



Meeting Minutes

Date & Time: 2/2/2026 | 10:00 AM
Location: SLDMWA Boardroom
842 6th Street, Los

San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority Water Resources Committee Regular Meeting and Joint Water Resources Committee Regular Meeting – Special Board Workshop Minutes

Attendance

Committee Members Present

Ex-Officio: Cannon Michael
William Bourdeau
Division 1: Anthea Hansen, Member
Division 2: Lon Martin, Alternate
Division 3: Chris White, Member
Division 4: Vince Gin, Member
Dana Jacobson, Alternate
Division 5: Absent

Division 4: Dana Jacobson, Member
Brett Miller, Alternate
Division 5: Absent

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
Ray Tarka, Director of Finance
Jaime McNeil, Engineering Manager
Eddie Reyes, Information Systems Technician

Board of Directors Present

Division 1: Anthea Hansen, Director
Division 2: Justin Diener, Director
William Bourdeau, Director
Lon Martin, Alternate
Division 3: Chris White, Alternate
Jarrett Martin, Director
Cannon Michael, Director

Others Present

Wilson Orvis, Friant Water Authority
Ron Milligan, Milligan Consulting (ZOOM)

Agenda

Item	Topic	Lead
1.	Call to Order/Roll Call – The meeting was called to order by Chair William Bourdeau at approximately 10:00 a.m. and roll was called.	
2.	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 December 8, 2025 Meeting Minutes – Chair William Bourdeau deemed the December 8, 2025 Meeting Minutes approved as submitted.	

5. **Recommendation to the Board of Directors to Adopt Staff Recommendation on Positions on Legislation** Petersen

- a. H.R. 6639 (Gray), Water Agency and Transparency Enhancement Review (Water) Act (Favor & Amend)
- b. H.R. 6640 (Gray), Build Now Act (Favor)
- c. H.R. 6641 (Gray), Central Valley Water Solution Act (Support & Amend)
- d. A.B. 35 (Alvarez), Safe Drinking Water, Wildlife Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024: Administrative Procedures Act: exemption: program guidelines and selection criteria (Ratify Support Position)

Water Policy Director Scott Petersen reviewed the staff recommendations for positions on four pieces of legislation: HR 6639, H.R. 6640, HR 6641, and A.B. 35. Petersen answered questions throughout the presentation.

M/S - Motion by Member Vince Gin, seconded by Member Chris White, the Committee recommended adoption of the staff recommendations for positions on H.R. 6239 (Gray), H.R. (Gray), H.R. 6641 (Gray), and A.B. 35. Vote: Ayes - Michael, Bourdeau, Hansen, Lon Martin, White, Gin; Nays – 0; Abstentions – 0.

6. **Recommendation to the Board of Directors to Adopt Resolution Adopting Mitigated Negative Declaration/CEQA Findings of Fact and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan for the DMC Subsidence Correction Project** Arroyave/McNeil

Chief Operating Officer Pablo Arroyave reviewed the documents included in the packet. Arroyave reported that the Authority has determined that the proposed Project, as mitigated, would not have a significant impact on the environment. Arroyave reported that through the proposed resolution, the Board would adopt the MND, including CEQA findings of Fact, and a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan (MMRP) to require that all reasonably feasible mitigation measures be implemented by means of Project conditions, agreements, or other measures, as set forth in the MMRP. Arroyave reported that following adoption of the resolution the Authority would file a Notice of Determination. General Counsel Rebecca Akroyd noted that the CEQA action is for the entire project, but the Board will be approving contracts for phases along the way. Staff answered questions throughout the presentation.

M/S - Motion by Member Chris White, seconded by Alternate Lon Martin, the Committee recommended adoption of the resolution adopting Mitigated Negative Declaration/CEQA Findings of Fact and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan for the DMC Subsidence Correction Project. Vote: Ayes - Michael, Bourdeau, Hansen, Lon Martin, White, Gin; Nays – 0; Abstentions – 0.

7. **Executive Director's Report** Barajas

- a. **Tour of Facilities for NOAA Fisheries Official** – Executive Director Federico Barajas reported that Assistant NOAA Administrator Solér is touring CVP facilities the week of February 23, 2026, and the Water

Authority is providing a tour of Jones Pumping Plant. Barajas reported that if Committee members are interested in attending to please let Chief Operating Officer Pablo Arroyave know.

- b. **ACWA GM Group** – Executive Director Federico Barajas reported that ACWA has established a GM group to assist prioritizing water issues for the new California governor, once elected. Barajas asked for feedback regarding priorities for the new administration.
- c. **Friant Water Authority New CEO** – Executive Director Federico Barajas reported that Johnny Amaral is the new CEO for the Friant Water Authority.
- d. **Letter to the President regarding Shasta Funding** – Board Chair Cannon Michael reported that a letter is circulating urging the President to allocate funds from the "One Big Beautiful Bill Act" to pursue the Shasta enlargement project, and the Authority will share the letter if requested.

- 8. **Update on Water Policy/Resources Activities** – Water Policy Director Scott Petersen provided an update regarding Action 5, WQCP comments, the Water Blueprint for the San Joaquin Valley and the San Joaquin Valley Collaborative Action Program. Petersen answered questions throughout the presentation. Petersen
- 9. **Update on Water Operations and Forecasts** – Chief Operating Officer Pablo Arroyave reported that a change order was issued yesterday reducing Jones Pumping Plant operations to one unit, due to the D1641 Port Chicago requirement. Arroyave introduced consultant Ron Milligan, who provided information regarding CVP supply, reservoir storage, allocations, snowpack, and operations. Milligan and Arroyave answered questions throughout the presentation. Arroyave, Milligan
- 10. **Committee Member Reports** – No reports.
- 11. **Agenda Items 11-13: Closed Session** – Chair William Bourdeau adjourned the open session to address the items listed on the Closed Session Agenda at approximately 10:52 a.m. Upon return to open session at approximately 11:23 a.m., Chair William Bourdeau reported that no reportable actions were taken in closed session. Akroyd
- 12. **Agenda Item 14: Reports Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(a)(3)** – No reports.
- 13. **Agenda Item 15: Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:24 a.m.