

**SAN LUIS & DELTA-MENDOTA WATER AUTHORITY
PLANNING COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING AND
JOINT PLANNING COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING-SPECIAL FINANCE &
ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE, WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE, AND
BOARD OF DIRECTORS WORKSHOP
MINUTES FOR MAY 5, 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

Division 4

Aaron Baker, Member - Dana Jacobson, Alternate

Division 5

Manny Amorelli, Alternate

Friant Water Authority

Wilson Orvis, Alternate

Finance & Administration Committee Members Present

Ex Officio

None

Division 1

Anthea Hansen, Chair/Member

Division 2

Justin Diener, Member

Division 3

Chris White, Member - Jarrett Martin, Alternate

Division 4

Brett Miller, Member

Division 5

Bill Pucheu, Member - Manny Amorelli, Alternate

Friant Water Authority

Wilson Orvis, Alternate

Water Resources Committee Members Present

Ex-Officio

None

Division 1

Anthea Hansen, Alternate

Division 2

Absent

Division 3

Chris White, Member

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

Chris White, Alternate

Jarrett Martin, Director

Division 4

Aaron Baker, Alternate

Dana Jacobson, Director

Brett Miller, Alternate

Division 5

Bill Pucheu, Director

Manny Amorelli, Director

FWA Representatives

Absent

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

Chauncey Lee, O&M Manger

Jaime McNeil, Engineering Manager

Eddie Reyes, Information Systems Technician

Others in Attendance

Richard Welsh, Hallmark Group

Steven Farmer, Westlands Water District

Steve Stadler, San Luis Water District

Chase Hurley, Pacheco Water District

Ian Buck-Mcleod, Friant Water Authority

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 November 4, 2024 Meeting Minutes.**

On a motion made by Member Aaron Baker, seconded by Member Chris White, the Committee approved the November 4, 2024 meeting minutes with minor edits. The vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES: Hansen, Diener, White, Baker, Amorelli, Orvis

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

5. **Recommendation to Board of Directors to Approve Cost Allocation Methodology for Initial Phase of the Upper Delta-Mendota Canal Portion of the Delta-Mendota Canal Subsidence Correction Project.**

Chief Operating Officer Pablo Arroyave introduced the item and reported that staff recommends pursuing a phased approach for the Upper DMC fix. Phase 1 of the project, which would include a four-foot liner and embankment raise to restore the canal to the original 4,600 cfs capacity from Jones Pumping Plant to the Delta-Mendota California Aqueduct Intertie Pumping Plant (DCI). Arroyave reported that future phases will be subject to the input and actions of the Planning Committee, Finance & Administration Committee, and the Board of Directors. Arroyave reported that Phase 1 of the project is currently at 30% design, with an estimated cost of \$30 million. Arroyave reported that staff recommends using non-reimbursable funding for Phase 1, which won't have an impact the WY25 O&M Water Rates. Staff answered Committee questions/concerns throughout the presentation, and noted Committee suggestions.

On a motion made by Alternate Wilson Orvis, seconded by Member Anthea Hansen, the Committee approved Cost Allocation Methodology for Initial Phase of the upper Delta-Mendota Canal portion of the Delta-Mendota Canal Subsidence Correction Project with the commitment that the Planning Committee will develop a cost allocation methodology recommendation for Phase 1 prior to contract award. The vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES: Hansen, Diener, White, Baker, Amorelli, Orvis

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

6. **Review of Information Relating to the Delta-Mendota Canal Subsidence Correction Project** – Review and discussion took place concurrent with Item 5 discussion.

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

Executive Director Federico Barajas requested that Committee members submit proposals for (1) principles that should be considered in developing a cost allocation methodology, (2) specific items that would be of help to their home boards and their decision making relative to the Delta-Mendota Canal Subsidence Correction Project, and (3) requested agenda items for future Planning Committee meetings to General Counsel Rebecca Akroyd by to May 16, 2025. Barajas reported that Authority staff will bring back information collected as an initial point of reference.

8. **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.

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

10. **Adjournment.**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:41 p.m.