



Meeting Minutes

Date & Time: 5/11/2026 | 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: Anthea Hansen, Member

Division 2: Lon Martin, Alternate

Division 3: Ric Ortega, Alternate

Division 4: Vince Gin, Member
Dana Jacobson, Alternate

Division 5: Manny Amorelli, Alternate

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FWA Rep.: 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
Ray Tarka, Director of Finance
Eddie Reyes, Information Systems Technician
Stewart Davis, IT Officer

Board of Directors Present

Division 1: Anthea Hansen, Director
Lea Emmons, Alternate

Division 2: Justin Diener, Director
William Bourdeau, Director
Lon Martin, Alternate

Division 3: Jarrett Martin, Director
Cannon Michael, Chair/Director
Ric Ortega, Director

Division 4: Aaron Baker, Alternate
Dana Jacobson, Director
Brett Miller, Alternate

Others Present

Chase Hurley, Pacheco Water District
Stephen Farmer, Westlands Water District
John Wiersma, Henry Miller Reclamation District
Brian Silva, San Luis Water District
Patrick McGowan, Panoche Water District
Ron Milligan, Milligan Consulting (ZOOM)

Agenda

Item	Topic	Lead
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 April 6, 2026 Meeting Minutes** – Chair William Bourdeau deemed the April 6, 2026 Meeting Minutes approved as submitted.
5. **Recommendation to the Board of Directors to Adopt Staff Recommendation on Positions on Legislation** Petersen
- A. **H.R. 8259 (Bentz), Reclamation Project Consultation Improvement Act of 2026** - Support & Amend
 - B. **A.B. 2214 (Jackson), Government finance: deposits** - Not Favor
 - C. **A.B. 2215 (Calderon), Water rights: permits: State Water Project** - Watch
 - D. **A.B. 2216 (Aguiar-Curry), Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy** - Watch
 - E. **A.B. 2447 (Bauer-Kahan), Water: Nitrogen Pollution Reduction Act** - Oppose
 - F. **A.B. 2739 (Soria), Water: affordability and system stabilization** - Support
 - G. **S.B. 1001 (Archuleta), Local agency, public utility, or mutual water company: personnel access: Person Identity Verification-Interoperable** - Favor
- Water Policy Director Scott Petersen reviewed the staff recommendations for positions on the seven listed pieces of legislation. Petersen answered questions throughout the presentation.
- M/S - Motion by Member Vince Gin, seconded by Alternate Lon Martin, the Committee recommended adoption of the staff recommendations for positions on H.R. 8259, A.B. 2214, A.B. 2015, A.B. 2016, A.B. 2447, A.B. 2739, and S.B. 1001. Vote: Ayes – Michael, Bourdeau, Hansen, Lon Martin, Ortega, Gin, Amorelli; Nays – 0; Abstentions – 0.
6. **Recommendation to Board of Directors to Adopt Resolution Providing Support for ACWA Vision for Our Water Future** – Executive Director Federico Barajas reviewed the documents included in the packet. Barajas reported that ACWA is encouraging members to help elevate the Vision for Our Water Future by adopting a resolution or proclamation in support. Barajas reported that ACWA’s Vision for Our Water Future seeks to elevate water as a top priority for California’s next governor, legislative leadership, and state officials. Barajas reported that the four key priorities associated with this Vision are: (1) Lead on Water, (2) Protect Affordability, (3) Deliver Critical Infrastructure, and (4) Modernize Water Management.
- M/S - Motion by Alternate Lon Martin, seconded by Member Vince Gin, the Committee recommended adoption of resolution providing support for ACWA Vision for Our Future. Vote: Ayes – Michael, Bourdeau, Hansen, Lon Martin, Ortega, Gin, Amorelli; Nays – 0; Abstentions – 0.
7. **Update on Status of Golden Mussels** - Chief Operating Officer Pablo Arroyave, Petersen,

Arroyave reported that the Authority continues to be focused on near-term actions, which includes installing Bio Boxes at Jones Pumping Plant and O'Neill Pumping/Generating Plant. Arroyave reported that staff will support the organization and facilitation of monthly coordination meetings with the assistance of Kearns & West through July 2026. Arroyave and staff answered questions throughout the presentation.

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8. Executive Director's Report

Barajas

- a. Strategic Plan Implementation Update** – Executive Director Federico Barajas reported that staff will provide a Strategic Plan implementation update at the Board meeting on Thursday.
- b. Organizational Framework** – Executive Director Federico Barajas reported that restructuring is taking place. Barajas reported that Water Policy Director Scott Petersen will assume oversight of Human Resources and Finance. Barajas reported that Chief Operating Officer Pablo Arroyave will be focusing on O&M/EO&M/CIP. Barajas reported that there will also be restructuring of the Engineering Department.
- c. Yuba Transfers** – Chief Operating Officer reported that staff will know whether Yuba transfers will be available this year in the next couple weeks.

- 9. Update on Water Policy/Resources Activities** – Water Policy Director Scott Petersen provided an update regarding Executive Order 14181 advancement, Bay Delta Plan Update, and the San Joaquin River Restoration Program. Petersen continued his update regarding the Water Blueprint for the San Joaquin Valley, the San Joaquin Valley Collaborative Action Program, and provided an ACWA personnel update reporting that Karla Nemeth has been selected as the new Executive Director of ACWA. Petersen answered questions throughout the presentation.

Petersen

- 10. Update on Water Operations and Forecasts** – Arroyave provided a brief operations update, including updates on planned outages. Arroyave introduced consultant Ron Milligan, who provided information regarding CVP supply, reservoir storage, allocations, snowpack, and operations. Milligan and Arroyave answered questions throughout the presentation.

Arroyave,
Milligan

- 11. Committee Member Reports** – None.

- 12. Agenda Items 12-14: Closed Session** – Chair William Bourdeau adjourned the open session to address the items listed on the Closed Session Agenda at approximately 10:41 a.m. Upon returning to open session at approximately 11:18 a.m., Chair William Bourdeau 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 11:19 a.m.