



Meeting Minutes

Date & Time: 3/2/2026 | 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: William Bourdeau
Division 1: Anthea Hansen, Member
Division 2: Lon Martin, Alternate
Division 3: Absent
Division 4: Vince Gin, Member (ZOOM)
Division 5: Manny Amorelli, Alternate

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
Cindy Meyer, Special Programs Manager, (ZOOM)
Eddie Reyes, Information Systems Technician
Stewart Davis, IT Officer

Board of Directors Present

Division 1: Anthea Hansen, Director
Division 2: William Bourdeau, Director
Lon Martin, Alternate
Division 3: Jarrett Martin, Director (item 5)
Division 4: Brett Miller, Alternate
Division 5: Manny Amorelli
FWA Representative: Wilson Orvis, Alternate

Others Present

Patrick McGowan, Panoche Water District
Ron Milligan, Milligan Consulting (ZOOM)
Erik Balling, Greenleaf Ag
John Bison, Greenleaf Ag
Lea Emmons, City of Tracy (ZOOM)

Authority Representatives Present

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. During roll call, Committee Member Vince Gin was identified as participating remotely via teleconference pursuant to Government Code section 54953(b), consistent with traditional teleconference rules.	
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 February 2, 2026 Meeting Minutes – Chair William Bourdeau deemed the February 2, 2026 Meeting Minutes approved as submitted.	

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

- a. S. 3738 (Padilla), Making Our communities Resilient through Enhancing Water for Agriculture, Technology, the Environment, and Residences (MORE WATER) Act (Support & Amend)

Water Policy Director Scott Petersen reviewed the staff recommendation for position adoption on one piece of legislation: S. 3738. Petersen answered questions throughout the presentation. Executive Director Federico Barajas provided additional information regarding prior expressions of support for introduction of this legislation to establish new programs.

M/S - Motion by Member Anthea Hansen, seconded by Member Vince Gin, the Committee recommended adoption of the staff recommendation for position on S. 3738 (Padilla). Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Bourdeau, Hansen, Lon Martin, Gin, Amorelli; Nays – 0; Abstentions – 0.

6. **Update on Status of Golden Mussels – Special Programs Manger Cindy Meyer** Arroyave/McNeil

Meyer provided a brief update. Meyer reported that the consultants from RNT Consulting completed facility site visits the first week of February and provided recommendations on monitoring and mitigation. Meyer reported that there was a kickoff Water Agency Coordination meeting on February 24, 2026 with very solid attendance. Chief Operating Officer Pablo Arroyave and Water Policy Director Scott Petersen provided additional information including information on bio boxes, and federal and state legislative responses. Staff answered questions throughout the presentation.

Public Comment: Green Leaf Ag representatives provided information about their programs and product for treatment.

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

- a. **ACWA DC Trip** – Executive Director Federico Barajas reported that staff had a very active and productive trip to DC.
- b. **Initial CVP Allocation** – Executive Director Federico Barajas reported that Reclamation’s initial CVP allocation for South of Delta Ag water service / repayment contractors is 15%.. Barajas reported that Reclamation is expecting an allocation update around the third week of March.
- c. **South of Delta (SOD) Drought Plan** – Executive Director Federico Barajas reported that the Pilot Program for 2026 is a proposal that provides operational flexibility with the use of SOD Drought Plan water.
- d. **ACWA GM Group** – Executive Director Federico Barajas reported that the ACWA GM Group continues to meet and discuss a strategy for elevating water priorities during the transition to the new state administration.
- e. **Yuba Water** – Chief Operating Officer Pablo Arroyave reported that based on recent facility challenges the groundwater substitution component of the Yuba Transfer Program will not be in play for 2026.

Arroyave reported that they are still waiting to hear on the surface water supplies.

8. **Update on Water Policy/Resources Activities** – Water Policy Director Petersen
Scott Petersen provided an update regarding 2024 LTO Implementation, including adaptive management, State Water Resources Control Board, and Bay-Delta Plan Update discussions. Executive Director Federico Barajas provided additional information on the Bay-Delta Plan Update discussions. Petersen continued his update regarding the Water Blueprint for the San Joaquin Valley and the San Joaquin Valley Collaborative Action Program. Petersen answered questions throughout the presentation.
9. **Update on Water Operations and Forecasts** – Arroyave reported that storage remains above average. 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.
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 11:12 a.m. Upon return to open session at approximately 11:26 a.m., Chair William Bourdeau reported that no reportable actions were taken in closed session.
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 11:27 a.m.