

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

OCTOBER 2, 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

Absent

Division 3

Chris White, Member

Division 4

Steve Wittry, Alternate for Vincent Gin

Division 5

Manny Amorelli, Member

Board of Directors Present

Division 1

Anthea Hansen, Director
Lea Emmons, Alternate (via ZOOM)

Division 2

William Bourdeau, Vice-Chair/Director

Division 3

Chris White, Alternate
Jarrett Martin, Director
Cannon Michael, Chair/Director

Division 4

Steve Wittry, Director

Division 5

Manny Amorelli, Director

Authority Representatives Present

Federico Barajas, Executive Director

Pablo Arroyave, Chief Operating Officer (via ZOOM)

Rebecca Akroyd, General Counsel

Rebecca Harms, Deputy General Counsel (via ZOOM)

Scott Petersen, Water Policy Director

Ray Tarka, Director of Finance

Jaime McNeill, Engineering Manager

Cindy Meyer, Special Programs Manager (via ZOOM)

Stewart Davis, IT Officer

Others Present

Dana Jacobson, Valley Water (via ZOOM)

Chase Hurley, Pacheco Water District

Tom Boardman, Westlands Water District (via ZOOM)

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Committee Chair William Bourdeau called the meeting to order and roll was called.

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 September 11, 2023 Meeting Minutes.

Chair William Bourdeau deemed the September 11, 2023 meeting minutes approved as submitted.

5. Water Resources Committee to Consider Recommendation to Board of Directors to Authorize Pursuit of Solar Over Canals Application for Federal Non-Reimbursable Funding.

Executive Director Federico Barajas reviewed the memo and attachment included in the packet. Barajas reported Water Authority staff has been approached by Reclamation's Regional Office and private firms that have conceptual ideas in alignment with this pilot/demonstration effort. Barajas reported that given the level of interest by Reclamation and the potential for public-private partnership, Water Authority staff sees the merit of pursuing this funding application

process for a Delta-Mendota Canal (DMC) pilot project. Barajas reported that the application is due at the end of the month. Barajas reported that Reclamation is seeking a pilot or demonstration project to evaluate technical capability, economic feasibility, and/or viability for full-scale implementation, or to test an unproven material or technology, for future coverage of canals with solar panels.

On a motion of Member Anthea Hansen, seconded by Alternate Member Steve Wittry, the Committee adopted a recommendation to authorize pursuit of Solar Over Canals application for federal non-reimbursable funding. The vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES:	Michael, Bourdeau, Hansen, White, Wittry, Amorelli
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS:	None

6. **Executive Director’s Report.**

a. **Federal Government** – Executive Director Federico Barajas reported the federal government is operating under a Continued Resolution for forty-five days.

b. **ACWA Region 4**- Executive Director Federico Barajas reported that staff is working with ACWA Region 4 to schedule a Jones Pumping Plant/Tracy Fish Facility Tour.

c. **Inflation Reduction Act Funding**– Executive Director Federico Barajas reported that the second round of funding applications is open.

d. **Jones Pumping Plant Building UZ11A** – Chief Operating Officer Pablo Arroyave reported that the contractor finished up the work on building UZ11A last week. Arroyave reported that during testing, WAPA confirmed that the transformers were faulty, and replaced them. Arroyave reported that troubleshooting continues.

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 on the Reinitiation of Consultation on Long-Term Operations of the CVP and SWP, the Quarterly WIIN Act meeting, SWRCB activity, and proposed NEPA regulations.

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

Westlands Water District’s Tom Boardman reported on Shasta and Folsom storage conditions.

Boardman also reported on export rates at Jones and Banks along with a brief explanation of the controlling export constraint.

Boardman also discussed current San Luis storage conditions and provided a brief description of expected refill projections into 2024.

9. Committee Member Reports.

Central California Irrigation District (CCID) General Manager Jarrett Martin reported that CCID will be dewatering the Mendota Pool December 1-10, 2023.

5. Closed Session

Committee Chair William Bourdeau adjourned the open session to address the items listed on the Closed Session Agenda at approximately 10:36 a.m. Upon return to open session at approximately 11:09 a.m., General Counsel Rebecca Akroyd 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 11:10 a.m.