Meeting Minutes

Date & Time: 10/27/2025, 10:00 a.m.
Location: SLDMWA Boardroom
842 6th Street, Los Banos

San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority Operations, Maintenance, & Replacement Technical Committee Regular Meeting Minutes

OM&R Technical Committee Members Present
Exchange Contractors:
Chris White, Chair/Member
Jarrett Martin, Alternate
Friant Water Users Authority:
Chris Hickernell, Member
Lower DMC Area:
Patrick McGowan, Alternate
Mendota Pool Area:
Danny Wade, Member
San Felipe Area:
Absent
San Luis Canal Area:
Kelly Vandergon, Alternate
SLDMWA Technical Staff:
Bob Martin, Member
Jaime McNeil, Alternate
Upper DMC Area:
Bobby Pierce, Member
Paul Stearns, Alternate
USBR Representative:
Issac Lee, Alternate

Authority Representatives Present
Federico Barajas, Executive Director
Pablo Arroyave, Chief Operating Officer
Scott Petersen, Water Policy Director (ZOOM)
Rebecca Harms, Deputy General Counsel
Chauncey Lee, O&M Manager
Ray Tarka, Director of Finance
Brandon Soares, Civil Maintenance Superintendent
Jim Lenhardt, Electrical Project Specialist
Stewart Davis, IT Officer

Agenda Item	Topic	Lead
1.	**Call to Order/Roll Call** – The meeting was called to order at approximately 10:00 a.m. by Chair Chris White and roll was called.	
2	**Additions or Corrections to the Agenda of Items, as authorized by Government Code Section 54950 et seq.** – No corrections.	
3.	**Opportunity for Public Comment** – No public comment.	
4.	**Committee to Consider Approval of October 21, 2024 and June 16, 2025 O&M Technical Committee Meeting Minutes** – A motion for approval of the October 21, 2024 meeting minutes and the June 16, 2025 meeting minutes was made by Member Pierce and seconded by Member Hickernell. The motion carried unanimously. Vote: Ayes – White, Hickernell, McGowan, Wade, Vandergon, Martin, Pierce, Lee; Nays – 0; Abstentions – 0.	
5.	**Committee to Consider Recommendation to the Finance & Administration Committee Regarding the Proposed Fiscal Year 2027 OM&R Budget, including Routine OM&R and Extraordinary**	Martin, Lee, & McNeil

OM&R/Capital Improvement Budgets – Member Bob Martin introduced the item, and then introduced O&M Manager Chauncey Lee who reviewed the memo, packet items, and increases in RO&M line items. Lee reported that salary related figures included in this packet are preliminary 3.5% increase place-holder figures and are subject to change. Martin provided additional information. Alternate Member Jaime McNeil reviewed the EO&M Projects and the Capital Improvement Projects. Civil Maintenance Superintendent Brandon Soares provided a brief report on vehicle replacement. Executive Director Federico Barajas and staff provided additional information and responded to Committee questions.

A motion to approve recommending the Proposed Fiscal Year 2027 OM&R Budget, including Routine OM&R and Extraordinary OM&R/Capital Improvement Budgets to the Finance & Administration Committee was made by Member Chris Hickernell and seconded by Alternate Member Kelly Vandergon. The motion carried unanimously. Vote: Ayes – White, Hickernell, McGowan, Wade, Vandergon, Martin, Pierce, Lee; Nays – 0; Abstentions – 0.

6.	**Review of Status of Current OM&R Projects** – Member Jaime McNeil provided a brief update on the status of current OM&R Projects.	McNeil
7.	**Review of Aging Infrastructure (AIA) Projects Funding and Application Status** – Alternate Member Jaime McNeil provided a brief overview of projects that have received federal funding to date, including the DMC Subsidence Correction, JPP Excitation & Control Board Modernization, OPP Unit Upgrades, and OPP Main Transformer Replacement projects.	Martin, McNeil
8.	**Review of Status of Preventive Maintenance Program for the Jones Pumping Plant, Intertie Pumping Plant, O'Neill Pumping/Generating Plant and Delta-Mendota Canal** – O&M Manager Chauncey Lee reviewed the status of the preventive maintenance (PM) program.	Lee
9.	**Review of Action Items from Meeting** – None.	
10.	**Confirm Date, Time and Location for Next Meeting if Necessary** – Chair Chris White reported that a date and time of the next meeting will not be set at this time.	
11.	**Reports Pursuant to Government Code Sec 54954.2 (a)(3)** – Chief Operating Officer Pablo Arroyave provide a brief update on the O'Neill Transformer Rehabilitation Outage. Alternate Member Jaime McNeil provided additional information.	
12.	**Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:41 p.m.	

Meeting Minutes

Date & Time: 5/4/2026, 9:30 a.m.
Starting Location: SLDMWA Tracy Field Office
15990 Kelso Road, Bryon

San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority Operations, Maintenance, & Replacement Technical Committee Meeting/Projects Tour and Joint OM&R Technical Committee Meeting/Projects Tour – Special Workshop of the Board, Water Resources Committee, and Finance & Administration Committee

OM&R Technical Committee Members Present
Exchange Contractors:
Chris White, Chair/Member-
Friant Water Users Authority:
Chris Hickernell, Member
Lower DMC Area:
Jeff Bryant, Member
Patrick McGowan, Alternate
Mendota Pool Area:
Absent
San Felipe Area:
Aaron Baker, Member
San Luis Canal Area:
Kelly Vandergon, Alternate
SLDMWA Technical Staff:
Jaime McNeil, Member
Upper DMC:
Paul Stearns, Alternate
USBR Representative:
Absent

Board of Directors Present
Division 1: Lea Emmons, Alternate
Division 2: Absent
Division 3: Chris White, Alternate
Division 4: Absent
Division 5: Absent

Finance & Administration Committee Present
Ex-Officio: Absent
Division 1: Lea Emmons, Alternate
Division 2: Absent
Division 3: Chris White, Member
Division 4: Absent
Division 5: Absent
Friant WA: Absent

Water Resources Committee
Ex-Officio: Absent
Division 1: Absent
Division 2: Absent
Division 3: Chris White, Member
Division 4: Absent
Division 5: Absent

Authority Representatives Present
Federico Barajas, Executive Director
Pablo Arroyave, Chief Operating Officer
Rebecca Harms, Deputy General Counsel
Chauncey Lee, O&M Manager
Jacob Bejarano, Senior Civil Engineer
Ray Tarka, Director of Finance
Cindy Meyer, Special Programs Manager
Thomas Wimple, Assistant Mechanical Engineer

Others Present
Charli Dotchey

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1.	**Call to Order/Roll Call** – The meeting was called to order at approximately 9:30 a.m. by Chair Chris White and roll was called.	

2 **Corrections to the Agenda of Items, as authorized by Government Code Section 54950 et seq.** – No corrections.

3. **Opportunity for Public Comment** – No public comment.

4. **Projects Tour** – Assistant Mechanical Engineer Thomas Wimple provided an update on various ongoing projects associated with Jones Pumping Plant (JPP) Unit 5 including the purchase and replacement of JPP wear rings for pumps, rehabilitation of coatings on pump casings, bifurcation, and the leak investigation and repair.

Chief Operating Officer Pablo Arroyave and Special Programs Manager Cindy Meyer provided an update on the Golden Mussels including ongoing inter-agency coordination and impacts on both the JPP and O'Neill Pumping Plant (OPP). They also discussed the need for evaluation of all treatment options, current studies, and vulnerability assessments.

At approximately 10:07 a.m., the group left for a tour of the JPP and the settling ponds. Staff responded to Committee and Board member questions.

5. **Reconvene & Discuss FY 2028 Proposed Project List** – The group returned from the tour at approximately 11:09 a.m. Engineering Manager Jaime McNeil provided a brief overview of the FY 2028 Proposed Project List, responding to Committee and Board member questions throughout her presentation. Eleven EO&M projects were proposed, with four being tentative. Six Reserve and Six CIP projects were proposed.

6. **Adjournment** - The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:43 a.m.