

**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 OCTOBER 7, 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 - Ric Ortega, Alternate (arrived during item 6)

Division 4

Aaron Baker, Member

Division 5

Allison Febbo, Member - Manny Amorelli, Alternate

Friant Water Authority

Jason Phillips, Member - Wilson Orvis, Alternate

Finance & Administration Committee Members Present

Ex Officio

None

Division 1

Anthea Hansen, Chair/Member

Division 2

Justin Diener, Member

Division 3

Chris White, Member - Jarrett Martin, Alternate

Division 4

Dana Jacobson, Member - Brett Miller, Alternate

Division 5

Manny Amorelli, Alternate

Friant Water Authority

Jason Phillips, Member - Wilson Orvis, Alternate

Water Resources Committee Members Present

Ex-Officio

None

Division 1

Anthea Hansen, Alternate

Division 2

Lon Martin, Alternate

Division 3

Chris White, Member - Ric Ortega, Alternate (arrived during item 6)

Division 4

Absent

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
Jarrett Martin, Director
Ric Ortega, Director (arrived during item 6)

Division 4

Aaron Baker, Alternate

Division 5

Allison Febbo, Director
Manny Amorelli, Director

FWA Representatives

Jason Phillips, Director - Wilson Orvis, Alternate

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
Bob Martin, Facilities O&M Director
Jaime McNeil, Engineering Manager
Stewart Davis, IT Officer
Eddie Reyes, Information Systems Technician

Others in Attendance

Chase Hurley, Pacheco Water District
Ian Buck-Mcleod, Friant Water Authority
Adam Nickels, USBR
Richard Welsh, Hallmark Group
Steven Farmer, Westlands Water District
Dana Jacobson, Valley Water
Cindy Kao, 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

General Counsel Rebecca Akroyd reported that agenda item 9 would be moved to before agenda item 7.

3. Opportunity for Public Comment

No public comment.

4. Planning Committee to Consider Approval of the September 9, 2024 Meeting Minutes.

On a motion made by Member Aaron Baker, seconded by Member Anthea Hansen, the Committee approved the September 9, 2024 meeting minutes with proposed edits. The vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES:	Hansen, Diener, White, Baker, Febbo, Phillips
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS:	None

5. Confirmation of Cost Allocation Methodology for Jones Pumping Plant Excitation and Control Modernization Project and O'Neill Pumping-Generating Plant (OPP) Upgrades Project and Recommendation to Approve Cost Allocation Methodology for O'Neill Transformer Replacement Project.

Executive Director Federico Barajas provided a brief overview and then introduced Chief Operating Officer Pablo Arroyave. Arroyave reviewed the memo included in the packet. Arroyave reported that Authority staff is asking the Planning Committee to confirm the cost allocation methodology for the Jones Pumping Plant excitation and control modernization project, and the OPP upgrades project, and also asking to adopt the staff recommendation for the cost allocation

methodology for the O'Neill transformer replacement project. Arroyave answered questions from committee members.

On a motion made by Member Aaron Baker, seconded by Member Jason Phillips, the Committee confirmed the cost allocation methodology for Jones Pumping Plant Excitation and Control Modernization Project and OPP Upgrades Project and approved the recommended cost allocation methodology for O'Neill Transformer Replacement Project. The vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES:	Hansen, Diener, White, Baker, Febbo, Phillips
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS:	None

6. Review of EO&M Projects Included in Ten-Year Plan and Within Planning Committee Jurisdiction.

Facilities and O&M Director Bob Martin reviewed the EO&M, Grant, Reserves, and Capital Improvement Projects 10-year Plan included in the packet. Executive Director Federico Barajas and General Counsel Rebecca Akroyd provided additional information. Martin answered Committee and Board members questions throughout his report.

7. Agenda Item 9: Report on Lessons Learned from Friant-Kern Canal Subsidence Correction Project Cost Allocation.

Member Jason Phillips reported that at the last Planning Committee meeting it was requested that Friant Water Authority (FWA) provide a high-level overview of their experience with the Friant-Kern Canal Middle Reach Capacity Correction Project and cost allocation. Phillips shared a PowerPoint presentation titled "Friant-Kern Canal Middle Reach Capacity Correction Project Overview." Phillips answered questions from staff, Committee and Board members throughout the presentation.

8. Agenda Item 7: Review of Information Relating to the Delta-Mendota Canal Subsidence Correction Project.

Executive Director Federico Barajas provided a brief overview of the item, and then introduced Facilities and O&M Director Bob Martin. Martin presented a PowerPoint presentation titled "Delta-Mendota Canal General Subsidence Information." Policy Director Scott Petersen provided additional information. Adam Nickels from Reclamation provided information on the feasibility report, and feedback from policy reviews. The various presenters answered

questions from Committee and Board members throughout the presentation.

9. Agenda Item 8: Discussion Regarding Information Needed to Support Planning Committee Recommendations Regarding Cost Allocation.

Staff led a brainstorming session with Committee members regarding informational items needed for future cost allocation recommendations.

10. Agenda Item 10: Next Steps/Action Items for Future Planning Committee (PC) Meetings.

Staff reviewed next steps for future meetings, including the request from Committee Member Allison Febbo to brainstorm what would be important to include in a set of principles for the Planning Committee.

11. Reports Pursuant to Government Code Sec 54954.2

No reports.

12. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:32 p.m.