

**SAN LUIS & DELTA-MENDOTA WATER AUTHORITY
PLANNING COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING AND
JOINT PLANNING COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING-SPECIAL FINANCE &
ADMIMISTRATION COMMITTEE, WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE, AND
BOARD OF DIRECTORS WORKSHOP
MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 4, 2024**

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

Ric Ortega, Alternate

Division 4

Aaron Baker, Member - Dana Jacobson, Alternate

Division 5

Allison Febbo, Member - Manny Amorelli, Alternate

Friant Water Authority

Jason Phillips, Member - Wilson Orvis, Alternate

Finance & Administration Committee Members Present

Ex Officio

None

Division 1

Anthea Hansen, Chair/Member

Division 2

Justin Diener, Member

Division 3

Jarrett Martin, Alternate

Division 4

Absent

Division 5

Manny Amorelli, Alternate

Friant Water Authority

Jason Phillips, Member - Wilson Orvis, Alternate

Water Resources Committee Members Present

Ex-Officio

None

Division 1

Anthea Hansen, Alternate

Division 2

Absent

Division 3

Ric Ortega, Alternate

Division 4

Dana Jacobson, Alternate

Division 5

Manny Amorelli, Alternate

Board of Directors Present

Division 1

Bobby Pierce, Director

Anthea Hansen, Director

Division 2

Justin Diener, Alternate

Division 3

Jarrett Martin, Director

Ric Ortega, Director

Division 4

Aaron Baker, Alternate

Dana Jacobson, Director

Division 5

Allison Febbo, Director

Manny Amorelli, Director

FWA Representatives

Jason Phillips, Director - Wilson Orvis, Alternate

Authority Representatives Present

Federico Barajas, Executive Director

Pablo Arroyave, Chief Operating Officer

Scott Petersen, Water Policy Director

Ray Tarka, Director of Finance

Rebecca Akroyd, General Counsel

Rebecca Harms, Deputy General Counsel

Bob Martin, Facilities O&M Director

Jaime McNeil, Engineering Manager

Jacob Bejarano, Senior Civil/Mechanical/Electrical Engineer (via ZOOM)

Eddie Reyes, Information Systems Technician

Others in Attendance

Richard Welsh, Hallmark Group

Chris Park, CDM Smith (via Zoom)

Steven Farmer, Westlands Water District

Steve Stadler, San Luis Water District

Anona Dutton, EKI (via Zoom)

Ian Buck-Mcleod, Friant Water Authority (via ZOOM)

Johnny Amaral, Friant Water Authority (via ZOOM)

Thomas Harder, Friant Water Authority (via ZOOM)

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 October 7, 2024 Meeting Minutes.

On a motion made by Member Aaron Baker, seconded by Member Anthea Hansen, the Committee approved the October 7, 2024 meeting minutes with proposed correction. The vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES: Hansen, Diener, Ortega, Baker, Febbo, Phillips

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

5. Overview of the Delta-Mendota Subbasin Single Groundwater Sustainability Plan.

Water Policy Director Scott Petersen provide a brief overview of the item, and then introduced Anona Dutton and Amir Mani with EKI. Dutton walked through a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Delta-Mendota Subbasin Single Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP), highlighting how subsidence was addressed in the GSP. Petersen and Dutton answered Committee member questions throughout the presentation.

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

Engineering Manager Jaime McNeil walked through a PowerPoint presentation regarding the DMC Subsidence Correction Project Status Update. McNeil reviewed funding details, the upper DMC rehabilitation schedule/spend plan and scalable options. Water Policy Director reviewed DMC profiles. McNeil closed the discussion with the review of the DMC liner raise. McNeil and Petersen answered Committee member questions throughout the presentation

7. Discussion Regarding Initial Ideas, Concepts, and Set of Principles for Cost Allocation Recommendations.

Executive Director Federico provided an opportunity for Committee members to share thoughts on initial ideas, concepts, and a set of principles for cost allocation. Members made suggestions, and shared ideas in regards to cost share depending on reach, fixing buckled liners, considering responsibility of those causing impacts to help cover costs, funding opportunities and exploring operating priorities. Chair Justin Diener suggested scheduling a workshop in the near future to further discuss.

8. Discussion and Action Items for Future Planning Committee Meetings.

Executive Director Federico Barajas reported that he will be working with staff on several items including scheduling a policy conversation with the Bureau, funding scenarios, requesting info from Bureau regarding how to plan to operate upper DMC in the future, and a Bureau briefing on design assumptions. General Counsel Rebecca Akroyd suggested the briefing on design assumptions be brought to the O&M Technical Committee.

9. Reports Pursuant to Government Code Sec 54954.2

No reports.

10. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:13 p.m.