

**SAN LUIS & DELTA-MENDOTA WATER AUTHORITY
MINUTES – OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE
SPECIAL MEETING/JOINT OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE SPECIAL MEETING-
SPECIAL FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE WORKSHOP
FEBRUARY 27, 2024**

The Operations & Maintenance Special Meeting/Joint Operations & Maintenance Special Meeting-Special Finance & Administration Committee Workshop of the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority was called to order at approximately 9:30 a.m. by Committee Chair Chris White in the Authority's Board Room, 842 6th Street in Los Banos.

Committee Members Present

Exchange Contractors

Chris White, Chair

Friant Water Authority

Chris Hickernell, Member

Lower DMC Area

Jeff Bryant, Member (via ZOOM)

Mendota Pool Area

Absent

San Felipe Area

Gary Nagaoka, Member (via ZOOM)

San Luis Canal Area

Kelly Vandergon, Alternate

Juan Cadena, Member (via ZOOM)

SLDMWA Technical Staff

Bob Martin, Member - Jaime McNeil, Alternate

Upper DMC

Paul Stearns, Alternate

USBR

Nader Noori, Alternate

Finance & Administration Committee Members Present

Ex-Officio

Absent

Division I

Anthea Hansen, Alternate (via ZOOM)

Division 2

Absent

Division 3

Chris White, Alternate

Division 4

Absent

Division 5

Absent

Friant Water Authority

Wilson Orvis, Alternate

SLDMWA Staff Members Present

Federico Barajas, Executive Director

Pablo Arroyave, Chief Operating Officer

Rebecca Akroyd, General Counsel

Rebecca Harms, Deputy General Counsel (via ZOOM)

Stewart Davis, IT Officer

Bob Martin, Facilities O&M Director

Jaime McNeill, Engineering Manager

Chauncey Lee, O&M Manager

Ray Tarka, Director of Finance

Darlene Neves, Supervisor of Operational Accounting (via ZOOM)

Melody Hernandez, Accountant II (via ZOOM)

Marta Rivas, Supervisor of Water Accounting (via ZOOM)

Lauren Viers, Accounting Manager (via ZOOM)

Others Present

Danny Wade, Tranquillity Irrigation District

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Committee Chair Chris White called the meeting to order and roll was called.

2. Corrections or Additions to the Agenda

None.

3. Opportunity for Public Comment

No public comment.

4. Committee to Consider Recommendation to the Finance and Administration Committee Regarding Reserve Categories and Thresholds.

Chief Operating Officer Pablo Arroyave introduced the item. Arroyave reported that the Authority has committed to a process with Friant Water Authority to update the MOU, which includes the OM&R Cost Recovery Plan, and the Reserve Criteria (Exhibit C). Arroyave reported that staff would like to discuss Exhibit C with the Committee today. Arroyave reported that Exhibit C was last updated in 2002, and therefore has very low thresholds for the different reserve categories. Arroyave reported that staff is proposing updates for EO&M, equipment, vehicles, facility infrastructure, computers, SCADA, and office equipment. Arroyave reported that staff met with Friant Water Authority, and received their perspective on the thresholds. Facilities O&M Director Bob Martin reviewed the materials included in the packet. General Counsel Rebecca Akroyd also reviewed the current thresholds. Additional information was provided by Wilson Orvis from Friant Water Authority. Martin will be working with the consultant to update various cost estimates. The consensus on the various thresholds were as follows:

- EO&M \$60,000
- Equipment \$25,000
- Vehicles \$25,000
- Office Equipment/Computers \$20,000
- Facility Infrastructure Rehab/Replacement \$30,000
- SCADA \$20,000

Committee Member Chris Hickernell motioned for the Committee to Consider Recommendation to the Finance and Administration Committee regarding Reserve Categories and Thresholds. Committee Chair/Member Chris White seconded the motion.

AYE:	White, Hickernell, Bryant, Vandergon, Cadena, Bob Martin, Stearns, Noori
NOES:	None
ABSTENTIONS:	None

5. Status of FY25 OM&R Projects.

Engineering Manager Jaime McNeill reviewed the status of various EO&M projects. McNeill, and Authority staff answered committee member questions.

6. Reports Pursuant to Government Code Sec 54954.2 (a)(3)

No reports given.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:46 a.m.