



Meeting Minutes

Date & Time: 9/14/2026 | 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: Lon Martin, Alternate
Division 3: Chris White, Member
Division 4: Vince Gin, Member
Dana Jacobson, Alternate
Division 5: Manny Amorelli, Alternate

Board of Directors Present

Division 1: Anthea Hansen, Director
Division 2: Justin Diener, Director
Lon Martin, Alternate
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 Akroyd, General Counsel
Rebecca Harms, Deputy General Counsel
Ray Tarka, Director of Finance
Jaime McNeil, Engineering Director
Jacob Bejarano, Civil Engineering Manager
Cindy Meyer, Special Programs Manager (ZOOM)
Eddie Reyes, Information Systems Technician
Stewart Davis, IT Officer

Others Present

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.	
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 August 3, 2026 Meeting Minutes – Acting Chair Cannon Michael deemed the August 3, 2026 Meeting Minutes approved as submitted.	

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5. **Recommendation to Adopt Staff Recommendation for Positions on Legislation** Petersen
- A. A.B. 2728 (Soria), Groundwater: de minimus extractors: fees: exemption – Watch Position**
- Chief Strategic & Administrative Officer Scott Petersen reviewed the staff recommendation for position on the listed legislation. Petersen answered questions throughout the presentation.
- M/S – Member Vince Gin, seconded by Member Chris White, the Committee recommended adoption of the staff recommendation for position on A.B. 2728 Vote: Ayes – Michael, Hansen, Martin, White, Gin, Amorelli; Nays – 0; Abstentions – 0.
- Petersen also reviewed a PowerPoint presentation regarding the 2026 State Legislative Session – End-of-Session Report.
6. **Presentation of Draft Central Valley Project Performance Framework** Petersen
- Chief Strategic & Administrative Officer Scott Petersen presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Draft Central Valley Project Performance Framework. Petersen reported that the framework proposes a management method for the Water Authority’s CVP policy, science, and communications programs. Petersen reviewed the three pillars, 1) Water Supply Resilience, 2) Environmental Stewardship, and 3) Adaptive Governance & Readiness. Petersen reported that he will be emailing out the information and would like the Committee’s review and written comments on the Discussion Draft. Petersen requested comments to be sent to staff by September 25, in advance of anticipated Board of Director’s consideration in October 2026. Petersen answered questions throughout the presentation.
7. **Status Update Regarding the DMC Subsidence Correction Project** Arroyave
- Chief Operating Officer Pablo Arroyave introduced the item. Civil Engineering Manager Jacob Bejarano reviewed the PowerPoint presentation included in the packet, which summarized the work completed on the project in August, and provided an overview of completed work. Executive Director Federico Barajas provided additional information on Phase 1-Task 2. Staff answered questions throughout the presentation.
8. **Update on Status of Golden Mussels** – Chief Operating Officer Pablo Arroyave reviewed the memo included in the packet. Arroyave reported that operational impacts are beginning due to the Golden Mussels, especially at O’Neill Pumping Plant. Special Programs Manager Cindy Meyer provided additional information. Chief Strategic & Administrative Officer Scott Petersen provided a brief Golden Mussel legislative update. Staff answered questions throughout the presentation. Arroyave, Petersen, Meyer
9. **Executive Director’s Report** Barajas
- a. O’Neill Pumping Plant Outage** – Chief Operating Officer Pablo Arroyave reported that the outage started first thing this morning, and the Plant is offline. Arroyave reported that the Authority has

been able to maintain four units at Jones Pumping Plant, and all six units at the Intertie, based on current demands. Arroyave reported that the recommissioning will start at 12:00pm on Wednesday, September 23, 2026 if everything goes as planned.

- b. O'Neill Pumping Plant Repayment Negotiation** – Executive Director Federico Barajas reported that on Wednesday of this week there is a public repayment negotiation session taking place with Reclamation for the O'Neill Transformer Replacement Project.
- c. Sites Project** – Executive Director Federico Barajas reported that there are Sites Reservoir excess capacity negotiations taking place today and tomorrow in Sacramento.
- d. Forecasting Workshop** – Chief Strategic & Administrative Officer Scott Petersen reported Reclamation will be holding a Forecasting Workshop October 1-2, 2026.

- 10. Update on Water Policy/Resources Activities** – Chief Strategic & Administrative Officer Scott Petersen provided a brief update on Green Sturgeon, Bay-Delta Plan, Tribal Beneficial Use, 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, and operations. Milligan and staff answered questions throughout the presentation. Arroyave
- 12. Committee Member Reports** – Member Vince Gin announced that Aaron Baker will be the next Valley Water CEO, effective January 4, 2027.
- 13. - 15. Closed Session** – Acting Chair Cannon Michael adjourned the open session to address the items listed on the Closed Session Agenda at approximately 11:29 a.m. Upon returning to open session at approximately 12:05 p.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 12:06 p.m.