

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

OCTOBER 5, 2020

The Telephonic Water Resources Committee and Joint Telephonic Water Resources Committee Regular Meeting and Special Board Workshop of the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority convened at approximately 10:00 a.m. This meeting was held via teleconference/ZOOM in accordance with the Governor's Executive Order (N-29-20) and the declared State of Emergency as a result of the threat of COVID-19, with Committee Chair Tom Birmingham 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

Jeff Cattaneo, Alternate

Division 5

Tom Birmingham, Member - Steve Stadler, Alternate

Board of Directors Present

Division 1

Anthea Hansen, Director

Division 2

William Bourdeau, Director

Bill Diedrich, Director

Division 3

Chris White, Director

Jarrett Martin, Alternate

Cannon Michael, Director

Division 4

Jeff Cattaneo, Director

Sara Singleton, Alternate

Division 5

Tom Birmingham, Director

Steve Stadler, Director

Authority Representatives Present

Federico Barajas, Executive Director

Pablo Arroyave, Chief Operating Officer

Scott Petersen, Water Policy Director

Rebecca Akroyd, General Counsel

Frances Mizuno, Special Projects Administrator

Joyce Machado, Director of Finance

Stewart Davis, IT Officer

Others Present

Tom Boardman, Westlands Water District

Dana Jacobson, Valley Water

1. Call to Order

Committee Chair Tom Birmingham called the meeting to order.

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 September 14, 2020 Meeting Minutes.

Chair Tom Birmingham pronounced the September 14, 2020 meeting minutes approved.

5. Executive Director's Report.

A. **B.F. Sisk Dam Raise Project** – Executive Director Federico Barajas reported that the public comment period for the B.F. Sisk Dam Raise Draft EIR/SEIS ended September 28, and a number of comments were received. Barajas reported that there will be follow-up meetings with the State of California and key State Water Contractors. Barajas reported that there may be a need to have a workshop with Authority members to review the comments received. Barajas reported that the feasibility report is moving forward, and staff is working closely with Reclamation. Barajas reported that work with Caltrans is continuing.

B. **San Luis Transmission Project (SLTP)** – Barajas asked Special Projects Administrator Frances Mizuno to provide a status update. Mizuno reported that Duke is no longer interested in the financing of the SLTP, and staff has been directed to go out and seek other investors in a public/private partnership. Mizuno reported that staff has been working with Reclamation and Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) to develop a Request For Proposal (RFP) to seek potential investors. Mizuno reported that the RFP has been finalized and will be distributed this afternoon. Mizuno reported that the preference is for a 50/50 cost split, and the deadline for receiving proposals is November 16, 2020.

C. **Jones Pumping Plant Project** – Barajas asked Chief Operating Officer Pablo Arroyave to provide a status update. Arroyave reported that the current rewind project has been delayed about a week due to small cracks in a component, and is scheduled to be back online in March 2021. Chair Birmingham asked when directors will have an opportunity to review the draft Preliminary Official Statement (POS) for the public bond issuance. Arroyave reported that the POS is expected to will be out for review within a week. Arroyave reported that directors will have three weeks to review the draft document.

D. **Shasta SEIS** – Barajas asked Water Policy Director Scott Petersen to provide a status update. Petersen reported that comments are due this afternoon, and staff will be submitting comments.

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

Water Policy Director Scott Petersen provided an update regarding changes to Endangered Species Act regulations governing the critical habitat designation process, reporting that on September 8, 2020, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service released a proposed rule to amend those regulations and comments are due October 8. Petersen reported that a letter will be going out for coordination purposes to Member Agencies by closed of business day today to solicit coordination and any potential comments prior to submitting an Authority comment letter on October 8.

7. Agenda Item II: Update on Water Operations and Forecasts

Westlands Water District's Tom Boardman reported that Jones pumping has been at capacity but will reduce by 20% in two days due to declining Delta inflow. Without increased storm runoff, limited exports are expected for the remainder of 2020. Banks pumping continues to be limited to less than 1000 cfs due to low Oroville storage.

Shasta carryover storage is 2.2 MAF, which is about 300 TAF higher late spring projections. Due to low Shasta inflow this year, a Shasta critical year may be declared in 2021 unless the unimpaired Shasta inflow exceeds about 3.9 MAF.

Boardman reported that CVP San Luis storage was 365 TAF and has been filling at higher than expected rate since early August. The refill rate has slowed over the past few days due to increase refuge diversions. Reservoir projection graphs were discussed which that CVP San Luis is expected to fall short of filling next year by about 350 TAF with continued dry conditions but will fill by early March if the winter hydrology is near normal.

Responding to a question from Member Bourdeau, Boardman explained that Banks pumping has been significantly lower than the CVP throughout the summer and fall due to low Oroville storage.

In response to a question from Member Diedrich, Boardman stated that that the COA balance is in the CVP's favor by about 40-50 TAF. Member Diedrich also inquired about the amount of CVP San Luis refill that occurred during the spring following the zero allocations years 2014 and 2015. Because Boardman was unable to accurately recall the amount of refill, Committee Chair Birmingham requested that Boardman determine the refill amounts and forward the information to Executive Director Barajas for distribution to attendees of the Board of Directors meeting.

8. Agenda Item 12: Committee Member Reports.

No Committee Member Reports.

9. Agenda Item 13: Closed Session

Committee Chair Tom Birmingham adjourned the open session to address the items listed on the Closed Session Agenda at approximately 10:27 a.m. Upon return to open session at approximately 10:37 a.m., General Counsel Rebecca Akroyd reported that there were no reportable actions taken in closed session.

10. **Reports Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2**
None.
11. **Adjournment**
The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:38 a.m.

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

NOVEMBER 4, 2020

The Special Telephonic Water Resources Committee Workshop and Joint Special Telephonic Water Resources Committee Workshop-Special Board Workshop of the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority convened at approximately 2:05 p.m. This meeting was held via teleconference/ZOOM in accordance with the Governor's Executive Order (N-29-20) and the declared State of Emergency as a result of the threat of COVID-19, with Committee Member Bill Diedrich presiding.

Water Resources Committee Members Present

Ex-Officio

Cannon Michael

Division 1

Anthea Hansen, Alternate for Bill Koster

Division 2

Bill Diedrich, Member

Division 3

Chris White, Member - Ric Ortega, Alternate

Division 4

None

Division 5

None

Board of Directors Present

Division 1

Anthea Hansen, Director

Division 2

Bill Diedrich, Director

Division 3

Chris White, Director

Jarrett Martin, Alternate

Cannon Michael, Director

Ric Ortega Director - Ellen Wehr, Alternate

Division 4

None

Division 5

None

Authority Representatives Present

Federico Barajas, Executive Director
Pablo Arroyave, Chief Operating Officer
Scott Petersen, Water Policy Director
Rebecca Akroyd, General Counsel
Frances Mizuno, Special Projects Administrator
Joyce Machado, Director of Finance
Stewart Davis, IT Officer
Darlene Neves, Supervisor of Operational Accounting
Marta Rivas, Supervisor of Water Accounting

Others Present

Carrie Buckman, DWR

1. Call to Order

Committee Member Bill Diedrich, standing in as Committee Chair, called the meeting to order.

2. The Water Resources Committee to Consider Corrections to the Agenda for the Special Water Resources Committee only, as authorized by Government Code Section 54950 et seq.

No corrections.

3. Opportunity for Public Comment

No public comment.

4. DWR Presentation on the Delta Conveyance Project.

Chief Operating Officer Pablo Arroyave introduced Carrie Buckman, Environmental Program Manager for Delta Conveyance at DWR. Ms. Buckman reviewed a PowerPoint presentation, which included information regarding DWR's consideration of single-tunnel Delta Conveyance, the current status of environmental review, the purpose of the Project, and possible design of the Project. In addition, Ms. Buckman reviewed modifications to the Project that DWR would be considering based on scoping comments received.

In response to questions regarding CVP operations and a role for CVP contractors in the Project, Ms. Buckman indicated that DWR staff was working with Reclamation modelers to ensure accurate modeling, and noted that more engagement from CVP contractors was welcome. Ms. Buckman also described alternative configurations for the project that were being considered, and next steps in the Project schedule.

5. **Agenda Item 12: Committee Member Reports.**

No Committee Member Reports.

6. **Reports Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(a)(3)**

None.

7. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:45 p.m.