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

MARCH 4, 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

William Bourdeau

Division 1

Anthea Hansen, Alternate

Division 2

Absent

Division 3

Chris White, Member

Division 4

Vince Gin, Member - Steve Wittry, Alternate

Division 5

Kirk Teixeira, Member

Board of Directors Present

Division 1

Anthea Hansen, Director

Lea Emmons, Alternate (via ZOOM)

Division 2

Justin Diener, Alternate

Division 3

Chris White, Alternate

Jarrett Martin, Director

Division 4

Steve Wittry, Director

Megan Holland, Alternate

Division 5

Kirk Teixeira, Alternate

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)

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 February 5, 2024 Meeting Minutes.

Chair William Bourdeau deemed the February 5, 2024 meeting minutes approved as submitted.

5. Executive Director's Report.

- a. **SLDMWA/Friant MOU Update** - Executive Director Federico Barajas reported the Authority will bring the proposed Second Amended and Restated MOU to the Finance & Administration Committee and Board of Directors next month.
- b. **O'Neill Pumping Plant (OPP) Outage** – Executive Director Federico Barajas provided a brief update, and then introduced Chief Operating Officer Pablo Arroyave to provide an additional update. Arroyave reported that after discussion with the Reclamation's Front Office and CVO, staff will wait until March 20 before making any final decisions regarding the OPP Outage. Arroyave reported that all three transformers are in "poor" condition and if the outage is rescheduled, it will need to

take place within the year to prevent any further repercussions, which will give the Authority 10-15 years before full replacements will need to be done.

- c. **Reclamation Negotiations** - Executive Director Federico Barajas stated that the Authority is in negotiations with Reclamation regarding the B.F. Sisk Dam Raise and Reservoir Expansion Project, and the Jones Pumping Plant Excitation Project.

6. 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, Voluntary Agreements, Delta Conveyance Project, BOR Manual updates, the Water Quality Control Plan update, the San Joaquin Valley Blueprint, and the San Joaquin Valley Collaborative Action Program. Petersen reported that Pat O'Toole, long-time president of the Family Farm Alliance, passed away February 25, and they are now succession planning. Petersen answered Committee questions throughout the presentation.

7. Update on Water Operations and Forecasts.

Westlands Water District's Tom Boardman reported that Shasta storage is trending close to Reclamation's median forecast which shows Shasta refilling to 4.2 MAF by late May. Recent precipitation was noted along with the snowpack status for the Trinity and Shasta basins. Boardman also discussed the status of Folsom's watershed, storage management operations.

Delta operations were reported, including the status of export pumping and controlling factors. Boardman also mentioned near-term export operations and likely export constraints that will go into effect beginning April 1.

San Luis reservoir storage was noted, including refill projections during March.

Boardman answered Committee questions throughout the presentation.

8. Committee Member Reports.

No reports.

5. Closed Session

Committee Chair William Bourdeau adjourned the open session to address the items listed

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on the Closed Session Agenda at approximately 10:51 a.m. Upon return to open session at approximately 11:50 a.m., Chair William Bourdeau reported that no reportable actions were taken in closed session.

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

No reports.

10. **Agenda Item 14: Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:51 a.m.