

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

May 9, 2022

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

Water Resources Committee Members Present

Ex-Officio

Cannon Michael
William Bourdeau

Division 1

Anthea Hansen, Alternate for Zach Maring

Division 2

Bill Diedrich, Member

Division 3

Absent

Division 4

Absent

Division 5

Tom Birmingham, Member

Board of Directors Present

Division 1

Anthea Hansen, Director
Lea Emmons, Alternate

Division 2

William Bourdeau, Director
Beau Correia, Director
Bill Diedrich, Director

Division 3

Cannon Michael, Director

Division 4

Absent

Division 5

Tom Birmingham, Director

Authority Representatives Present

Federico Barajas, Executive Director
Pablo Arroyave, Chief Operating Officer
Rebecca Akroyd, General Counsel
Scott Petersen, Water Policy Director
Stewart Davis, IT Officer

Others Present

Tom Boardman, Westlands Water District
Dana Jacobson, Valley Water

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Committee Chair Tom Birmingham 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 May 9, 2022 Meeting Minutes.

Committee Chair Tom Birmingham pronounced the May 9, 2022 meeting minutes approved without correction.

5. Water Resources Committee to Consider Recommendation to Board of Directors to Award Contract and Authorize Execution of Agreement for Professional Services for Project Management Services for the B.F. Sisk Dam Raise and Reservoir Expansion Project.

Chief Operating Officer Pablo Arroyave reported that proposals were due on March 29, 2022 and the Hallmark Group submitted a proposal for time and materials not to exceed amount of \$1,244,186. Arroyave reported that the proposal allows two years to complete the work, but commits Hallmark to move as quickly as Reclamation progress allows on the tasks within the scope. Arroyave reported that the proposal was deemed to be responsive and technically acceptable by Authority staff. Arroyave reported that after review of the cost proposal and clarifications from Authority staff, Hallmark's cost proposal was reduced to \$1,085,126. Arroyave reported that rather than allocate costs to all Authority members through the existing Leg/Ops activity, the Board directed Authority staff to prepare an Activity Agreement to allocate such costs to Activity

Agreement participants proportionally based on their CVP contract supply amounts. Arroyave reported that to date, nine districts have decided to participate. Arroyave reported that project implementation is currently anticipated to include three phases. Arroyave reported that the Board-approved Activity Agreement commits participants to Phase 1 of the Project estimated to last 1-2 years for a cost of approximately \$1M. Arroyave reported that this will provide for a full time project manager, Ops Plan, and Reclamation Cost Share Agreement support, Highway 152 Final Design support, and CVP Reconsultation support.

Ex Officio Member Cannon Michael made the motion to recommend the Board of Directors authorize award of the contract and authorize execution of Agreement for Professional Services for Project Management Services for the B.F. Sisk Dam Raise and Reservoir Expansion Project. The motion was seconded by Member/Chair Tom Birmingham. The Committee action is reported as follows:

AYES: Michael, Bourdeau, Hansen, Diedrich, Birmingham

NOES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

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

A. **H.R. 5716 (Harder), SAVE Water Resources Act - Water Policy Director Scott Petersen** provided an overview of this item. Petersen provided detailed information in the memo included in the packet. Petersen reported that staff recommends support and amend on H.R. 5716.

B. **AB 2639: San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary, Water Quality Control Plan: Water Rights Permits (Quirk) - Water Policy Director Scott Petersen** provided an overview of this item. Petersen provided detailed information in the memo included in the packet. Petersen reported that staff recommends oppose unless amended on AB 2639.

Member Bill Diedrich made the motion to recommend the Board of Directors Adopt Staff Recommendation for Positions on Legislation. The motion was seconded by Ex Officio Member William Bourdeau. The Committee action is reported as follows:

AYES: Michael, Bourdeau, Hansen, Diedrich, Birmingham

NOES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

7. Executive Director's Report.

A. **DMC Subsidence Correction Project** – Executive Director Federico Barajas reported that staff is working with CDM and Reclamation to have a detailed project schedule in place.

B. **Sites Project** – Executive Director Federico Barajas reported that staff is coordinating with Sites JPA to provide a status update presentation to the Board of Directors later this summer.

C. **Director of Finance** – Chief Operating Officer Pablo Arroyave reported that the new Director of Finance, Ray Tarka, will start Monday, May 16.

8. Update on Water Policy/Resources Activities.

Water Policy Director Scott Petersen provided a brief summary of his report included in the packet. Petersen reported that State Water Resources Control Board staff has posted refinements to the methodology for determining water unavailability in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta watershed as well as proposed revisions to the emergency curtailment and reporting regulation for the Delta watershed. Petersen reported that currently, the methodology is being used to inform curtailment decisions as described in the emergency regulation that was approved on August 19, 2021, and is effective for up to one year unless readopted. Petersen reported that The State Water Resources Control Board plans to consider readoption of the emergency regulation this summer and is providing an updated Water Unavailability Methodology and proposed revisions to the emergency regulation for comment in advance of that possible readoption. Petersen reported that written comments related to the Water Unavailability Methodology and/or draft emergency regulation text must be submitted by 5:00 PM on May 19, 2022.

Petersen reported that the Blueprint Board held two strategic planning workshops, and reported on the suggested mission and vision statements. Comments are due by this Friday, May 13, 2022.

Petersen reported that California Air Resources Board is developing a medium and heavy-duty zero-emission fleet regulation with the goal of achieving a zero-emission truck and bus California fleet by 2045 everywhere feasible. Petersen reported that draft regulations have been issued, which apply to State and local government agencies that own, lease, or operate a vehicle with

a manufacturer's gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) greater than 8,500 pounds, and indicate that: 1) Starting January 1, 2024, 50 percent of the total number of vehicles added to the California fleet in each calendar year must be ZEVs; and, 2) Starting January 1, 2027, 100 percent of the total number of vehicles added to the California fleet in each calendar year must be ZEVs.

9. Update on Water Operations and Forecasts.

Westlands Water District's Tom Boardman reported on current Shasta storage, recent precipitation in the watershed, and the projected carryover storage. Folsom storage conditions were also reported which included a brief explanation of how the recent storms have improved storage enough to enable Reclamation to use Folsom releases more this summer to meet Delta requirements.

Delta conditions were discussed, including an explanation of the export constraint required during a San Joaquin River pulse flow related to D1641. The current Temporary Urgency Change Order (TUCO) was described, and Boardman mentioned that Reclamation was leaning away from possibly requesting an extension of the TUCO for July through September. CVP San Luis storage was briefly covered, and Boardman reported on Friant releases being made to meet Exchange Contractor demands at the Mendota Pool.

10. Committee Member Reports.

None.

11. Agenda Item 11: Closed Session

None.

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

None.

13. Agenda Item 14: Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:54 a.m.