



Meeting Minutes

Date & Time: 9/8/2025 | 10:00 AM
Location: SLDMWA Boardroom
842 6th Street, Los Banos

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

Board of Directors Present

Division 1: Anthea Hansen, Director
Division 2: Justin Diener, Director
William Bourdeau, Vice-Chair/Director
Lon Martin, Alternate
Division 3: Chris White, Alternate
Jarrett Martin, Director
Cannon Michael, Director
Division 4: Aaron Baker, Alternate
Dana Jacobson, Director
Brett Miller, Alternate

Division 5: Absent

Authority Representatives Present

Federico Barajas, Executive Director
Pablo Arroyave, Chief Operating Officer (ZOOM)
Rebecca Akroyd, General Counsel
Rebecca Harms, Deputy General Counsel
Scott Petersen, Water Policy Director
Ray Tarka, Director of Finance
Bob Martin, Facilities O&M Director
Eddie Reyes, Information Systems Technician
Stewart Davis, IT Officer

Others Present

Patrick McGowan, Panoche Water District
Chase Hurley, Pacheco Water District
Russ Freeman, Westlands Water District
Stephen Farmer, Westlands Water District
John Wiersma, Henry Miller Reclamation District
Aniruddha Bhattacharya (Babi), Reclamation
Ron Milligan, Water Authority Consultant (ZOOM)

Agenda

Item	Topic	Lead
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| 1. | Call to Order/Roll Call – The meeting was called to order by Chair William Bourdeau at approximately 10:20 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 July 7, 2025 Meeting Minutes - Chair William Bourdeau deemed the July 7, 2025 meeting minutes approved with a minor correction to page 3. | |

5. **Recommendation to the Board of Directors to Adopt Staff Recommendation on Positions on Legislation** Petersen
 - a. **H.R. 4879 (Costa), Emergency Rural Water Response Act of 2025 (Support)**
 - b. **S.B. 707 (Durazo), Open Meetings: Meeting and Teleconference Requirements (Change Position to a Watch Position)**

Water Policy Director Scott Petersen reviewed the staff recommendations for positions on legislation. Petersen reviewed outcomes of previous legislation that was brought to the Committee. Petersen answered questions from Committee members throughout the presentation.

M/S - Motion by Member Vince Gin, seconded by Alternate Lon Martin, the Committee adopted the staff recommendations for positions on H.R. 4879 (Costa), and S.B. 707 (Durazo). Vote: Ayes - Michael, Bourdeau, Hansen, Lon Martin, White, Gin; Nays – 0; Abstentions – 0.
6. **Executive Director’s Report** Barajas
 - a. **Sites Reservoir Project** – Executive Director Federico Barajas reported that Reclamation is holding public negotiations on the Sites Reservoir today, tomorrow, and next week, and the Authority is monitoring them.
 - b. **North to South Water Transfers** – Executive Director Federico Barajas reported that Reclamation put out a public notice on the Federal Register related to the transfers program, and scoping for an EIS.
 - c. **South of Delta Drought Plan** - Executive Director Federico Barajas reported that Reclamation is determining who will be taking over for Derya Sumer as project coordinator for the South of Delta drought plan program.
7. **Update on Water Policy/Resources Activities** – Water Policy Director Scott Petersen provided an update regarding Fall X2 Off Ramp, State Water Resources Control Board Activity, San Joaquin River Restoration Program, the Water Blueprint for the San Joaquin Valley, and the San Joaquin Valley Collaborative Action Program. Petersen answered questions throughout the presentation. Petersen
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. Milligan and Arroyave answered Committee member questions throughout the presentation. Arroyave
9. **Committee Member Reports** – No reports.
10. **Closed Session** – Chair William Bourdeau adjourned the open session to address the items listed on the Closed Session Agenda at approximately 11:07 a.m. Upon return to open session at approximately 11:44 a.m., Chair William Bourdeau reported that no reportable actions were taken in closed session. Akroyd
11. **Reports Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(a)(3)** – No reports.
12. **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:45 a.m.