to Government Code Sec 54954.2

No reports.

12. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:09 p.m.