



Meeting Minutes

Date & Time: 11/3/2025 | 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: Absent
Division 2: Bill Diedrich, Member
Lon Martin, Alternate
Division 3: Chris White, Member
Division 4: Dana Jacobson, Alternate
Division 5: Manny Amorelli, Alternate

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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
Jaime McNeil, Engineering Manager
Eddie Reyes, Information Systems Technician

Board of Directors Present

Division 1: Absent
Division 2: Justin Diener, Director
William Bourdeau, Vice-Chair/Director
Bill Diedrich, Member
Lon Martin, Alternate
Division 3: Chris White, Alternate
Jarrett Martin, Director
Cannon Michael, Director

Others Present

Steve Stadler, San Luis Water District
Brian Silva, San Luis Water District
David Roose, DHR Hydro Services, Inc. (via ZOOM)
Patrick McGowan, Pacheco Water District
Ron Milligan, Milligan Consulting (via 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 10:00 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 October 6, 2025 Meeting Minutes - Chair William Bourdeau deemed the October 6, 2025 meeting minutes approved, with a minor non-substantive correction. | |

5. **Recommendation to Board of Directors to Execute Memorandum of Understanding to Advance a Dredging and Channel Maintenance Strategy.** – Water Policy Director Scott Petersen reviewed the memorandum included in the packet, and provided a brief background regarding siltation and diversion challenges in the South Delta. Petersen reported that the MOU is intended to demonstrate the support of signatory agencies to develop an integrated dredging and channel maintenance strategy to address channel maintenance and siltation removal efforts in the relevant areas of the Delta. Petersen reported that this group would support efforts for streamlined permitting, planning, and implementation of channel-maintenance and dredging projects. Petersen described the connection with Great Valley Farm Partnership. Petersen answered questions throughout his presentation.
M/S - Motion by Ex-officio member Cannon Michael, seconded by Alternate Manny Amorelli, the Committee authorized execution of Memorandum of Understanding to advance a Dredging and Channel Maintenance Strategy. Vote: Ayes - Michael, Bourdeau, Diedrich, White, Jacobson, Amorelli; Nays – 0; Abstentions – 0. Petersen
6. **Update on O'Neill Pumping/Generating Plant Rehabilitation Project –** Chief Operating Officer Pablo Arroyave introduced the item. Arroyave reported that contractor welding actions and resulting issues made the spare transformer inoperable, and unable to be put into service. Engineering Manager Jaime presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding "OPP Transformer Rehabilitation Project Update". Arroyave indicated that staff is discussing next steps. Staff answered questions throughout the presentation. Arroyave, McNeil
7. **Executive Director's Report** Barajas
- a. **Government Shutdown** – Executive Director Federico Barajas reported that throughout the government shutdown, Reclamation has been able to get approval to remain operational, through the end of next week. However, Department of Interior consolidated services are still affected.
 - b. **DMC Subsidence Correction Project** – Executive Director Federico Barajas reported that there is a Planning Committee meeting scheduled this afternoon. Barajas reported that the Committee will be reviewing modeling, scheduling, and key milestones. Barajas reported that the Finance & Administration Committee/Board of Directors will be considering cost allocation recommendations and action by the Board this week.
 - c. **Activity Agreement Budget** – Executive Director Federico Barajas reported that staff intend to bring the Activity Agreement Budget to this Committee for review and action next month.
 - d. **B.F. Sisk Dam Raise Project** – Water Policy Director Scott Petersen reported that the Authority received a letter from Caltrans indicating that Cottonwood Creek Embankment could proceed at 2:1 slope rather than 3:1. Petersen reported that this will be a significant

estimated cost savings, estimated to be well over \$200 million. Petersen called out the leadership of Senator Cortese and Senator Cabellero, and the support of the entire Water Authority legislative delegation in accomplishing this outcome.

8. **Update on Water Policy/Resources Activities** – Water Policy Director Petersen
Scott Petersen provided an update regarding Long-Term Operations of the Central Valley Project and State Water Project, State Water Resources Control Board Activity, including Bay-Delta Plan Update, and activities of 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** – Chief Operating Officer Arroyave, Pablo Arroyave introduced consultant Ron Milligan, who provided information regarding CVP supply, reservoir storage, allocations, snowpack, and operations. Milligan and Arroyave answered member questions throughout the presentation.
10. **Committee Member Reports** – No reports.
11. **Agenda Items 12-14: Closed Session** – Chair William Bourdeau Akroyd
adjourned the open session to address the items listed on the Closed Session Agenda at approximately 11:08 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.
12. **Agenda Item 15: Reports Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(a)(3)** – No reports.
13. **Agenda Item 16: Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:23 a.m.