



Monday, September 8, 2025, 9:00 a.m.

**Notice of Planning Committee Special Meeting and  
Joint Planning Committee Special Meeting – Special Finance & Administration  
Committee, Water Resources Committee, Operations & Maintenance Technical  
Committee, and Board of Directors Workshop**

**SLDMWA Boardroom  
842 6th Street, Los Banos  
(List of Member/Alternate Telephonic Locations Attached)**

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**Agenda**

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Planning Committee to Consider Corrections to the Agenda for the Planning Committee Meeting only, as Authorized by Government Code Section 54950 et seq.
3. Opportunity for Public Comment – Any member of the public may address the Planning Committee/Finance & Administration Committee/Water Resources Committee/Board of Directors

concerning any matter not on the Agenda, but within either Committee's jurisdiction. Public comment is limited to no more than three minutes per person. For good cause, the Chair of the Planning Committee may waive this limitation.

### **Action Items**

4. **Approval of August 4, 2025 Meeting Minutes and August 14, 2025 Special Workshop Minutes**
5. **Recommendation to Planning Committee and Board of Directors to Adopt Refinements to Cost Allocation Methodology and Scope for Phase 1 of the Upper DMC Portion of the Delta-Mendota Canal Portion of the Delta-Mendota Canal Subsidence Correction Project, Barajas**
  - a. Review of Information Relating to the Delta-Mendota Canal Subsidence Correction Project, including Illustrative Cost Share Scenarios

### **Report Items**

6. Discussion and Action Items for Future Planning Committee Meetings
7. ADJOURNMENT

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SLDMWA PLANNING COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING  
TELEPHONIC LOCATIONS  
SEPTEMBER 8, 2025

11500 E Cochise Dr, Unit 1103  
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SAN LUIS & DELTA-MENDOTA WATER AUTHORITY  
PLANNING COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING AND  
JOINT PLANNING COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING-SPECIAL FINANCE &  
ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE, WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE,  
OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE, AND  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS WORKSHOP  
MINUTES FOR AUGUST 4, 2025

The Planning Committee of the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority convened at approximately 1:30 p.m. at 842 6th Street in Los Banos, California, with Chair Justin Diener presiding.

**Members and Alternate Members Present**

**Division 1**

Anthea Hansen, Member - Bobby Pierce, Alternate

**Division 2**

Justin Diener, Chair/Member

**Division 3**

Chris White, Member - Ric Ortega, Alternate

**Division 4**

Aaron Baker, Member - Dana Jacobson, Alternate

**Division 5**

Allison Febbo, Member - Manny Amorelli, Alternate

**Friant Water Authority**

Wilson Orvis, Alternate

**Finance & Administration Committee Members Present**

**Ex Officio**

Cannon Michael  
William Bourdeau

**Division 1**

Anthea Hansen, Chair/Member

**Division 2**

Justin Diener, Member - Stephen Farmer, Alternate

**Division 3**

Chris White, Member - Jarrett Martin, Alternate

**Division 4**

Brett Miller, Member - Vince Gin, Alternate

**Division 5**

Manny Amorelli, Alternate

**Friant Water Authority**

Wilson Orvis, Alternate

**Water Resources Committee Members Present**

**Ex-Officio**

Cannon Michael  
William Bourdeau

**Division 1**

Anthea Hansen, Alternate

**Division 2**

Absent

**Division 3**

Chris White, Member - Ric Ortega, Alternate

**Division 4**

Vince Gin, Member - Dana Jacobson, Alternate

**Division 5**

Manny Amorelli, Alternate

**Operations & Maintenance Technical Committee Members Present**

**Exchange Contractors**

Chris White, Chair/Member - Jarrett Martin, Alternate

**Friant Water Users Authority**

Absent

**Lower DMC Area**

Absent

**Mendota Pool Area**

Absent

**San Felipe Area**

Absent

**San Luis Canal Area**

Juan Cadena, Member

**SLDMWA Technical Staff**

Bob Martin, Member - Jaime McNeil, Alternate

**USBR Representatives**

Absent

**Upper DMC Area**

Bobby Pierce, Member

**Board of Directors Present**

**Division 1**

David Weisenberger, Director

Bobby Pierce, Director

Anthea Hansen, Director

**Division 2**

Justin Diener, Director

William Bourdeau, Director

Aaron Barcellos, Director

**Division 3**

Chris White, Alternate

Jarrett Martin, Director

Cannon Michael, Director

Ric Ortega, Director

**Division 4**

Aaron Baker, Alternate  
Dana Jacobson, Director  
Brett Miller, Alternate

**Division 5**

Allison Febbo, Director  
Manny Amorelli, Director

**FWA Representatives**

Absent

**Authority Representatives Present**

Federico Barajas, Executive Director  
Pablo Arroyave, Chief Operating Officer  
Scott Petersen, Water Policy Director  
Rebecca Akroyd, General Counsel  
Rebecca Harms, Deputy General Counsel  
Jacob Bejarano, Senior Civil/Mechanical/Electrical Engineer (via ZOOM)  
Stewart Davis, IT Officer

**Others in Attendance**

Richard Welsh, Hallmark Group  
Russ Freeman, Westlands Water District  
Chuck Gardner, Hallmark Group  
Jessica Alwan, Hallmark Group  
Steve Stadler, San Luis Water District  
Brian Silva, San Luis Water District  
Patrick McGowan, Panoche Water District (via ZOOM)  
John Wiersma, Henry Miller Reclamation District  
Lea Emmons, City of Tracy (via ZOOM)  
Aniruddha Bhattacharya, USBR

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

Chair Justin Diener called the meeting to order at approximately 1:30 p.m. and roll was called.

**2. Additions or Corrections to the Agenda - No additions or corrections.**

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

**4. Planning Committee to Consider Approval of the June 2, 2025 Meeting Minutes.**

Chair Justin Diener deemed the June 2, 2025 meeting minutes approved without correction.

**5. Review of Information Relating to the Delta-Mendota Canal Subsidence Correction Project.**

Executive Director Federico Barajas introduced the item, and then introduced Richard Welsh from the Hallmark Group. Welsh reviewed a PowerPoint presentation regarding issues responsive to questions raised in the July Workshop, which included, 1) Liner Sag Investigation for Priority Pools, 2) Partial Pool 1 Scenario L-2ft Raise. General Counsel Rebecca Akroyd then provided a brief status update on Planning Committee member information requests regarding 1) Cost Allocation Methodologies/Rate Analysis, 2) Baseline Conditions/Constructability/Problem Areas, 3) DMC Crossings, 4) Deferred Maintenance/Current Condition, 5) Intertie, 6) Direct/Indirect Benefits, and 7) Subsidence. Akroyd reviewed the memorandum included in the packet regarding Delta-Mendota Canal Crossings.

Staff and consultants answered committee member questions throughout the presentation.

**6. Discussion Regarding Ideas, Concepts, and Set of Principles for Cost Allocation Recommendations.**

Executive Director Federico Barajas reported that he is looking at scheduling an in-person Planning Committee Workshop as soon as possible to develop a recommendation and action item for the September Committee and Board meetings in regards to Phase 1.

**7. Discussion and Action Items for Future Planning Committee Meetings.**

Executive Director Federico Barajas asked Committee members to send in any items that they would like included on next month's agenda.

**8. Reports Pursuant to Government Code Sec 54954.2 – No reports.**

**9. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:35 p.m.**

SAN LUIS & DELTA-MENDOTA WATER AUTHORITY  
PLANNING COMMITTEE SPECIAL WORKSHOP  
MINUTES FOR AUGUST 14, 2025

The Planning Committee of the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority convened at approximately 11:35 a.m. at 842 6th Street in Los Banos, California, with Chair Justin Diener presiding.

**Members and Alternate Members Present**

**Division 1**

Bobby Pierce, Alternate

**Division 2**

Justin Diener, Chair/Member - Lon Martin, Alternate

**Division 3**

Chris White, Member

**Division 4**

Aaron Baker, Member - Dana Jacobson, Alternate

**Division 5**

Allison Febbo, Member (arrived during item 5) - Manny Amorelli, Alternate

**Friant Water Authority**

Jason Phillips, Member - Wilson Orvis, Alternate

**Authority Representatives Present**

Federico Barajas, Executive Director

Pablo Arroyave, Chief Operating Officer

Scott Petersen, Water Policy Director

Rebecca Akroyd, General Counsel

**Others in Attendance**

Steve Stadler, San Luis Water District

Ian Buck-Macleod, Friant Water Authority

John Wiersma, Henry Miller Reclamation District

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

Chair Justin Diener called the meeting to order at approximately 11:35 a.m. and roll was called.

**2. Corrections to the Agenda - No corrections.**

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

**4. Review of Information Relating to the Delta-Mendota Canal Subsidence Correction Project.**

Executive Director Federico Barajas reviewed the documents included in the packet,



information presented in prior Planning Committee meetings and workshops. Barajas reviewed the suite of options for Phase 1, including possible funding sources.

**5. Discussion Regarding Planning Committee Recommendations Relating to the Delta-Mendota Canal Subsidence Correction Project.**

- a. Phase I Project Composition
- b. Cost Allocation Recommendation for Phase I
- c. Discussion and Action Items for Future Planning Committee Meetings

Planning Committee Chair Justin Diener initiated discussion regarding recommendations relating to Phase 1 project composition and cost allocation recommendations for the same. Committee members provided input regarding high-priority repairs and principles that should inform cost allocation recommendations, as well as individual thoughts on how to allocate non-reimbursable funding that has been and will be received.

In discussing action items for future Planning Committee meetings, committee members directed staff to develop a recommendation for Phase 1 that includes a scope including Check 1 work, sag area repairs, and panel replacement, with a goal of utilizing non-reimbursable funding for the same. In addition, committee members directed continued pursuit of cost allocation recommendations for discrete components of the DMC Subsidence Correction Project, and provided direction to bring principles of cost allocation back to the Planning Committee for consideration.

**6. Adjournment** - The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:50 p.m.



## MEMORANDUM

TO: SLDMWA Board of Directors, Alternates  
SLDMWA Finance & Administration Committee, Alternates  
SLDMWA Planning Committee, Alternates

FROM: Federico Barajas, Executive Director  
Pablo Arroyave, Chief Operating Officer

DATE: September 8, 2025

RE: Recommendation/Approval to Adopt Refinements to Cost Allocation Methodology and Scope for Phase 1 of the Upper DMC Portion of the Delta-Mendota Canal Subsidence Correction Project

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### BACKGROUND

The Delta-Mendota Canal (DMC) is a 116.5-mile-long canal that conveys water from the Delta region near Tracy, California to the Mendota Pool near Mendota, California. The DMC is one of the major components of the Delta Division of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's (Reclamation) Central Valley Project (CVP), and is considered critical infrastructure. The DMC was originally designed to convey a variable flow rate, starting at 4,600 cubic feet per second (cfs) at the upstream end and reducing to 3,211 cfs at the downstream end. Since its construction, several factors (including land subsidence) have impacted the ability of the DMC to meet the needs of the communities and ecosystems which rely on it for their water supply. Parts of the DMC have experienced differential changes in land surface elevation, forcing the facility to be operated at a lower level to ensure that water does not overflow the canal banks and cause damage.

The San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority (Authority) has been working in partnership with Reclamation to restore the conveyance capacity of the DMC by raising the canal lining and embankments, as well as other structures such as bridges, overchutes, and pipe crossings.

The Planning Committee began holding meetings in September 2024 to address the allocation of costs for large extraordinary maintenance projects for which the Authority's estimated total project cost is greater than 50% of the current year's routine OM&R Budget, excluding power and Reserves costs. In May 2025, the Planning Committee recommended approval of a cost allocation methodology for the initial phase of the Upper DMC portion of the DMC Subsidence Correction Project that relies on non-reimbursable grant funding, with the commitment that the Planning Committee will develop a cost allocation methodology for Phase 1 prior to contract award. Also in May 2025, the Finance & Administration Committee recommended pursuit of a

phased approach for the Upper DMC portion of the DMC Subsidence Correction Project. The Board adopted both committees' recommendations.

Since the May 2025 action, additional Planning Committee discussion occurred regarding cost allocation principles, information requests, Phase 1 scope, sag areas, and other topics. Most recently, in an August 14, 2025 Planning Committee Special Workshop, the Planning Committee discussed principles of cost allocation, and provided direction regarding the scope of Phase 1 and cost allocation for the same, given the availability of non-reimbursable funding.

### **ISSUE FOR DECISION**

Whether the Planning Committee and Finance & Administration Committee should recommend, and the Board of Directors should adopt, refinements to cost allocation methodology and scope for Phase 1 of the upper DMC portion of the Delta-Mendota Canal Subsidence Correction Project.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends adoption of refinements to cost allocation methodology and scope for Phase 1 of the upper DMC portion of the Delta-Mendota Canal Subsidence Correction Project consistent with the following:

- Cost Allocation Methodology
  - Utilize all available state, federal, and local non-reimbursable funding to fund Phase 1 work;
  - If less than \$90 million in non-reimbursable funding is available, develop further refinements to Phase 1 scope as appropriate; and
  - Continue to pursue cost allocation recommendations for each Project component (e.g. Check 1 freeboard raise, Sag area repairs, panel replacement, etc.).
- Phase 1 Scope
  - Task 1: "Scenario L" Approximate 2 ft. freeboard raise between MP 3.5 (JPP) to MP 7.2 (DCI) at a current estimated cost of \$19.75M\*, based on 4,600 cfs design flow and no future anticipated subsidence.
  - Task 2: Sag area repairs (9 areas in Pools 3, 4, 6, and 8) at a current estimated cost of \$18.23M.\*
  - Task 3: Panel Repair Program on Upper DMC (24 sites over 5 years) at a current estimated cost of \$27.9M.\*
  - Task 4: Panel Repair Program on Lower DMC at a current estimated cost of \$28M.\*

### **ANALYSIS**

Since the Board adopted a recommendation regarding Phase 1 of the upper DMC portion of the Delta-Mendota Canal Subsidence Correction Project in May 2025, staff provided information in response to Planning Committee and Board requests that led to the recommended scope refinements above.

\*Using Reclamation's 30%-level design estimate.

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Staff continues to recommend utilizing non-reimbursable grant funds to fund Phase 1 of the upper DMC portion of the DMC Subsidence Correction Project. If Phase 1 is wholly funded with non-reimbursable grant funding, there will be no rate impact associated with this action. Staff understands that even if Phase 1 is wholly funded with non-reimbursable grant funding, the direction from the Planning Committee is for non-reimbursable funding to be applied equitably across the entire project.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1 – Task 1: “Scenario L” 2 ft. freeboard raise between MP 3.5 (JPP) to MP 7.2 (DCI)

Attachment 2 – Task 2: Sag area repairs (9 areas in Pools 3, 4, 6, and 8)

Attachment 3 – Task 3: 5-year Panel Repair Program on Upper DMC (24 sites)

# Phase 1 (Task 1) Liner Raise MP 3.5 to MP 7.2

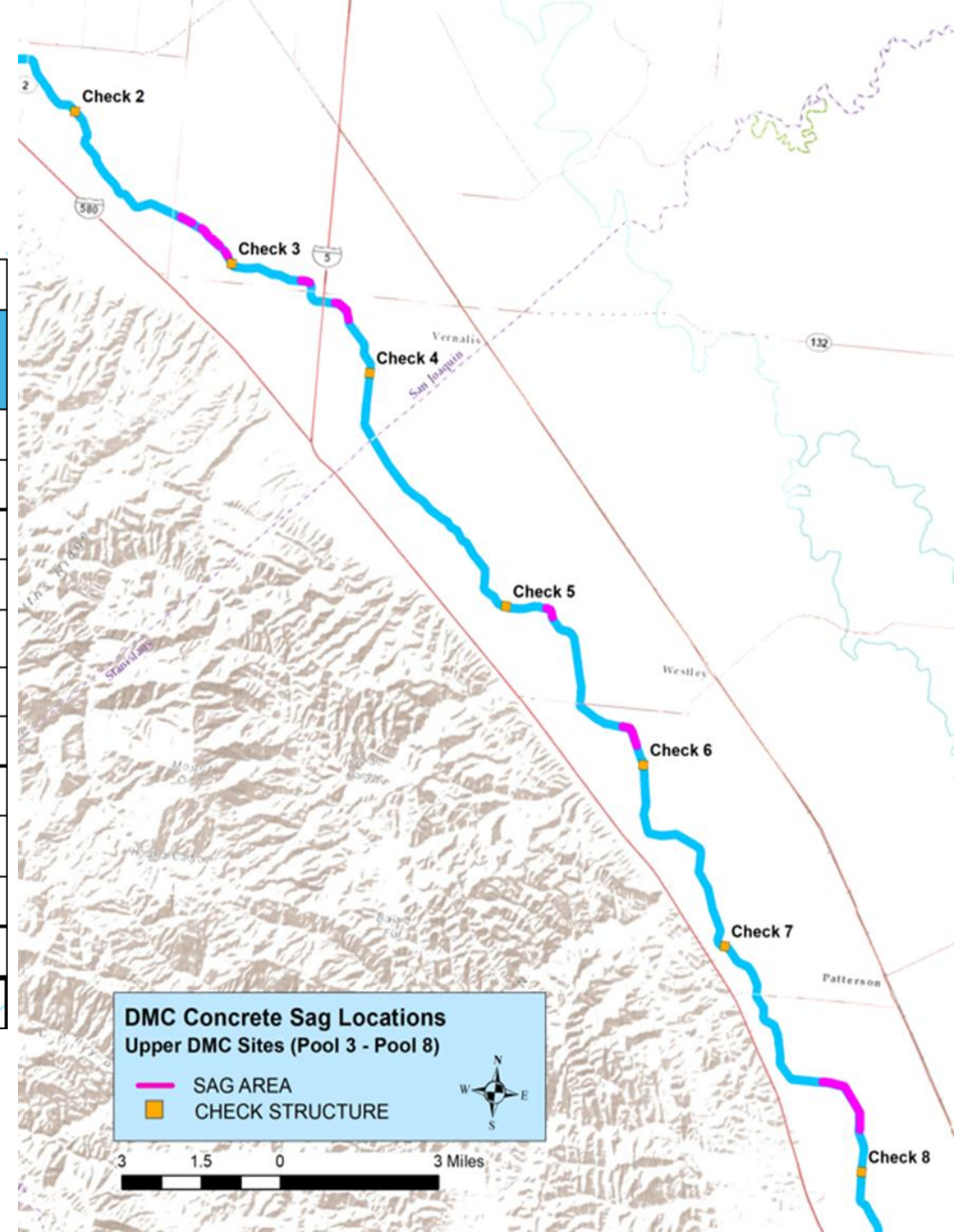
| Phase 1 (Task 1) Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | MP 3.5 - 7.2<br>(Partial Pool 1)<br>Estimated<br>Construction Cost |
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| <p><b>Phase 1 (Task 1):</b> Restore the canal to a 4,600 cfs delivery capacity, from Mile Post (MP) 3.5 to MP 7.2, designed to achieve 4,600 cfs, without accounting for potential future subsidence (generally referred to as an approximate 2-foot raise).</p> <p>The design should assume Intertie Pumping Plant (DCI) will have an operational range from 0 to 700 cfs and is located at MP 7.2.</p> <p><b>NOTE - This scenario does not include canal capacity restoration downstream of DCI.</b></p> | <p><b>\$19,750,000</b></p>                                         |



# Phase 1 (Task 2) - Summary of Sag Repair Costs

| Sag Locations                          |                    |                  |               |               | 2 ft. Raise         |                    |
|----------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Pool                                   | # of Sag Locations |                  | MP            | Distance (ft) | Estimated Cost      |                    |
| 3                                      | 4                  | 1                | 19.34 - 19.54 | 1,056         | \$1,400,000         |                    |
|                                        |                    | 2                | 19.80 - 19.86 | 317           | \$400,000           |                    |
|                                        |                    | 3                | 20.13 - 20.17 | 211           | \$275,000           |                    |
|                                        |                    | 4                | 20.37 - 20.48 | 581           | \$750,000           |                    |
| 4                                      | 2                  | 5                | 22.02 - 22.20 | 950           | \$1,500,000         |                    |
|                                        |                    | <b>Sub-Total</b> |               |               |                     | <b>\$4,325,000</b> |
|                                        |                    | 6*               | 22.88 - 23.33 | 2,376         | \$3,100,000         |                    |
| 6                                      | 2                  | 7*               | 30.62 - 30.80 | 950           | \$1,000,000         |                    |
|                                        |                    | 8*               | 33.50 - 34.01 | 2,693         | \$2,900,000         |                    |
| 8                                      | 1                  | 9*               | 42.31 - 43.46 | 6,072         | \$6,900,000         |                    |
| <b>Sub-Total</b>                       |                    |                  |               |               | <b>\$13,900,000</b> |                    |
| <b>Total Estimated Sag Repair Cost</b> |                    |                  |               |               | <b>\$18,225,000</b> |                    |

**Note:**\*4 Identified priority sag areas from July 10, 2025, Special Joint Workshop



# Phase 1 (Task 3) - Panel Repair 5 YR. Program

Attachment 3

| Pool No.                                       | No. Sites | Planned Year of Repair (x\$1,000) |                   |                   |                   |                   |
|------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                                                |           | Yr 1<br>(4 Sites)                 | Yr 2<br>(5 Sites) | Yr 3<br>(5 Sites) | Yr 4<br>(5 Sites) | Yr 5<br>(5 Sites) |
| 1                                              | 1         |                                   |                   |                   | \$ 1,200          |                   |
| 3                                              | 6         | \$ 1,100                          | \$ 1,100          | \$ 2,400          | \$ 1,200          | \$ 1,200          |
| 4                                              | 4         | \$ 1,100                          | \$ 2,200          |                   |                   | \$ 1,200          |
| 6                                              | 4         |                                   |                   | \$ 1,200          | \$ 1,200          | \$ 2,400          |
| 8                                              | 6         | \$ 2,200                          | \$ 2,200          | \$ 2,400          |                   |                   |
| 9                                              | 2         |                                   |                   |                   | \$ 1,200          | \$ 1,200          |
| 13                                             | 1         |                                   |                   |                   | \$ 1,200          |                   |
| <b>Total:</b>                                  | <b>24</b> | <b>\$ 4,400</b>                   | <b>\$ 5,500</b>   | <b>\$ 6,000</b>   | <b>\$ 6,000</b>   | <b>\$ 6,000</b>   |
| *3% esc. per year, includes non-contract costs |           |                                   |                   |                   | <b>Total:</b>     | <b>\$ 27,900</b>  |

## Repairs to be prioritized based on the following criteria:

- Accessibility and staging areas
- Priority/Highly subsidized Pool
- Urban Canal Section
- Fill Section
- Continued/Recent movement occurring
- Severity of damage

*\*24 assumed sites. Additional sites currently being investigated.*

