

SAN LUIS & DELTA-MENDOTA WATER AUTHORITY  
WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING AND JOINT  
WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING - SPECIAL  
BOARD WORKSHOP MINUTES

FEBRUARY 5, 2023

The San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority Water Resources Committee Regular Meeting and Joint Water Resources Committee Regular Meeting and Special Board Workshop convened at approximately 10:00 a.m. at 842 6th Street in Los Banos, California, with Chair William Bourdeau presiding.

**Water Resources Committee Members Present**

**Ex-Officio**

Cannon Michael  
William Bourdeau

**Division 1**

Anthea Hansen, Alternate

**Division 2**

Bill Diedrich, Member - Lon Martin, Alternate

**Division 3**

Absent

**Division 4**

Steve Wittry, Alternate for Vincent Gin

**Division 5**

Kirk Teixeira, Member - Manny Amorelli, Alternate

**Board of Directors Present**

**Division 1**

Anthea Hansen, Director

**Division 2**

Justin Diener, Alternate (via ZOOM)  
William Bourdeau, Vice-Chair/Director  
Bill Diedrich, Director - Lon Martin Alternate

**Division 3**

Cannon Michael, Chair/Director

**Division 4**

Steve Wittry, Director  
Megan Holland, Alternate

**Division 5**

Kirk Teixeira, Alternate  
Manny Amorelli, Director

**Authority Representatives Present**

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

**Others Present**

Dana Jacobson, Valley Water  
Tom Boardman, Westlands Water District (via ZOOM)  
Chris Park, CDM Smith

**1. Call to Order/Roll Call**

Committee Chair William Bourdeau called the meeting to order and roll was called. General Counsel Rebecca Akroyd confirmed that Board Alternate Justin Diener was participating via ZOOM for just cause, in compliance with Government Code section 54953.

**2. The Water Resources Committee to Consider 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 January 8, 2024 Meeting Minutes.**

Chair William Bourdeau deemed the January 8, 2024 meeting minutes approved as submitted.

**5. Delta Mendota Canal Subsidence Correction Project.**

Executive Director Federico Barajas introduced Chris Park from CDM Smith. Park presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Delta Mendota Canal Subsidence Correction Project. Staff and Chris Park answered questions throughout the presentation.

6. **Executive Director's Report.**

- a. **Delta Conveyance Project** - Executive Director Federico Barajas reported that Reclamation will not join the Department of Water Resources in State Water Resources Control Board change petition regarding Delta Conveyance Project.
- b. **B.F. Sisk Dam Raise and Reservoir Expansion Project** - Executive Director Federico Barajas reported that Reclamation received approval from the Commissioner to move forward with negotiations, and there was a two-day session last week. Barajas reported that there are subsequent meetings scheduled and the Authority will continue to be engaged on behalf of Activity Agreement Members.
- c. **O'Neill Pumping Plant (OPP) Outage** - Chief Operating Officer Pablo Arroyave reported that a 45-day outage at OPP is upcoming. Arroyave reported that staff has been coordinating with Reclamation and member agencies regarding the outage. Arroyave reported that there is a coordination meeting scheduled at the end of the month with Reclamation.

7. **Update on Water Policy/Resources Activities.**

Water Policy Director Scott Petersen provided a brief summary of the report included in the packet. Petersen reported that a copy of the Authority's comment letter on the Water Quality Control Plan Update Phase 2 Draft Staff Report is included in the packet. Petersen also provided updates regarding the Reinitiation of Consultation on Long-Term Operations of the CVP and SWP, Trinity River consultant, Water Quality Control Plan, San Joaquin Valley Blueprint, and the San Joaquin Valley Collaborative Action Program. Petersen answered Committee questions throughout the presentation.

8. **Update on Water Operations and Forecasts.**

Westlands Water District's Tom Boardman reported that Shasta storage surpassed 3.7 MAF and has increased its releases for flood control. The current refill rate is on pace to exceed Reclamation's median forecast. Folsom storage was also reported which included a projection on imminent releases for flood control and a brief mention of current snowpack conditions.

The contrast was made between the current rate between Delta outflow and exports. The controlling factor for recent export reductions was explained in addition to a near term projection of increased export that may be supported by expected increases in San Joaquin River flows.

San Luis reservoir storage was noted along with a brief report on refill projections that may

occur later this spring.

Boardman briefly responded to a question from a Director Bill Diedrich regarding the status of Trinity storage.

**9. Committee Member Reports.**

No reports.

**5. Closed Session**

Committee Chair William Bourdeau adjourned the open session to address the items listed on the Closed Session Agenda at approximately 11:22 a.m. Upon return to open session at approximately 12:07 p.m., Chair William Bourdeau reported that no reportable actions were taken in closed session.

**10. Agenda Item 13: Reports Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2**

No reports.

**11. Agenda Item 14: Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:08 p.m.