

**SAN LUIS & DELTA-MENDOTA WATER AUTHORITY  
FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING AND  
JOINT FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING / SPECIAL  
BOARD WORKSHOP  
MINUTES FOR JULY 11, 2022**

The Finance & Administration Committee of the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority convened at approximately 12:00 p.m. at 842 6th Street in Los Banos, California, with Board Chair Cannon Michael presiding.

**Members and Alternate Members in Attendance**

**Ex Officio**

Cannon Michael  
William Bourdeau

**Division 1**

Anthea Hansen, Alternate for Rick Gilmore

**Division 2**

Absent

**Division 3**

Chris White, Member  
Jarrett Martin, Alternate

**Division 4**

Jeff Cattaneo, Member  
Dana Jacobson, Alternate

**Division 5**

Bill Pucheu, Member  
Manny Amorelli, Alternate (ZOOM)

**Friant Water Authority**

Wilson Orvis, Alternate for Jason Phillips

**Board of Directors Present**

**Division 1**

Anthea Hansen, Director  
Lea Emmons, Alternate for Rick Gilmore

**Division 2**

William Bourdeau, Director

**Division 3**

Chris White, Director  
Cannon Michael, Director

**Division 4**

Jeff Cattaneo, 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 Harms, Deputy General Counsel  
Raymond Tarka, Director of Finance  
Lauren Viers, Accountant III  
Stewart Davis, IT Officer

**Others in Attendance**

Jim Erickson, FWA/MID  
Glenn Micko, San Benito County Water District

**1. Call to Order/Roll Call**

Ex Officio Member and Acting Committee Chair Cannon Michael called the meeting to order, 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 June 6, 2022 Meeting Minutes.**

On a motion made by Chris White, seconded by Wilson Orvis, the Committee accepted the June 6, 2022 meeting minutes. The vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES: Michael, Bourdeau, Hansen, White, Cattaneo, Pucheu, Orvis  
NAYS: None  
ABSTENTIONS: None

**REPORT ITEMS**

**6. Discussion Regarding Cost Allocation of Various Activity/Fund Budgets**

Executive Director Federico Barajas introduced the item. Barajas began by reviewing the memo that was presented to the committee. Barajas noted that this was the same document

presented at the prior meeting but now includes an additional column to reflect the Hybrid 2a Revised option with some additional credit and offset adjustments. These adjustments re-allocate credit from certain members to reduce level of impact to other members. Barajas stated that at this time, he is not prepared to give a staff recommendation as he is still receiving additional feedback from staff and members. Barajas stated that staff is also working on a tier allocation concept alternative that will be presented to the committee next month.

#### 8. **FY23 Activity Agreements Budget to Actual Report through 5/31/2022**

Director of Finance Raymond Tarka reported on the Budget to Actual Comparison Summary through May 31, 2022 for the member-funded activities. Tarka stated that for the three-month period, the budget was trending positive overall with actual spending through May 31, 2022 at 11.61% of the approved budget with Yuba County Water Transfers being the only line item trending over budget by \$994. This is due to additional administrative costs incurred while completing prior year water transfers.

#### 9. **FY23 O&M Budget to Actual Report through 5/31/22**

Director of Finance Raymond Tarka reported that for WY22, the self-funded routine O&M expenses through May 31, 2022 were under budget by \$403,151. The WY20 and WY21 final accountings and the Intertie O&M cost recovery remain outstanding. Tarka noted that staff anticipates the completion of WY20 final accountings by the end of September followed by the completion of WY21 draft contractor records by January 2023.

#### 10. **Procurement Activity Report**

Director of Finance Raymond Tarka presented the procurement activity report for the period of June 2<sup>nd</sup> through July 6<sup>th</sup>. During this time, no contracts were awarded under the Authority's informal bidding, formal bidding, or single-source procedures. There were also no reportable contract change orders issued during this period.

#### II. **Executive Director's Report**

a. **San Luis Transmission Project** - Executive Director Federico Barajas introduced the item then referred to Frances Mizuno to provide a status update on the San Luis Transmission Project. Mizuno stated that there has been no additional progress resolving outstanding concerns by other CVP contractors relating to SLTP. Reclamation has made a decision to not sign the MOU for this project unless all CVP contractors are in agreement. Mizuno also reported that she was

able to reach out to Golden State Clean Energy and they are going to begin looking into additional financing options. Lastly, Mizuno stated there is a meeting scheduled with Department of Energy and Western Area Power Administration this month to explore available infrastructure funding for transmission projects. Mizuno then referred to the schedule provided to the committee which shows the anticipated cost per ac/ft for SLTP based on the latest financing cost of \$520.4 million.

b. B.F. Sisk Dam Raise - Executive Director Federico Barajas referred to Chief Operating Officer Pablo Arroyave to provide a brief update on the B.F. Sisk Dam Project. Arroyave stated that CDM and staff continue to work with Reclamation on the ongoing permitting activities and finalizing the addendum to the feasibility study required by OMB. Currently, Reclamation is anticipating the addendum to be transmitted to OMB later this summer. Lastly, Hallmark group is fully engaging on an operations plan that was originally developed in April and is currently being affirmed with our members with an open comment period. Hallmark will be providing an update to the Board of Directors on Thursday.

**12. Committee Member Reports**

No reports.

**13. Reports Pursuant to Government Code Sec 54954.2**

No reports given.

**14. Adjournment.**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:48 p.m.