



Meeting Minutes

Date & Time: 10/6/2025 | 10:00 AM

Location: SLDMWA Boardroom
842 6th Street, Los

San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority Water Resources Committee Regular Meeting and Joint Water Resources Committee Regular Meeting – Special Board Workshop Minutes

Attendance

Committee Members Present

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
Division 5: Manny Amorelli, Alternate

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
Ric Ortega, Member
Division 4: Brett Miller, Alternate

Division 5: Manny Amorelli, Director

Authority Representatives Present

Federico Barajas, Executive Director
Pablo Arroyave, Chief Operating Officer
Rebecca Akroyd, General Counsel
Rebecca Harms, Deputy General Counsel
Scott Petersen, Water Policy Director
Ray Tarka, Director of Finance
Eddie Reyes, Information Systems Technician
Stewart Davis, IT Officer

Others Present

Patrick McGowan, Panoche Water District
Chase Hurley, Pacheco Water District
Steve Stadler, San Luis Water District
Jacob McQuirk, DWR (ZOOM)
John Wiersma, Henry Miller Reclamation District

Agenda

Item	Topic	Lead
1.	Call to Order/Roll Call – The meeting was called to order by Chair William Bourdeau at approximately 10:00 a.m. and roll was called.	
2	Additions or Corrections to the Agenda of Items, as authorized by Government Code Section 54950 et seq. - No additions or corrections.	
3.	Opportunity for Public Comment - No public comment.	
4.	Water Resources Committee to Consider Approval of the September 8, 2025 Meeting Minutes - Chair William Bourdeau deemed the September 8, 2025 meeting minutes approved, with no objections.	

5. **Recommendation to Board of Directors to Authorize Execution of Professional Services Agreement for Public Affairs Services and Expenditures of up to \$110,000** – Water Policy Director Scott Petersen reviewed the memorandum included in the packet. Petersen reported that staff solicited input from a number of public affairs professionals within California, and identified three firms with a combination of capacity, talent, the potential for policy integration, and experience in the water sector. Petersen reported that after review of various proposals, staff recommends engaging Lucas Public Affairs for a 90-day task order specific to the development of a new Communications Plan and website redesign, and expenditure of up to \$110,000 utilizing existing Fund 03 – Public Affairs Communication Funds. Committee Chair William Bourdeau suggested having Lucas Public Affairs provide a presentation at a later date.
M/S - Motion by Member Vince Gin, seconded by Member Anthea Hansen, the Committee authorized execution of Professional Services Agreement for Public Affairs Services and expenditures of up to \$110,000. Vote: Ayes - Michael, Bourdeau, Hansen, Lon Martin, White, Gin, Amorelli; Nays – 0; Abstentions – 0 Petersen
6. **Recommendation to the Board of Directors to Adopt Staff Recommendation on Positions on Legislation**
a. H.R. 3572 (Valadao), to make projects in certain counties eligible for funding under the rural surface transportation grant program, and for other purposes (Support & Amend)
Water Policy Director Scott Petersen reviewed the staff recommendations for positions on legislation. Petersen answered questions from Committee members throughout the presentation.
M/S - Motion by Member Vince Gin, seconded by Alternate Lon Martin, the Committee adopted the staff recommendations for positions on H.R. 3572 (Valadao). Vote: Ayes - Michael, Bourdeau, Hansen, Lon Martin, White, Gin, Amorelli; Nays – 0; Abstentions – 0. Petersen
7. **Update on South and Central Delta Channel Maintenance/Siltation** – Water Policy Director Scott Petersen provided a brief overview of the item, and then introduced Jacob McQuirk from the Department of Water Resources. McQuirk reviewed a slide deck regarding “Sacramento San Joaquin River Delta Dredging Streamlined Permitting Development”. Petersen and McQuirk answered questions from Committee members throughout the presentation Petersen, McQuirk
8. **Executive Director’s Report**
a. **Government Shutdown** – Executive Director Federico Barajas provided a brief status update. Barajas reported that Reclamation is using zero-year appropriated funding to continue to operate through October 18, 2025. Barajas reported that Reclamation does have a contingency plan.
b. **Planning Committee Meeting** – Executive Director Federico Barajas reported that there is a scheduled Planning Committee (PC) meeting this afternoon. Barajas reported that the PC will be focusing on Barajas

specific cost allocation recommendations for the Phase I DMC Subsidence Correction Project.

- c. **O'Neill Pumping/Generation Plant Outage** – Chief Operating Officer Pablo Arroyave reported that the O'Neill outages started today through October 25, 2025. Arroyave reported that the Authority is meeting direct demands with Jones Pumping Plant, and using DCI to balance demands. Arroyave reported that the Department of Water Resources/Reclamation requested JPOD from SWRCB. Arroyave also noted that on the final day of the outage, as part of the transformer recommissioning process, all six pumps at O'Neill Pumping Plant will be operating continuously for 24 hours.
- d. **Golden Mussels** – Executive Director Federico Barajas reported that the Department of Water Resources (DWR) found Golden Mussels in the San Luis Reservoir, and have elevated their level of monitoring. Barajas reported that the Authority will be coordinating with DWR.

- 9. **Update on Water Policy/Resources Activities** – Water Policy Director Scott Petersen provided an update regarding State Water Resources Control Board Activity, including the Water Quality Control Plan Update, Water Rights reporting new format, the Water Blueprint for the San Joaquin Valley, and the San Joaquin Valley Collaborative Action Program. Petersen answered questions throughout the presentation. Petersen
- 10. **Update on Water Operations and Forecasts** – Chief Operating Officer Pablo Arroyave introduced consultant Ron Milligan, who provided information regarding CVP supply, reservoir storage, allocations, snowpack, and operations. Milligan and Arroyave answered Committee member questions throughout the presentation. Arroyave
- 11. **Committee Member Reports** – No reports.
- 12. **Agenda Items 12-14: Closed Session** – Chair William Bourdeau adjourned the open session to address the items listed on the Closed Session Agenda at approximately 11:19 a.m. Upon return to open session at approximately 11:34 a.m., Chair William Bourdeau reported that no reportable actions were taken in closed session. Akroyd
- 13. **Agenda Item 15: Reports Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(a)(3)** – No reports.
- 14. **Agenda Item 16: Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:35 a.m.