



Meeting Minutes

Date & Time: 12/8/2025 | 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
Division 1: Anthea Hansen, Member
Division 2: Bill Diedrich, Member
Division 3: Absent
Division 4: Dana Jacobson, Alternate
Division 5: Manny Amorelli, Alternate

Board of Directors Present

Division 1: Anthea Hansen, Director
Division 2: Justin Diener, Director (ZOOM)
Bill Diedrich, Member
Division 3: Jarrett Martin, Director
Cannon Michael, Director
Division 4: Dana Jacobson, Member
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
Ray Tarka, Director of Finance
Eddie Reyes, Information Systems Technician

Others Present

Steve Stadler, San Luis Water District
Ric Ortega, Grassland Water District (ZOOM)
Vince Gin, Valley Water (ZOOM)
Ron Milligan, Milligan Consulting (ZOOM)

Agenda

Item	Topic	Lead
1.	Call to Order/Roll Call – The meeting was called to order by Acting Chair Anthea Hansen 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 November 3, 2025 Meeting Minutes – M/S - On a motion made by Ex-Officio Member Cannon Michael, seconded by Alternate Manny Amorelli, the Committee approved the November 3, 2025 meeting minutes. Vote: Ayes – Michael, Hansen, Diedrich, Jacobson, Amorelli; Nays – 0; Abstentions – 0.	

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

- a. H.R. 6229 (Schrier), the Water Infrastructure finance and Innovation Act Amendments (Support)
- b. S. 2753 (Risch), Urban Canal Modernization Act (Support)
- c. H.R. 3171 (Harder), Golden Mussel Eradication and Control Act of 2025 (Support & Amend)

Executive Director Federico Barajas reviewed the staff recommendations for positions on three legislative bills: HR 6229, S 2753 and HR 3171. Barajas answered questions from Committee members throughout the presentation.

M/S - Motion by Member Bill Diedrich, seconded by Alternate Manny Amorelli, the Committee recommended adoption of the staff recommendations for positions on H.R. 6229 (Schrier), S. 2753 (Risch), and H.R. 3171 (Harder). Vote: Ayes - Michael, Hansen, Diedrich, Jacobson, Amorelli; Nays – 0; Abstentions – 0.

6. **Recommendation to the Board of Directors to Adopt Policy Framework and Policy Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2027** Barajas

Executive Director Federico Barajas reviewed the documents included in the packet. Barajas reviewed the scope of the Policy Framework and reported that staff will implement the Policy Action Plan as part of the Water Authority Policy Framework for FY2027. Barajas explained the rationale behind development of the Policy Framework and Policy Action Plan in connection to the Water Authority's Strategic Plan.

M/S - Motion by Alternate Manny Amorelli, seconded by Ex-Officio Member Cannon Michael, the Committee recommended adoption of the Policy Framework and Policy Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2027. Vote: Ayes - Michael, Hansen, Diedrich, Jacobson, Amorelli; Nays – 0; Abstentions – 0.

7. **Recommendation to the Board of Directors to Adopt Fiscal Year 2027 Activity Budget** Barajas

Executive Director Federico Barajas reviewed the proposed FY27 Activity Budget material included in the packet. Barajas reviewed the FY26 to FY27 Comparison, FY27 Budget Expenditure Summary, FY26 Projected Actual Summary, and the Proposed FY27 Activity Agreements Budget. General Counsel Rebecca Akroyd added additional information regarding the proposed legal budget. Staff answered questions throughout the presentation.

M/S - Motion by Alternate Manny Amorelli, seconded by Ex-Officio Member Cannon Michael, the Committee recommended adoption of the Fiscal Year 2027 Activity Budget. Vote: Ayes - Michael, Hansen, Diedrich, Jacobson, Amorelli; Nays – 0; Abstentions – 0.

8. **Executive Director's Report** Barajas

- a. **Fall ACWA Conference** – Executive Director Federico Barajas expressed his appreciation for those that attended the social luncheon at ACWA.
- b. **O'Neill Pumping/Generating Plant Repayment Negotiation** – Executive Director Federico Barajas reported that formal repayment

contract negotiation with Reclamation will take place this week. Barajas reported that \$11.6 million has already been awarded for the O'Neill Pumping Plant Rehabilitation Project, and an application has been submitted for the balance of funding required to complete the Rehabilitation Project.

- c. **Budget Workshop** – Executive Director Federico Barajas reported that there is a Budget Workshop scheduled for next week.
- d. **Operations Update** – Chief Operating Officer Pablo Arroyave reported that the DCI outage is expected to be completed by the end of the week. Arroyave also reported that Hitachi will be coming out to the O'Neill Pumping/Generating Plant this week to test the spare transformer to check if foreign material is present.

- 9. **Update on Water Policy/Resources Activities** – Executive Director Federico Barajas provided an update regarding the Action 5 Record of Decision, the Water Blueprint for the San Joaquin Valley, and the San Joaquin Valley Collaborative Action Program. General Counsel Rebecca Akroyd reviewed various comment opportunities for ESA regulations, WOTUS, and the HRL Phase 2 document. Barajas answered questions throughout the presentation. Barajas
- 10. **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 member questions throughout the presentation. Arroyave, Milligan
- 11. **Committee Member Reports** – Member Bill Diedrich reported that Mike Wade received the Lifetime Achievement Award for his work as the Executive Director of the California Farm Water Coalition (CFWC) since 1998 from ACWA. Diedrich also reported that Wade is retiring in February, and the CFWC hired Michelle Paul as their new Executive Director.
- 12. **Agenda Items 12-14: Closed Session** – Acting Chair Anthea Hansen adjourned the open session to address the items listed on the Closed Session Agenda at approximately 11:19 a.m. Upon return to open session at approximately 11:44 a.m., General Counsel Rebecca Akroyd reported that no reportable actions were taken in closed session. Akroyd
- 13. **Agenda Item 15: Reports Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(a)(3)** – No reports.
- 14. **Agenda Item 16: Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:45 a.m.