

**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.**