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**SAN LUIS & DELTA-MENDOTA WATER AUTHORITY
WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING AND JOINT
WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING - SPECIAL
BOARD WORKSHOP MINUTES
JANUARY 6, 2025**

The San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority Water Resources Committee Regular Meeting and Joint Water Resources Committee Regular Meeting and Special Board Workshop convened at approximately 10:00 a.m. at 842 6th Street in Los Banos, California, with Chair William Bourdeau presiding.

Water Resources Committee Members Present

Ex-Officio

Cannon Michael
William Bourdeau

Division 1

Anthea Hansen, Alternate

Division 2

Lon Martin, Alternate

Division 3

Chris White, Member - Ric Ortega, Alternate

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
William Bourdeau, Director
Lon Martin, Alternate

Division 3

Chris White, Alternate
Jarrett Martin, Director
Cannon Michael, Chair/Director
Ric Ortega, 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
Rebecca Akroyd, General Counsel
Scott Petersen, Water Policy Director
Ray Tarka, Director of Finance
Eddie Reyes, Information Systems Technician
Stewart Davis, IT Officer

Others Present

Tom Boardman, Westlands Water District (via ZOOM)
Chase Hurley, Pacheco Water District
Stephen Farmer, Westlands Water District

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Committee Chair William Bourdeau called the meeting to order and roll was called.

2. The Water Resources Committee to Consider 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 December 9, 2024 Meeting Minutes - Chair William Bourdeau deemed the December 9, 2024 meeting minutes approved as submitted.

5. South of Delta Drought Plan Update

- a. **Transition from 2024-2025 Pilot** - Executive Director Federico Barajas provided a brief update regarding the transition from the 2024 Pilot Program to the 2025 Pilot Program. Barajas reported that staff is working with Reclamation and participating members regarding the ability to replenish the losses for the 2024 Pilot Program year. Barajas reported that the Friant Water Authority is still fine-tuning their contributions and participation. Barajas reported that staff is still resolving issues regarding Cross Valley Contractor water and the ability to bank drought pool water.
- b. **New Strike Team** – Executive Director Federico Barajas reported that there will be a meeting with Reclamation at the Water Users Conference regarding the formation of a new Strike Team.

Committee Members asked questions and provided comments throughout the discussion.

6. Executive Director's Report.

- a. **Special Board Workshop** – Executive Director Federico Barajas reported that a Special Board Workshop on DMC Subsidence Correction Project is scheduled for January 16, 2025. Barajas reported that the planned discussion is in regards to flexibility in freeboard/planning, funding availability, etc.
- b. **Healthy Rivers & Landscapes (HRL)/VA Activity Agreement** – Executive Director Federico Barajas reported that the draft HRL/VA Implementation Funding Activity Agreement will be discussed at the Finance & Administration Committee this afternoon.

7. Update on Water Policy/Resources Activities.

Water Policy Director Scott Petersen provided a brief summary of the report included in the packet. Petersen provided updates regarding the Reinitiation of Consultation on Long-Term Operations of the Central Valley Project (CVP) and State Water Project and the Water Quality Control Plan update. Petersen answered Committee questions throughout the presentation.

8. Update on Water Operations and Forecasts.

Westlands Water District's Tom Boardman reported on storage conditions at Shasta which included status of flood control operations and snowpack conditions. It was also noted how storage is trending compared to Reclamation's latest forecast. Folsom storage conditions were briefly reported including a projection of when the reservoir might fill.

Export rates for Banks and Jones were reported along with an explanation of the recent export-limiting factors and how near-term pumping rates might be affected.

Boardman reported on current storage in the CVP share of the San Luis reservoir and briefly explained refill projections under dry and median hydrologic conditions.

Arroyave also answered questions regarding the effect of the Jones Pumping Plant unit 5 outage.

9. Committee Member Reports.

No reports.

10. Closed Session

Chair William Bourdeau adjourned the open session to address the items listed on the Closed Session Agenda at approximately 10:53 a.m. Upon return to open session at approximately 11:22 a.m., General Counsel Rebecca Akroyd reported that no reportable actions were taken in closed session.

11. Agenda Item 13: Reports Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2

Chief Operating Officer Pablo Arroyave clarified a comment made during item 8, reporting that there was no water loss from the discussed Jones Pumping Plant outage.

12. Agenda Item 14: Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:24 a.m.