



Meeting Minutes

Date & Time: 7/6/2026 | 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: William Bourdeau
Division 1: Anthea Hansen, Member
Division 2: Bill Diedrich, Alternate
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
William Bourdeau, Director
Bill Diedrich, Director
Division 3: Jarrett Martin, Director
Division 4: Dana Jacobson, Director
Division 5: Manny Amorelli, Director

Authority Representatives Present

Federico Barajas, Executive Director
Pablo Arroyave, Chief Operating Officer
Scott Petersen, Chief Strategic & Admin. Officer
Rebecca Harms, Deputy General Counsel
Ray Tarka, Director of Finance
Cindy Meyer, Special Programs Manager
Jacob Bejarano, Civil Engineering Manager (ZOOM)
Jordan Freed, Legal/Legislative Policy Clerk
Eddie Reyes, Information Systems Technician
Stewart Davis, IT Officer

Others Present

Chase Hurley, Pacheco Water District
Patrick McGowan, Panoche Water District
Lea Emmons, City of Tracy (ZOOM)
Bill Swanson, Stantec

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 June 1, 2026 Meeting Minutes – Chair William Bourdeau deemed the June 1, 2026 Meeting Minutes approved with minor, non-substantive edits.	

5. **Recommendation to Authorize Execution of Agreement with Invariant and Related Expenditure of Up to \$175,000 from the FY 2027 Leg Ops Budget** - Chief Strategic & Administrative Officer Scott Petersen reviewed the memo and attachments included in the packet. Petersen reported that former Representative Cardoza departed from Foley & Lardner, resulting in an analysis of Foley & Lardner's capacity to continue to meet the needs of the Water Authority and its member agencies. Petersen reported that in response to this analysis and in coordination with the Federal Affairs working group, Water Authority staff recommended the issuance of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Federal Affairs and Coalition Coordination Services. Authority staff received two responses to the RFP, and in coordination with the Federal Affairs Committee are recommending execution of an agreement with Invariant in the amount of \$175,000. Petersen provided a brief background on Invariant, and answered questions throughout the presentation.
- M/S - Motion by Member Anthea Hansen, seconded Alternate Member Dana Jacobson, the Committee recommended authorization to execute an agreement with Invariant and related expenditure of up to \$175,000 from the FY 2027 Leg Ops Budget. Vote: Ayes – Bourdeau, Hansen, Diedrich, Jacobson, Amorelli; Nays – 0; Abstentions – 0.
6. **Recommendation to Adopt Staff Recommendation for Positions on Legislation**
- A. **A.B. 1436 (Avila Farias), State Air Resources Control Board: air pollution regulations: private fleets: exception-Favor**
- B. **A.B. 1881 (Ramos), California Indian Freedom Act of 2026-Oppose unless amended**
- Chief Strategic & Administrative Officer Scott Petersen reviewed the staff recommendations for positions on the two listed pieces of legislation. Petersen answered questions throughout the presentation.
- M/S - Motion by Alternate Member Dana Jacobson, seconded Alternate Member Manny Amorelli, the Committee recommended adoption of staff recommendation for positions on Legislation. Vote: Ayes – Bourdeau, Hansen, Diedrich, Jacobson, Amorelli; Nays – 0; Abstentions – 0.
7. **Recommendation to Adopt Resolution Authorizing Execution of Letter Agreement for Los Banos Creek Detention Dam Reservoir Re-Operation Project and Los Banos Creek Detention Dam Reservoir Re-Operation Project Activity Agreement** - Executive Director Federico Barajas reviewed the memo and attachments included in the packet. Barajas reported that adopting the proposed resolution and executing the proposed Letter of Agreement will enable Reclamation to make non-reimbursable funding available for the project prior to the funding expiration date of September 30, 2026. Barajas reported that executing the proposed Activity Agreement will provide the mechanism for the Water Authority to receive and manage the non-reimbursable

funds for participating member agencies to carry out all activities necessary for completing the project. Barajas reported that while both the draft Letter of Agreement and draft Activity Agreement are near final, it is possible that some edits may be required before the documents are finalized and executed. Barajas reported that staff is requesting authorization to execute the draft Letter of Agreement and draft Activity Agreement in substantial form.

M/S - Motion by Member Anthea Hansen, seconded Alternate Member Dana Jacobson, the Committee recommended adoption of resolution authorizing execution of letter agreement for Los Banos Creek Detention Dam Reservoir Re-Operation Project and Los Banos Creek Detention Dam Reservoir Re-Operation Project Activity Agreement. Vote: Ayes – Bourdeau, Hansen, Diedrich, Jacobson, Amorelli; Nays – 0; Abstentions – 0.

8. **Report on Water Blueprint for the San Joaquin Valley Unified Water Plan** - Bill Swanson from Stantec presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Unified Water Plan for the San Joaquin Valley. Swanson and staff answered questions after the presentation. Petersen, Ewell, Swanson
9. **Status Update Regarding the DMC Subsidence Correction Project** - Civil Engineering Manager Jacob Bejarano reviewed a PowerPoint presentation regarding the DMC Subsidence Correction Project that was included in the packet. Bejarano reviewed the current status of the project, including biological clearances and den destruction, potholing, wildlife exclusion fencing, equipment mobilized for construction setup, office laydown yard setup, risks/issues, next 30-days, and briefly touched on Phase 1-Task 2 preconstruction. Bejarano and staff answered questions throughout the presentation. Arroyave
10. **Update on Status of Golden Mussels** - Special Programs Manager Cindy Meyer reviewed the handout that was distributed at the meeting. Meyer reported that Golden Mussels have been attaching to aquatic vegetation such as hyacinth. Meyer provided additional information regarding pilot studies and field testing. Meyer reported that staff will continue to coordinate with other CVP and SWP water contractors, engage in the development of legislation, and collaborate on research. Meyer answered questions throughout the presentation. Arroyave, Petersen, Meyer
11. **Executive Director's Report** Barajas
 - a. **Tribal Beneficial Use (TBU) Guidance Document** – Executive Director Federico Barajas reported that the State Water Resources Control Board released a draft TBU guidance document for public review and has scheduled a public workshop for July 22, 2026. Barajas reported that comments on the draft TBU guidance are due by the end of August 2026.
 - b. **Trinity River Consultation** - Executive Director Federico Barajas reported that there is an administrative draft document that the Water Authority has reviewed, and comments are due this week.

- 12. Update on Water Policy/Resources Activities** – Chief Strategic & Administrative Officer Scott Petersen provided a brief update on Green Sturgeon. Petersen reported that Reclamation has reinitiated consultation and is currently working with National Marine Fisheries Service on a path forward. Petersen answered questions throughout the presentation. Petersen
- 13. 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 questions throughout the presentation. Arroyave
- 14. Committee Member Reports** – No reports.
- 15, 16, 17. Closed Session** – Closed session was deferred to the Board meeting on July 9, 2026. Harms
- 18. Reports Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(a)(3)** – No reports.
- 19. Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:55 a.m.