

**SAN LUIS & DELTA-MENDOTA WATER AUTHORITY  
WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING AND JOINT  
WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING - SPECIAL  
BOARD WORKSHOP MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 11, 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 - Lon Martin, Alternate

**Division 3**

Chris White, Member

**Division 4**

Vincent Gin, Member - Steve Wittry, Alternate

**Division 5**

Absent

**Board of Directors Present**

**Division 1**

Anthea Hansen, Director

**Division 2**

Justin Diener, Alternate  
William Bourdeau, Vice-Chair/Director  
Bill Diedrich, Director - Lon Martin, Alternate

**Division 3**

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

**Division 4**

Steve Wittry, Director  
Joyce Machado, Alternate

**Division 5**

Absent

**Authority Representatives Present**

Federico Barajas, Executive Director  
Pablo Arroyave, Chief Operating Officer  
Rebecca Akroyd, General Counsel  
Rebecca Harms, Deputy General Counsel  
Scott Petersen, Water Policy Director  
Ray Tarka, Director of Finance  
Jaime McNeill, Engineering Manager  
Stewart Davis, IT Officer

**Others Present**

Dana Jacobson, Valley Water  
Steve Stadler, San Luis Water District (via ZOOM)  
Wilson Orvis, Friant Water Authority (arrived during item 9)

**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 July 10, 2023 Meeting Minutes.**

Chair William Bourdeau deemed the July 10, 2023 meeting minutes approved as submitted.

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

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

- a. S. 2636 (Bennett), Healthy Watersheds, Healthy Communities Act - Improve Water Infrastructure Affecting Authority Member Agencies
- b. S. 2250 (Bennett) / H.R. 4902 (Caraveo), Voluntary Groundwater Conservation Act of 2023 - Improve Water Infrastructure Affecting Authority Member Agencies

On a motion of Member Bill Diedrich, seconded by Member Chris White, the Committee adopted staff recommendation for support positions on legislation. The vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES: Michael, Bourdeau, Hansen, Diedrich, White, Gin,  
NAYS: None  
ABSTENTIONS: None

**6. Update on Planned Jones Pumping Plant Operations/Outage.**

Chief Operating Officer Pablo Arroyave reported that a significant storm in November 2021 caused damage to building UZ11A, which eliminated the ability to power Jones Pumping Plant units 2 and 6. Since that time, there has been a short term fix, but it is critical to now repair building UZ11A. General Counsel Rebecca Akroyd reported that the Board had previously authorized execution of a contract for building UZ11A repairs in February 2022.

Arroyave reported that work for a permanent fix is scheduled to occur between September 18, 2023 and October 6, 2023, and that efforts will be made to complete construction sooner to minimize the outage.

**7. Executive Director's Report.**

a. **Solar Over Canals Project** – Executive Director Federico Barajas reported that he had an introductory meeting with Reclamation and a private solar company regarding floating solar panels over large canals. Barajas reported that Reclamation has an internal call for proposals that would make funding available for this type of pilot project. Barajas stated the Water Authority staff will review further details and will bring this item to the Committee and Board of Directors for further consideration/action.

b. **Jones Pumping Plant Rewind Project**– Executive Director Federico Barajas reported that the Jones Pumping Plant unit rewind project has been completed, and all six units are fully functional. Barajas reported that staff will present an overview at next month's meetings.

c. **Yuba Tour** - Executive Director Federico Barajas reported that last week, staff hosted a tour of Authority facilities for a group from Yuba Water Agency. Barajas thanked Lon Martin, Anthea Hansen, and Aaron Baker for their participation.

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

Water Policy Director Scott Petersen provided a brief summary of the report included in the packet. Petersen reported on the Reinitiation of Consultation on Long-Term Operations of the CVP and SWP, Quarterly WIIN Act meeting, Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan updates, and the advancement of Voluntary Agreements.

**9. Update on Water Operations and Forecasts.**

Westlands Water District's Tom Boardman reported on Shasta storage conditions and compared the storage trend to past years. Boardman also reported on Folsom storage, the current release rate, San Luis current storage, and 2024 refill projections.

Boardman also reported on current operations at Jones Pumping Plant

**10. Committee Member Reports.**

None.

**5. Closed Session**

Committee Chair William Bourdeau adjourned the open session to address the items listed on the Closed Session Agenda at approximately 10:51 a.m. Upon return to open session at approximately 11:30 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**

No reports.

**12. Agenda Item 14: Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:31 a.m.