

**SAN LUIS & DELTA MENDOTA WATER AUTHORITY  
MINUTES - OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE  
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE  
October 22, 2018**

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. by Committee Chairman Chris White at the Authority's Board Room, 842 6th Street in Los Banos.

**Committee Members Present**

**Exchange Contractors**

Chris White, Central California Irrigation District

**Friant Water Authority**

Chris Hickernell, Friant Water Authority

**Lower DMC Area**

Jeff Bryant, Firebaugh Canal Water District (via telephone)

Lon Martin, San Luis Water District

**Mendota Pool Area**

Danny Wade, Tranquility Irrigation District

**San Felipe Area**

Robert Haskins, San Felipe Area

**San Luis Canal Area**

Dan Pope, Westlands Water District

**SLDMWA**

Bob Martin, Engineering & Planning Manager

Paul Stearns, Operations & Maintenance Manager, Alternate

**Upper DMC**

Bobby Pierce, West Stanislaus Irrigation District

Adam Scheuber, Del Puerto Water District

**USBR**

Allen Lindauer, Reclamation, SCCAO, Tracy Office

**SLDMWA Staff Members Present**

Frances Mizuno, Interim Executive Director

Cathy Bento, Accountant II

Jim Lenhardt, Safety Engineer

Rebecca Akroyd, Interim General Counsel

Joyce Machado, Finance Director

**Others Present**

Ara Azhderian, Panoche Water District

Cannon Michael, Henry Miller Reclamation District

**Corrections or Additions to the Agenda**

None

**Opportunity for Public Comment**

None

**Committee to Consider Approval of October 23, 2017 O & M Technical Committee Meeting Minutes**

Bobby Pierce made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, and Dan Pope seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was follows:

AYE: White, Hickernell, Bryant, Wade, Haskins, Pope, L. Martin,  
Lindauer, Bobby Pierce & B. Martin.

NOES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

**Committee to Consider Recommendation for Approval to the Finance and Administration Committee FY 19 O&M Budget Amendment for Payment of Costs related to the O&M of the DMC Sump Pumps and Drainage Management Performed by Panoche Drainage District.**

Paul Stearns summarized the background information of the DMC sump pumps and drainage management provided in the memo in the meeting packet. Frances Mizuno reviewed the SLDMWA O&M costs prior to the agreement in 2014 where Panoche Drainage District (PDD) took over the O&M the sump pumps. Ara Azhderian provided additional history and a summary of the PPD costs associated with the sump pumps and drainage management provided in the letters to SLDMWA and USBR in the meeting packet.

Chris White informed the committee that the O&M cost responsibility issue will be presented to the Finance & Administration Committee (FAC) and based on the facts provided in the information in the packet and what was discussed today, the committee needs to make a recommendation, either a positive or negative, to the Finance & Administration Committee on this issue.

Dan Pope motioned for the SLDMWA to work with PDD to determine how much of the revenue would offset the cost proposal and move forward the recommendation to the Finance and Administration Committee, Chris Hickernell seconded the motion.

AYE: White, Hickernell, Bryant, Wade, Haskins, Pope, L. Martin,  
Lindauer, Bobby Pierce & B. Martin.  
NOES: None  
ABSTENTIONS: None

**Committee to Consider Recommendation for Approval to the Finance and Administration Committee the Proposed O&M Budget including the Extra-Ordinary, CIP, and Routine O&M Budget for FY20 and Preliminary O&M Budget for FY21**

Paul Stearns reviewed the proposed FY20 budget highlighting the differences between the approved FY19 and proposed FY20 budgets. Paul stated the proposed FY20 budget has an overall decrease of 1.89%. The RO&M budget has an increase of 4.69%, the EO&M budget has a decrease of 18.4% and the Capital Improvement Projects decreased by 7.63%. Paul stated that the proposed budget does include 3 new positions: IT Technician, Custodian and Apprentice Control Operator. Paul reviewed the line item detail spreadsheet and explained all line items that had a +/- 5% difference from the previous FY budget. Paul also reviewed the one special project proposed for the FY20. The project is to replace the OPP 480V molded case breakers for an estimated cost of \$20,000. Paul reviewed the proposed equipment replacement and new staff justification sheets.

Chris asked if there were any further questions on the routine budget as submitted. There were no questions or comments from the committee on the routine budget.

Bob Martin began the review of the FY20/21 EO&M budget by explaining and reviewing the FY20/21 EO&M Project Funding Summary and 10-Year Plan provided in the budget package. After the review of the FY20/21 Funding Summary and the current 10-year plan, Bob reviewed the project details and cost estimates for each of the FY20 EO&M projects. Adam Scheuber noted that the milepost range on the FY20 O&M Chipseal Project cover sheet and the following page were different. Bob stated he would check into it and provide the correct milepost range to the committee. Jim Lenhardt reviewed the list of vehicles and equipment proposed to be replaced in this year's budget.

Prior to the break for lunch, Frances reviewed the funding plan for the rewind of the remaining 5 units at the JPP. She stated there is a possibility of Reclamation funding for a portion of the remaining units through the RAX program. However, she is not too optimistic that the RAX program will have the funds available. Frances explained the option of self-funding the remaining units versus financing them. She will be finalizing the comparison and presenting the information along with a recommendation to the Finance & Administration Committee at their next meeting.

After the lunch break, Bob Martin explained to the Committee that two projects (OPP Pump Assembly Rehabilitation and the OPP Penstock Interior Re-Coating) originally planned for FY20 were deferred to allow for the O'Neill PP crew to catch up with annual maintenance activities at the OPP.

Bob also stated that during the lunch break he was able to determine the correct milepost range for the FY20 O&M Road Chipseal Project as mentioned by Adam earlier in the meeting. The correct milepost range for the FY20 project was 39.21 to 59.21.

After completion of the FY20 EO&M budget review, Bob reviewed the general scope of the proposed projects planned for FY21.

Chris White called for any further questions on the entire budget as presented. Chris Hickernell motioned to recommend for approval of the budget, as presented, to the Finance and Administration Committee, Bobby Pierce seconded the motion.

AYE:	White, Hickernell, Wade, Haskins, Pope, L. Martin, Lindauer, Bobby Pierce & B. Martin.
NOES:	None
ABSTENTIONS:	None

Frances noted that the budget will be submitted to the Finance and Administration Committee with a 3% salary adjustment placeholder.

#### **Review Status of JPP Unit Rewind Project**

Bob provided an update to the committee on the construction status of JPP Unit No. 6. The contractor, National Electric Coil is progressing on schedule. The lamination installation has been completed and has passed all the contract required testing. NEC's work is scheduled to be completed in mid-December. Upon completion, the unit will be re-assembled by the SLDMWA crews and the unit performance test will be scheduled when convenient for the SLDMWA. Bob also stated that upon completion of Unit 6, the preparation of the plans and specifications for the remaining 5 units will begin with an anticipated bid due date in July 2019.

#### **Review Actions Items from Meeting**

The actions items noted during the meeting were as follows:

1. Staff to work with Panoche Drainage District to determine how much of the revenue would offset the DMC sump pump O&M cost proposal prior to presentation to the Finance and Administration Committee;
2. Perform an efficiency test of Unit 6 when completed.

**Confirm Date, Time, and Location for Next Meeting**

A follow-up meeting to discuss the staff performed Labor Analysis was scheduled for December 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am.

**Reports Pursuant to Government Code Sec 54954.2**

No Reports Given

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 pm.