



Meeting Minutes

Date & Time: 8/3/2026 | 10:00 AM

Location: SLDMWA Boardroom
842 6th Street, Los Banos

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 (item 6)
Division 3: Chris White, Member
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, Director
Division 3: Chris White, Alternate
Jarrett Martin, Director
Cannon Michael, Chair/Director
Division 4: Dana Jacobson, Director
Brett Miller, Alternate
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
Jaime McNeil, Engineering Director
Cindy Meyer, Special Programs Manager (ZOOM)
Eddie Reyes, Information Systems Technician
Stewart Davis, IT Officer

Others Present

Chase Hurley, Pacheco Water District
Patrick McGowan, Panoche Water District
Stephen Farmer, Westlands Water District
Lea Emmons, City of Tracy (ZOOM)

Agenda

Item	Topic	Lead
1.	Call to Order/Roll Call – The meeting was called to order by Acting Chair Cannon Michael at approximately 10:00 a.m. and roll was called. During roll call, Board member Justin Diener was identified as participating remotely via teleconference pursuant to Government Code section 54953(b), consistent with traditional teleconference rules.	
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 July 6, 2026 Meeting Minutes** – Acting Chair Cannon Michael deemed the July 6, 2026 Meeting Minutes approved as submitted.
5. **Recommendation to Adopt Staff Recommendation for Positions on Legislation** Petersen
A. H.R. 8876 (Walberg), Aquatic Invasive Species Control and Prevention Act of 2026 – Support & Amend
Water Policy Director Scott Petersen reviewed the staff recommendation for position on the listed legislation. Petersen answered questions throughout the presentation.
M/S - Motion by Alternate Member Manny Amorelli, seconded by Member Chris White, the Committee recommended adoption of the staff recommendation for position on H.R. 8876. Vote: Ayes – Michael, Hansen, White, Jacobson, Amorelli; Nays – 0; Abstentions – 0.
6. **Recommendation to Adopt Resolution Authorizing Execution of Letter Agreement for Westlands Water District Formula for Long Term Water Supply Project (“FLOWS Project”) and Westlands Water District FLOWS Project Activity Agreement** – Executive Director Federico Barajas reviewed the items included in the packet. Barajas reported that adopting the proposed resolution, executing the proposed Letter of Agreement, and executing the Activity Agreement would allow Reclamation to make non-reimbursable funding available to the Water Authority for the project prior to the funding expiration date. Barajas further explained that the Water Authority would concurrently execute a Westlands Water District Formula for Long Term Water Supply Project Activity Agreement with interested member agencies. The Water Authority would then work with the participating Activity Agreement Members to utilize the non-reimbursable funds for activities necessary to advance and complete the Project.
General Counsel Rebecca Akroyd reviewed the Resolution, Activity Agreement, and the Letter of Agreement. Akroyd reported that while both the draft Letter of Agreement and draft Activity Agreement are near final, additional revisions may be necessary before the documents are finalized and executed. Akroyd explained that staff is requesting authorization to execute the draft Letter of Agreement and draft Activity Agreement in substantial form. Staff answered questions throughout the presentation.
M/S - Motion by Member Anthea Hansen, seconded Alternate Member Manny Amorelli, the Committee recommended adoption of the resolution authorizing execution of Letter Agreement for Westlands Water District Formula for Long Term Water Supply Project (“FLOWS Project”) and Westlands Water District FLOWS Project Activity Agreement. Vote: Ayes – Michael, Hansen, Diedrich, White, Jacobson, Amorelli; Nays – 0; Abstentions – 0. Barajas, Akroyd
7. **Status Update Regarding the DMC Subsidence Correction Project** - Arroyave
Chief Operating Officer Pablo Arroyave introduced the item. Engineering Director Jaime McNeil reviewed the PowerPoint presentation included

in the packet, which summarized the work completed on the project in July, and provided an overview of completed work.

8. **Update on Status of Golden Mussels** – Chief Operating Officer Pablo Arroyave reviewed the memo included in the packet. Arroyave reported that funding was secured to continue with the monthly coordination meetings through January. Special Programs Manager Cindy Meyer provided additional information. Chief Strategic & Administrative Officer Scott Petersen provided a brief Golden Mussel legislative update. Arroyave, Petersen, Meyer
9. **Executive Director's Report** Barajas
 - a. **Tribal Beneficial Use (TBU) Draft Guidance Document** – Executive Director Federico Barajas reported that a public workshop on the Draft Guidance Document was held last week. Barajas highlighted potential future implications of the Guidance.
 - b. **Sites Excess Capacity Contract Negotiation** - Executive Director Federico Barajas reported that there are two negotiation sessions scheduled to occur this month in Sacramento.
 - c. **Delta-Mendota Canal (DMC) Sumps/Pumps** - Chief Operating Officer Pablo Arroyave provided a brief background regarding six sumps & pumps located in/along the lower DMC. Arroyave reported that the Authority operated and maintained them up until 2014, and then Panoche Drainage District took over the operations and maintenance. Arroyave reported that there have been discussions regarding the Authority potentially reassuming responsibility for the facilities during the next fiscal year.
10. **Update on Water Policy/Resources Activities** – Chief Strategic & Administrative Officer Scott Petersen provided a brief update on Action 5 implementation, Green Sturgeon, Trinity River, Tribal Beneficial Use, and San Joaquin Valley Blueprint, and CAP activities. Petersen answered questions throughout the presentation. Petersen
11. **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 staff answered questions throughout the presentation. Arroyave
12. **Committee Member Reports** – No reports.
13. - 15. **Closed Session** – Acting Chair Cannon Michael adjourned the open session to address the items listed on the Closed Session Agenda at approximately 11:23 a.m. Upon returning to open session at approximately 11:42 a.m., Acting Chair Cannon Michael reported that no reportable actions were taken in closed session. Akroyd
16. **Reports Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(a)(3)** – No reports.
17. **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:43 a.m.