

**SAN LUIS & DELTA-MENDOTA WATER AUTHORITY
WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING AND JOINT
WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING - SPECIAL
BOARD WORKSHOP MINUTES
MAY 5, 2025**

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 Committee Chair William Bourdeau presiding.

Water Resources Committee Members Present

Ex-Officio

William Bourdeau

Division 1

Anthea Hansen, Member

Division 2

Bill Diedrich, Member - Lon Martin, Alternate

Division 3

Chris White, Member

Division 4

Dana Jacobson, Alternate

Division 5

Manny Amorelli, Alternate

Board of Directors Present

Division 1

Anthea Hansen, Director

Division 2

Justin Diener, Director

William Bourdeau, Vice-Chair/Director

Bill Diedrich, Director - Lon Martin, Alternate

Division 3

Chris White, Alternate

Jarrett Martin, Director

Division 4

Dana Jacobson, Director

Brett Miller, Alternate

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
Scott Petersen, Water Policy Director
Ray Tarka, Director of Finance
Eddie Reyes, Information Systems Technician

Others Present

Vince Gin, Valley Water (via ZOOM)
Chase Hurley, Pacheco Water District
Steve Stadler, San Luis Water District
John Wiersma, Henry Miller Reclamation District (via ZOOM)
Lea Emmons, City of Tracy (via ZOOM)
Ron Milligan, USBR (via ZOOM)

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call** – Committee Chair William Bourdeau called the meeting to order 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 April 7, 2025 Meeting Minutes** - Chair William Bourdeau deemed the April 7, 2025 meeting minutes deemed approved with minor edits.
5. **Recommendation to the Board of Directors to Adopt Staff Recommendation on Positions on Legislation**
 - a. H.R. ____ (Costa), Restoring WIFIA Eligibility Act
 - b. H.R. 2316 (Hurd), Wetlands Conservation and Access Improvement Act
 - c. S. 1413 (Padilla), a bill to authorize additional funding for the San Joaquin River Restoration Settlement Act.
 - d. SB 466 (Caballero): Drinking water: hexavalent chromium: civil liability: exemption.
 - e. SB 496 (Hurtado): Advanced Clean Fleets Regulation: appeals advisory committee: exemptions.
 - f. SB 598 (Elena Durazo): Public contracts: local water infrastructure projects: Construction Manager/General Contractor project delivery method.

Water Policy Director Scott Petersen reviewed the staff recommendations for positions on legislation. Staff suggested changing from a support position to a favor position for HR 2316, and

Member Anthea Hansen suggested changing SB 598 from a favor position to a support position. After some discussion regarding HR 2316 and SB 598 the Committee agreed to change the positions on both. Petersen answered questions from Committee members throughout the presentation.

On a motion of Member Anthea Hansen, seconded by Member Chris White, the Committee adopted the revised staff recommendations for positions on H.R.__ (Costa), H.R. 2316, S. 1413, SB 466, SB 496, and SB 598. The vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES:	Bourdeau, Hansen, Diedrich, White, Jacobson, Amorelli
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS:	None

6. Executive Director's Report.

- a. **Status of Reclamation Workforce** – Executive Director Federico Barajas reported that staff is in the process of coordinating with Reclamation regarding staffing changes and implications.
- b. **Finance & Administration Committee/Planning Committee** – Executive Director Federico Barajas reported that staff is bringing an agenda item to both Committees this afternoon regarding the proposed phased approach for the upper Delta-Mendota Canal portion of the Delta-Mendota Canal Subsidence Correction Project. Barajas reported that this action item will go to the Board on Thursday.
- c. **Transfer Programs** – Chief Operating Officer Pablo Arroyave provided brief reports on Yuba and North-to-South transfers. Yuba transfers: Staff is working with DWR to negotiate terms for 2026. General Council Rebecca Akroyd reported that 2026-2050 Activity Agreement for the Yuba Transfers is being brought to the Board on Thursday for approval. North-to-South Transfers: Both the Authority & Reclamation released the draft environmental documents for review and comment. Barajas and Arroyave answered Committee questions throughout the presentation.
- d. **Federal Funding Opportunities**– Executive Director Federico Barajas reported that Reclamation is expected to request applications for another round of federal funding opportunities next month.

7. Update on Water Policy/Resources Activities.

Water Policy Director Scott Petersen provided an update regarding Reinitiation of Consultation on Long-Term Operations of the Central Valley Project (CVP), State Water Resources Control Board activity, Healthy Rivers and Landscapes Program activity, the Water

Blueprint for the San Joaquin Valley, and the San Joaquin Valley Collaborative Action Program. Petersen answered questions throughout the presentation.

8. Update on Water Operations and Forecasts.

Chief Operating Officer Pablo Arroyave introduced consultant Ron Milligan, who provided information regarding CVP supply, reservoir storage, allocations, snowpack, and operations. Arroyave reported that Jones Pumping Plant operations may return to five units on May 19, 2025. Milligan and Arroyave answered Committee member questions throughout the presentation.

9. Committee Member Reports – Member/Chair William Bourdeau reported that Family Farm Alliance hired Samantha Barncastle as its new Executive Director, effective November 1, 2025.

10. Closed Session

Chair William Bourdeau adjourned the open session to address the items listed on the Closed Session Agenda at approximately 10:53 a.m. Upon return to open session at approximately 11:22 a.m., Chair William Bourdeau reported that no reportable actions were taken in closed session.

11. Agenda Item 13: Reports Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2 – No reports.

12. Agenda Item 14: Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:23 a.m.