

**SAN LUIS & DELTA-MENDOTA WATER AUTHORITY  
PLANNING COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING AND  
JOINT PLANNING COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING-SPECIAL FINANCE &  
ADMIMISTRATION COMMITTEE, WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE, AND  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS WORKSHOP  
MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 9, 2024**

The Planning Committee of the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority convened at approximately 1:30 p.m. at 842 6th Street in Los Banos, California, with Chair Justin Diener presiding.

**Members and Alternate Members Present**

**Division 1**

Anthea Hansen, Member - Bobby Pierce, Alternate

**Division 2**

Justin Diener, Chair/Member - Lon Martin, Alternate

**Division 3**

Chris White, Member

**Division 4**

Aaron Baker, Member - Jeff Cattaneo, Alternate

**Division 5**

Allison Febbo, Member (arrived during item 5) - Manny Amorelli, Alternate

**Friant Water Authority**

Wilson Orvis, Alternate (via ZOOM)

**Finance & Administration Committee Members Present**

**Ex Officio**

None

**Division 1**

Anthea Hansen, Chair/Member

**Division 2**

Justin Diener, Member

**Division 3**

Chris White, Member

**Division 4**

Dana Jacobson, Member

**Division 5**

Manny Amorelli, Alternate

**Friant Water Authority**

Wilson Orvis, Alternate (via ZOOM)

**Water Resources Committee Members Present**

**Ex-Officio**

None

**Division 1**

Anthea Hansen, Alternate

**Division 2**

Lon Martin, Alternate

**Division 3**

Chris White, Member

**Division 4**

Jeff Cattaneo, Alternate

**Division 5**

Manny Amorelli, Alternate

**Board of Directors Present**

**Division 1**

Bobby Pierce, Director

Anthea Hansen, Director

**Division 2**

Justin Diener, Alternate

Lon Martin, Alternate

**Division 3**

Chris White, Alternate

**Division 4**

Aaron Baker, Alternate

Jeff Cattaneo, Director

**Division 5**

Allison Febbo, Director

Manny Amorelli, Director

**FWA Representatives**

Wilson Orvis, Alternate (via ZOOM)

**Authority Representatives Present**

Federico Barajas, Executive Director

Pablo Arroyave, Chief Operating Officer

Scott Petersen, Water Policy Director

Rebecca Akroyd, General Counsel

Rebecca Harms, Deputy General Counsel

Raymond Tarka, Director of Finance

Jaime McNeil, Engineering Manager (via ZOOM)

Stewart Davis, IT Officer

Eddie Reyes, Information Systems Technician

**Others in Attendance**

Russ Freeman, Westlands Water District (via ZOOM)

Ian Buck-Mcleod, Friant Water Authority

Adam Nickels, USBR

Chris Park, CDM Smith

Dana Jacobson, Valley Water

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

Chair Justin Diener called the meeting to order at approximately 1:30 p.m. and roll was called.

**2. Additions or Corrections to the Agenda**

No additions or corrections.

**3. Opportunity for Public Comment**

No public comment.

**4. Overview of Planning Committee Structure and Jurisdiction.**

Executive Director Federico Barajas provided a brief overview of the Planning Committee. Barajas reported that there will be six voting members, which includes representatives from each of the five Water Authority divisions plus Friant Water Authority. Barajas reported that there will also be five non-voting members, which includes Water Authority staff and technical representatives, Friant Water Authority staff and technical representatives, and a Reclamation representative. Barajas introduced General Counsel Rebecca Akroyd, who presented details regarding the structure and jurisdiction of the Planning Committee.

**5. Presentation on Status of the Delta-Mendota Canal (DMC) Subsidence Correction Project.**

Executive Director Federico Barajas provided a brief overview of the item including a summary of structures to be modified. Barajas introduced Chris Park from CDM Smith, who reviewed a PowerPoint presentation regarding the overall DMC Subsidence Correction Project. Barajas then introduced Engineering Manager Jaime McNeill, who provided a brief overview of the current status of the DMC Subsidence Correction Project. Water Policy Director Scott Petersen discussed the subsidence analysis in the context of Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) compliance. McNeill reviewed an additional PowerPoint presentation regarding Federal/State funding, timeline, current activities, and upcoming activities. Staff and Chris Park answered questions throughout the presentations.

**6. Next Steps/Action Items for Future Planning Committee (PC) Meetings.**

Executive Director Federico Barajas asked the PC members to brainstorm the information they would need to make decisions regarding cost allocation. Barajas also asked the members to

let staff and consultants know what is needed to make informed decisions every step of the way. Chair/Member Justin Diener suggested Friant Water Authority provide a presentation on what they did regarding cost allocation. General Counsel Rebecca Akroyd asked PC members to consider setting up procedures along the way or in advance of any cost allocation recommendation.

**7. Reports Pursuant to Government Code Sec 54954.2**

No reports.

**8. Adjournment.**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:56 p.m.