

**SAN LUIS & DELTA-MENDOTA WATER AUTHORITY
OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE - O&M TECHNICAL
COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING-SPECIAL WORKSHOP OF THE BOARD, WATER
RESOURCES COMMITTEE, AND FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE -
MEETING MINUTES - JULY 22, 2024**

The Operations & Maintenance Technical Committee 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/Member -Jarrett Martin, Alternate

Friant Water Authority

Chris Hickernell, Member (via ZOOM) - David Dees, Member

Lower DMC Area

Absent

Mendota Pool Area

Danny Wade, Member

San Felipe Area

Gary Nagaoka, Member - Paulino Ochoa, Alternate

San Luis Canal Area

Kelly Vandergon, Alternate

SLDMWA Technical Staff

Bob Martin, Member - Jaime McNeil, Alternate

Upper DMC

Bobby Pierce, Member - Paul Stearns, Alternate

USBR

John Mercado, Member - Nader Noori, Alternate

Directors and Alternate Directors in Attendance

Division 1

Bobby Pierce, Director

Division 2

Justin Diener (via ZOOM)

Lon Martin, Alternate

Division 3

Chris White, Alternate

Jarrett Martin, Director

Division 4

Absent

Division 5

Absent

Water Resources Committee

Division 1

Absent

Division 2

Lon Martin, Alternate

Division 3

Chris White, Member

Division 4

Absent

Division 5

Absent

Finance & Administration Committee in Attendance

Division 1

Absent

Division 2

Justin Diener, Member (via ZOOM)

Division 3

Chris White, Member - Jarrett Martin, Alternate

Division 4

Absent

Division 5

Wilson Orvis, Alternate (via ZOOM)

SLDMWA Staff Members Present

Federico Barajas, Executive Director

Pablo Arroyave, Chief Operating Officer

Rebecca Harms, Deputy General Counsel

Stewart Davis, IT Officer

Chauncey Lee, O&M Manager

Ray Tarka, Finance Director

Others Present

Dana Jacobson, Valley Water (via ZOOM)

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. Review of FY2026 Proposed Project List.

Alternate Member/Engineering Manager Jaime McNeil reviewed the proposed project

list, which included three Extraordinary O&M Projects, six Reserve Funding Projects, and five Special Funded Projects. Member/Facilities O&M Director Bob Martin and Chief Operating Officer Pablo Arroyave added additional details regarding the existing Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) funding and the possibility for a funding need in advance of an executed repayment agreement to access BIL funds. Staff answered questions from committee/BOD members.

5. Review of Status of Current OM&R Projects, Including DMC Subsidence Correction Project, JPP Excitation & Control Rehabilitation Project, OPP Unit Upgrades, and DMC Solar Over Canals Project.

Alternate Member/Engineering Manager Jaime McNeil reviewed the status of the current projects. She presented a graph that summarized the costs and status of the 33 existing projects that included information on the engineering disciplines, projects costs, and percent complete. McNeil provided a more detailed update on the DMC Subsidence Correction Project and answered questions from committee/Board members specific to funding, Feasibility Report status, and work anticipated to be completed during FY26. McNeil also provided updates for the OPP Transformer Rehabilitation Project, JPP Excitation Project, and the OPP Unit Upgrades. Member Bob Martin provided a project update on the Solar Over Canals Project, including details on the grant application status and answered questions relative to site selection and impacts to O&M. At the request of the Chair Chris White, McNeil provided a brief update on remaining existing projects.

Bob Martin informed members of an arc flash event at the Intertie pumping plant and the loss of motor controls for Units 1 & 2 and explained that the plant is currently inoperable as the investigation continues. Martin reported on the current status, which is that the staff has hired a consultant to assist in the investigation and will continue to work with Reclamation to first return Units 3-6 to service, and then focus on the significant repairs required to bring units 1 & 2 back in service.

6. Review of Proposed Projects for Next Application for Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Aging Infrastructure Funding Opportunity, Including DMC Subsidence Correction Project and OPP Unit Upgrades.

Member Bob Martin informed members that two BIL applications were submitted. The first application was for \$56.5M for the OPP Upgrades, of which \$11.6M was previously awarded. The project consists of the pump bowl replacement, the governor replacement, the motor rewind, and the pump assembly and unit rehabilitation. One unit will be upgraded per year for six consecutive years. The second application was for the DMC Subsidence Correction Project for

\$755M. The original application amount was \$830M, of which \$75M was awarded to date. One more round of applications in October is anticipated. Staff has identified the OPP Transformer Replacements as a possible project for the next application round.

7. Preventive Maintenance (PM) Status Report.

O&M Manager Chauncey Lee presented a graph depicting the PMs completed to date and explained the current manual process for tracking and completing PMs as well as the plan for an automated system in the future. The goal is to have the system fully operational by the end of the calendar year.

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

No reports given.

9. Adjournment

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