Meeting Minutes

Date & Time: 10/5/2026 | 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:	Absent
Division 4:	Vince Gin, Member (ZOOM)
	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:	
	Cannon Michael, Chair/Director
Division 4:	Dana Jacobson, Director
	Brett Miller, Alternate
Division 5:	Manny Amorelli, Director

Authority Representatives Present

Federico Barajas, Executive Director
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

Others Present

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

Agenda Item	Topic	Lead
1.	**Call to Order/Roll Call –** The meeting was called to order by Acting Chair Cannon Michael at approximately 10:02 a.m. and roll was called.	
2	**Additions or Corrections to the Agenda, 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 September 14, 2026 Meeting Minutes –** Acting Chair Cannon Michael deemed the September 14, 2026 Meeting Minutes approved as submitted.	

5.	**Recommendation to Board of Directors to Adopt Central Valley Project Performance Framework** Chief Strategic & Administrative Officer Scott Petersen reviewed 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 policy, science, and communications programs. Petersen reviewed three pillars, 1) Water Supply Resilience, 2) Environmental Stewardship, and 3) Adaptive Governance & Readiness. Petersen thanked Committee members for their feedback last month, and reviewed changes. Executive Director Federico Barajas provided additional information. Petersen answered questions throughout the presentation. M/S – Alternate Member Lon Martin, seconded by Alternate Member Manny Amorreli, the Committee recommended adoption of the Central Valley Project Performance Framework. Vote: Ayes – Michael, Hansen, Martin, Gin, Amorelli; Nays – 0; Abstentions – 0.	Petersen
6.	**Status Update Regarding the DMC Subsidence Correction Project –** Executive Director Federico Barajas 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 September, and current status of the project. Executive Director Federico Barajas reviewed Task 2a preconstruction progress. Staff answered questions throughout the presentation.	Barajas, Bejarano
7.	**Update on Status of Golden Mussels -** Special Programs Manager Cindy Meyer reviewed the memo included in the packet. Meyer reported that Governor Newsom signed AB 2032 that streamlines permitting processes associated with golden mussel mitigation in California's water systems. Chief Strategic & Administrative Officer Scott Petersen provided a brief Golden Mussel legislative update. Petersen reported that staff met with CDFW Director Hertel regarding a number of topics, including golden mussels. Meyer added that she participated in the Invasive Species Summit. Staff answered questions throughout the presentation.	Petersen, Meyer
8.	**Executive Director's Report** **a. CVP Forecast Workshop –** Executive Director Federico Barajas extended his appreciation to Chief Strategic & Administrative Officer Scott Petersen, who was instrumental in organizing the first annual CVP Forecast Summit on October 1-2, 2026 at UC Merced with Reclamation. Barajas reported that there will be a follow-up brainstorming session in the near future. Barajas reported on Reclamation's announcement that CVO Manager Levi Johnson is leaving Reclamation later this month. **b. Bi-Weekly CVP Ops calls –** Executive Director Federico Barajas reported that there will be an updated invitation going out for the CVP Ops calls.	Barajas

c. **Water Operations** – Executive Director Federico Barajas reported that the Change Orders for DCI have been cancelled, in order to capitalize on available water.

9. **Update on Water Policy/Resources Activities –** Chief Strategic & Administrative Officer Scott Petersen provided a brief update on green sturgeon, the SWRCB's draft Bay-Delta Plan update, proposed changes to the Reclamation Manual, and San Joaquin Valley Blueprint and CAP activities. Petersen answered questions throughout the presentation. — Petersen

10. **Update on Water Operations and Forecasts –** Consultant Ron Milligan provided information regarding CVP supply, reservoir storage, allocations, and operations. Milligan and staff answered questions throughout the presentation. — Milligan

11. **Committee Member Reports –** No reports.

12. - 14. **Closed Session –** Acting Chair Cannon Michael adjourned the open session to address the items listed on the Closed Session Agenda at approximately 11:14 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

15. **Reports Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(a)(3) –** No reports.

16. **Adjournment –** The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:43 a.m.