



Meeting Minutes

Date & Time: 9/8/2025 | 9:00 AM
Location: SLDMWA Boardroom
842 6th Street, Los Banos

San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority Planning Committee Special Meeting and Joint Planning Committee Special Meeting – Special Finance & Administration Committee, Water Resources Committee, Operations & Maintenance Technical Committee, and Board Workshop

Attendance

Committee Members Present

Ex-Officio: Cannon Michael
William Bourdeau
Division 1: Anthea Hansen, Member
Division 2: Justin Diener, Alternate
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 WA: Jason Phillips, Member
Wilson Orvis, Alternate

Finance & Administration Committee Present

Ex-Officio: Cannon Michael
William Bourdeau
Division 1: Anthea Hansen, Member
Division 2: Justin Diener, Alternate
Stephen Farmer, Alternate
Division 3: Chris White, Member
Jarrett Martin, Alternate
Division 4: Brett Miller, Member
Vince Gin, Alternate
Division 5: Absent
Friant WA: Jason Phillips, Member
Wilson Orvis, Alternate

Water Resources Committee

Ex-Officio: Cannon Michael
William Bourdeau
Division 1: Anthea Hansen, Member
Division 2: Lon Martin, Alternate
Division 3: Chris White, Member-Ric
Ortega, Alternate
Division 4: Vince Gin, Member

Dana Jacobson, Alternate
Division 5: Absent

Operations & Maintenance Technical Committee

Exchange Contractors:
Chris White, Chair/Member
Jarrett Martin, Alternate

Friant Water Users Authority:
Absent

Lower DMC Area:
Patrick McGowan, Alternate

Mendota Pool Area:
Absent

San Felipe Area:
Aaron Baker, Member

San Luis Canal Area:
Juan Cadena, Member

USBR Representatives:
Absent

Upper DMC Area:
Absent

Board of Directors Present

Division 1: Anthea Hansen, Director
Division 2: Justin Diener, Director
William Bourdeau, Vice-Chair/Director
Lon Martin, Alternate
Division 3: Chris White, Alternate
Jarrett Martin, Director
Cannon Michael, Director (item 5)
Ric Ortega, Director
Division 4: Aaron Baker, Director
Dana Jacobson, Director
Brett Miller, Director

Division 5: Absent
FWA Representatives:
Jason Phillips, Representative-
Johnny Amaral, Alternate
Representative

Bob Martin, Facilities O&M Director
Jacob Bejarano, Senior Civil/Mechanical/Electrical
Engineer
Eddie Reyes, Information Systems Technician
Stewart Davis, IT Officer

Authority Representatives Present

Federico Barajas, Executive Director
Pablo Arroyave, Chief Operating Officer (ZOOM)
Rebecca Akroyd, General Counsel
Rebecca Harms, Deputy General Counsel
Scott Petersen, Water Policy Director
Ray Tarka, Director of Finance

Others Present

Richard Welsh, Hallmark Group
Chase Hurley, Pacheco Water District
Russ Freeman, Westlands Water District
Stephen Farmer, Westlands Water District
John Wiersma, Henry Miller Reclamation District
Aniruddha Bhattacharya (Babi), Reclamation

Agenda

Item	Topic	Lead
1.	Call to Order/Roll Call – The meeting was called to order at approximately 9:02 a.m. by Chair Justin Diener and roll was called.	
2	Corrections to the Agenda of Items, as authorized by Government Code Section 54950 et seq. – Agenda item #4 was corrected to read “Recommendation to Finance & Administration Committee and Board of Directors...” rather than “Recommendation to Planning Committee and Board of Directors...”	
3.	Opportunity for Public Comment - No public comment.	
4.	Planning Committee to Consider Approval of the August 4, 2025 Meeting Minutes and August 14, 2025 Special Workshop Minutes - Chair Justin Diener deemed the minutes approved with two minor corrections: (1) 8/4/2025 Meeting Minutes: a correction to the attendance, to indicate the presence of Aaron Baker as a member of the O&M Technical Committee, and (2) 8/14/2025 Workshop Minutes: a typographical correction to the bottom of page 2.	
5.	Recommendation to Finance & Administration 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 Subsidence Correction Project a. Review of Information Relating to the Delta-Mendota Canal Subsidence Correction Project, Including Illustrative Cost Share Scenarios Executive Director Federico Barajas reviewed the memo included in the packet, and then introduced Richard Welsh from the Hallmark Group. Welsh then reviewed information regarding proposed Phase 1, Task 1-3 work. Director of Finance Ray Tarka reviewed illustrative scenarios that included: 1) \$30 million EO&M – 5 years, 2) \$30 million Repayment – 30 years, 3) \$60 Million repayment – 30 years, and 4) \$60 million EO&M – 5 years. Staff and consultants answered committee member questions throughout the presentation. Committee members discussed the staff	Barajas

recommended refinements to cost allocation methodology: the utilization of all available state, federal, and local non-reimbursable funding to fund Phase 1 work; if less than \$90M in non-reimbursable funding is available, develop further refinements to Phase 1 scope; and continue to pursue cost allocation recommendations for each Project components. Committee members also discussed staff recommended refinements to scope: Task 1 (2 ft. freeboard raise between MP 3.5 and MP 7.2, est. cost \$19.75M); Task 2 (Sag area repairs, est. cost \$18.23M); Task 3 (Upper DMC panel repairs, est. cost \$27.9M); and Task 4 (Lower DMC panel repairs, est. cost \$28M).

M/S - Motion by Member Jason Phillips, seconded by Member Aaron Baker, the Committee adopted the staff recommended 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, with the understanding that if less than \$90M non-reimbursable funding is available, the Planning Committee will need to discuss and approve the cost allocation and distribution of non-reimbursable funds. Vote: Ayes - Hansen, Diener, White, Baker, Phillips; Nays – 0; Abstentions – 0.

6. **Discussion and Action Items for Future Planning Committee Meetings** Barajas
Executive Director Federico Barajas requested Committee members to send in any items that they would like included on next month's agenda.
7. **Adjournment** - The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:02 a.m.