

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

**JANUARY 8, 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 (arrived during item 5)  
William Bourdeau

**Division 1**

Anthea Hansen, Alternate

**Division 2**

Bill Diedrich, Member - Lon Martin, Alternate

**Division 3**

Chris White, Member

**Division 4**

Vincent Gin, Member - Steve Wittry, Alternate

**Division 5**

Manny Amorelli, Alternate for Kirk Teixeira

**Board of Directors Present**

**Division 1**

Anthea Hansen, Director

**Division 2**

Justin Diener, Alternate  
William Bourdeau, Vice-Chair/Director  
Bill Diedrich, Director - Lon Martin Alternate

**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  
Rebecca Akroyd, General Counsel  
Rebecca Harms, Deputy General Counsel (via ZOOM)  
Scott Petersen, Water Policy Director  
Ray Tarka, Director of Finance  
Cindy Meyer, Special Programs Manager (via ZOOM)  
Stewart Davis, IT Officer

**Others Present**

Dana Jacobson, Valley Water  
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 November 6, 2023 Meeting Minutes.**

Chair William Bourdeau deemed the November 6, 2023 meeting minutes approved as submitted.

**5. Recommendation to Board of Directors to Adopt 2024 Science Plan.**

Water Policy Director Scott Petersen provided a brief overview of the updated Science Plan included in the packet. Petersen reported that as the Science Program further develops in coordination with the implementation of the updated Water Authority Strategic Plan, staff intends to continue to increase coordination with Water Authority members, establish and implement the Science Plan, and engage in the scientific community and inform policymakers of the results of Water Authority Science Program outcomes.

Special Programs Manager Cindy Meyer reported that this a living document, and she

anticipates changes and updates throughout the year. Meyer thanked Committee and Board members for taking time to review the Science Plan.

Petersen and Meyer answered questions throughout the presentation.

On a motion of Member Bill Diedrich, seconded by Member Vince Gin, the Committee approved a recommendation that the Board of Directors adopt the 2024 Science Plan. The vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES:	Michael, Bourdeau, Hansen, Diedrich, White, Gin, Amorelli
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS:	None

**6. Executive Director’s Report.**

- a. **Budget Workshop** – Executive Director Federico Barajas reported that there is budget workshop scheduled January 17, 2024.
- b. **Reclamation Announces New Regional Director** – Executive Director Federico Barajas reported that Reclamation announced Karl Stock as their new Regional Director for the California-Great Basin Region. Barajas reported that there will be a Meet & Greet with new RD at the Water Users Conference.

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

Water Policy Director Scott Petersen provided a brief summary of the report included in the packet. Petersen provided updates regarding the Reinitiation of Consultation on Long-Term Operations of the CVP and SWP, Water Quality Control Plan, Reclamation Manual updates, 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 on Shasta storage conditions noting that storage is increasing at a rate that is between the dry and median forecasts. Monthly precipitation was also stated to be tracking close to the expected average. Folsom storage conditions were described including Reclamation’s recent release reduction to the minimum required rate.

The current export constraint was reported to be the Old and Middle River reverse flow requirement that went into effect on January 1, 2024. Current export rates at Jones and Banks were reported along with a brief remark about expected increases at Jones once maintenance work at the

Tracy switchyard is completed. Chief Operating Officer Pablo Arroyave added additional detail regarding maintenance activity at Jones.

San Luis Reservoir storage was noted along with a brief report on refill projections that may occur later this spring.

Boardman concluded his report with a brief explanation of the factors that could affect near-term pumping if hydrology becomes wetter.

Boardman briefly responded to a question from a member of the public regarding the possibility of a Shasta critical year occurring this year.

**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 10:33 a.m. Upon return to open session at approximately 11:00 a.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 11:01 a.m.