

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

JULY 10, 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 Member Chris White presiding.

Water Resources Committee Members Present

Ex-Officio

Absent

Division 1

Anthea Hansen, Alternate

Division 2

Absent

Division 3

Chris White, Member

Division 4

Vincent Gin, Member - Steve Wittry, Alternate

Division 5

Manny Amorelli

Board of Directors Present

Division 1

Anthea Hansen, Director

Division 2

Justin Diener, Alternate

Division 3

Chris White, Alternate

Jarrett Martin, Director

Division 4

Steve Wittry, Director

Joyce Machado, 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 (ZOOM)
Ray Tarka, Director of Finance
Stewart Davis, IT Officer

Others Present

Dana Jacobson, Valley Water
Steve Stadler, San Luis Water District
Gracie Chavez, Del Puerto Water District
William Bourdeau, Westlands Water District (ZOOM)
Jacob McQuirk, DWR (ZOOM)

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Acting Committee Chair/Member Chris White 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 June 5, 2023 Meeting Minutes.

On a motion of Alternate Member Anthea Hansen, seconded by Member Vince Gin, the Committee approved the June 5, 2023 meeting minutes. The vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES:	Hansen, White, Gin, Amorelli
NOES:	None
ABSTENTIONS:	None

5. Presentation on DWR South Delta Permanent Operable Gates Project.

Chief Operating Officer Pablo Arroyave introduced Jacob McQuirk from the Department of Water Resources. McQuirk presented a PowerPoint presentation on the South Delta Permanent Operable Gates Project. McQuirk answered questions throughout the presentation. Arroyave

reported that the Water Authority has invited Jacob McQuirk to make the same presentation at the August Board meeting.

6. Executive Director's Report.

- a. **Finance & Administration Committee Meeting Topics** – Executive Director Federico Barajas reported that the O'Neill Transformer Project and OM&R water rates will be discussed at the Finance & Administration Committee this afternoon.
- b. **B.F. Sisk Dam Raise and Reservoir Expansion Project** – Executive Director Federico Barajas reported that Water Authority staff are working with activity agreement members on a Letter of Agreement regarding cost share associated with the project.

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 status of the Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan updates and potential alternate implementation through Voluntary Agreements, proposed revisions to the Reclamation Manual updates, San Joaquin Valley Blueprint and San Joaquin Valley Collaborative Action Program, and State and Federal legislative activities.

8. Update on Water Operations and Forecasts.

Westlands Water District's Tom Boardman reported that Shasta storage was in the top ten highest years for this date. It was also noted that storage is trending about 50 TAF higher than Reclamation's latest operations forecast. Folsom storage conditions were explained, including a brief report of snowpack conditions.

Delta export rates were reported to be at maximum for both the CVP and SWP thanks to increased demands and available storage space in San Luis Reservoir.

San Luis storage projections and flood flow operations into the Mendota Pool were also briefly discussed.

Boardman responded to Committee and Board member questions throughout his report.

9. Committee Member Reports.

Alternate Member Anthea Hansen reported that the Orestimba Recharge and Recovery Project groundbreaking was June 29, 2023.

10. Agenda Item 10/11/12: Closed Session/Return to Open Session/Report from Closed Session

No Closed Session.

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

No reports.

12. Agenda Item 14: Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:14 a.m.