

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

MAY 1, 2023

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

Bill Diedrich, Member

Division 3

Chris White, Member

Division 4

Vincent Gin, Member - Steve Wittry, Alternate

Division 5

Manny Amorelli, Member

Board of Directors Present

Division 1

Anthea Hansen, Director

Division 2

Justin Diener, Alternate
William Bourdeau, Director
Bill Diedrich, Director (arrived during item 5)

Division 3

Chris White, Alternate
Jarrett Martin, Director
Cannon Michael, Director

Division 4

Steve Wittry, Director

Joyce Machado, Alternate

Division 5

Manny Amorelli, Director

Authority Representatives Present

Federico Barajas, Executive Director

Rebecca Akroyd, General Counsel

Rebecca Harms, Deputy General Counsel

Ray Tarka, Director of Finance

Scott Petersen, Water Policy Director

Bob Martin, Facilities O&M Director

Jaime McNeill, Engineering Manager

Chauncey Lee, O&M Manager

Seth Harris, Water Operations Superintendent (Water Master)

Stewart Davis, IT Officer

Others Present

Tom Boardman, Westlands Water District (via ZOOM)

Dana Jacobson, Valley Water

Lea Emmons, City of Tracy

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

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 April 3, 2023 Meeting

Minutes.

Chair William Bourdeau deemed the April 3, 2023 meeting minutes approved as submitted.

5. Water Resources Committee to Consider Recommendation to Board of Directors to Appoint Representatives to State and Federal Contractors Water Agency Board of Directors.

Executive Director Federico Barajas reviewed the memo included in the packet and reported that staff recommends the appointment of Director Ed Pattison as a representative on the State and

Federal Contractors Water Agency (SFCWA) Board of Directors to fill the Authority's vacant director seat.

Alternate Member Anthea Hansen made the motion to recommend the Board of Directors appoint Director Ed Pattison as a representative on the SFCWA Board of Directors. The motion was seconded by Member Bill Diedrich. The vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES:	Michael, Bourdeau, Hansen, Diedrich, White, Gin, Amorelli
NOES:	None
ABSTENTIONS:	None

6. Water Resources Committee to Consider Recommendation to Board to Adopt Staff Recommendation for Positions on Legislation.

Water Policy Director Scott Petersen reported and provided staff recommended positions for consideration on the following legislation:

- a. H.R. 872 (Calvert), Federally Integrated Species Health (FISH) Act
- b. H.R. 2419 (Costa), Canal Conveyance Capacity Restoration Act
- c. H.R. 2671 (Costa), To amend the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act of 2014 with respect to budgetary treatment of certain amounts of financial assistance, and for other purposes.
- d. AB 939 (Pellerin), Santa Clara Valley Water District
- e. AB 1469 (Kalra), Santa Clara Valley Water District
- f. AB 1594 (Garcia), Medium- and heavy-duty zero-emission vehicles: public agency utilities
- g. AB 345 (Wilson), Habitat Restoration: flood control: advance payment
- h. SB 493 (Min), Air pollution: alternative vehicles and electric and hydrogen infrastructure
- i. SB 550 (Grove), Water markets
- j. SB 659 (Ashby), California Water Supply Solutions Act of 2023
- k. AB 754 (Papan), Water management planning: automatic conservation plan
- l. AB 1205 (Bauer-Kahan), Water rights: sale, transfer, or lease: agricultural lands - Petersen reported that staff is looking for input, and will bring this bill back to the Committee in June.

Member Chris White made the motion to recommend the Board of Directors adopt staff recommendation for positions on legislation (HR 872, HR 2419, HR 2671, AB 939, AB 1469, AB 1594 {if amended} – Support) (AB 345, SB 493, SB 550, SB 659 - Favor). The motion was seconded by Ex Officio Member Cannon Michael. The vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES: Michael, Bourdeau, Hansen, Diedrich, White, Gin, Amorelli
NOES: None
ABSTENTIONS: None

Ex Officio Member Cannon Michael made the motion to recommend the Board of Directors adopt staff recommendation for positions on legislation (AB 754 - Oppose). The motion was seconded by Member Chris White. The vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES: Michael, Bourdeau, Hansen, Diedrich, White, Amorelli
NOES: None
ABSTENTIONS: Gin

7. Water Resources to Consider Recommendation to Board of Directors to Adopt Resolution Authorizing Award of Contract, Execution of Construction Agreement for O’Neill Pumping-Generating Plant Power Transformer Rehabilitations, and Expenditures of Up To \$3.2 Million from the FY22 and FY23 EO&M Budgets; CEQA Exemption.

Executive Director Federico Barajas introduced the item. Engineering Manager Jaime McNeill reviewed the memo included in the packet. McNeill reported that last year, the Authority solicited for the rehabilitation project and received one proposal. McNeill reported that in August 2022, the Water Resources and Finance & Administration Committees recommended, and the Board adopted Resolution No. 2022-507 authorizing award of contract pending successful negotiation on technical aspects of the proposal. McNeill reported that negotiations were ultimately unsuccessful, and the proposer withdrew their proposal. McNeill reported that on January 3, 2023 the contract was resolicited, and the Authority received one proposal from Cal Electro Inc. (CEI). McNeill reported that the proposal included all documents as required per the solicitation. McNeill reported that during the evaluation phase, evaluators requested a few clarifications regarding the proposal, and after obtaining clarifications from CEI, the Technical Proposal Evaluation Committee (TPEC) evaluated the proposal and its clarifications, and CEI received a passing score of 90%. McNeill reported that the proposed expenditure of up to \$3.2M will be funded utilizing budgeted funds from Fiscal Year 2022

and 2023 EO&M budgets. McNeill reported that \$1.66M will be funded from FY22, and \$1.54M from FY23. Superintendent of Water Operations Seth Harris reviewed the Operations Plan and answered committee member questions.

Member Bill Diedrich made the motion to recommend the Board of Directors approve resolution authorizing award of contract, execution of construction agreement for O’Neill Pumping-Generating Plant power transformer rehabilitations, and expenditure of up to \$3.2 million from the FY22 and FY23, EO&M budgets; CEQA exemption. The motion was seconded by Alternate Member Anthea Hansen. The vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES:	Michael, Bourdeau, Hansen, Diedrich, White, Gin, Amorelli
NOES:	None
ABSTENTIONS:	None

8. **Executive Director’s Report.**

- a. **Water Allocation Update** – Executive Director Federico Barajas reported that Reclamation provided an update to the March Central Valley Project 2023 water supply allocation. Reclamation announced that Irrigation water service and repayment contractors have increased to 100 percent from 80 percent of their contract totals. Staff have not recalculated rates to include this increase given the recent rate adjustment that took place last month. Barajas reported that this allocation increase would not have a drastic effect on rates.
- b. **B.F. Sisk Dam Raise and Reservoir Expansion Project** – Executive Director Federico Barajas reported that staff and consultants have been meeting with various Activity Agreement Members regarding next steps.
- c. **O&M Technical Committee** – Executive Director Federico Barajas stated the Authority is beginning their OM&R budget process. Barajas reported that the initial step is an O&M Technical Committee tour to assess and discuss potential budgeted items in the upcoming year. Barajas reported that the tour is scheduled May 22, 2023.

9. **Update on Water Policy/Resources Activities.**

Water Policy Director Scott Petersen provided a brief summary of the report included in the packet.

- a. **Reinitiation of Consultation** - Petersen reported that there are a couple upcoming meetings over the next month, and if interested to contact him for more information.
- b. **WQCP** – Petersen reported that there is an upcoming workshop on Phase 1 implementation.
- c. **Water Blueprint for the San Joaquin Valley** - Petersen reported that the Blueprint Board met, approving the execution of a contract with the Hallmark Group for association management services and authorizing the Communications Committee to work with the Advocacy Committee to develop a Communications Plan to guide communications for the organization.
- d. **SJV CAP** – Petersen reported that the CAP Plenary authorized the formation and the development of charters for five work groups, who will be tasked with creating priorities to implement various provisions of the approved Term Sheet.

10. Update on Water Operations and Forecasts.

Westlands Water District's Tom Boardman reported that Shasta is just 100 TAF from full and that releases have begun to increase to manage the filling of the reservoir over the next month. The status of Folsom storage was also reported along with the amount of accumulated snowpack.

Delta conditions were described including the current rate of export pumping for both the CVP and SWP.

Flood flow operations into the Mendota Pool were also briefly explained.

Boardman responded to a question regarding the projected date when CVP San Luis Reservoir would begin a sustained drawdown. Boardman also responded to a question confirming that Section 215 water would be available until a sustained drawdown occurs.

11. Committee Member Reports.

None.

12. Agenda Item 10-12: Closed Session

Committee Chair William Bourdeau adjourned the open session to address the items listed on the Closed Session Agenda at approximately 11:14 a.m. Upon return to open session at approximately 11:33 a.m., General Counsel Rebecca Akroyd reported that no reportable actions were taken in closed session.

13. **Agenda Item 13: Reports Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2**
None.

14. **Agenda Item 14: Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:34 a.m.