

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

**OCTOBER 7, 2024**

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 (arrived item 3) - Jeff Cattaneo, Alternate (arrived item 3)

**Division 5**

Manny Amorelli, Alternate

**Board of Directors Present**

**Division 1**

Anthea Hansen, Director

**Division 2**

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

**Division 3**

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

**Division 4**

Aaron Baker, Alternate  
Jeff Cattaneo, Director

**Division 5**

Manny Amorelli, Director

**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

Eddie Reyes, Information Systems Technician

**Others Present**

Dana Jacobson, Valley Water

Brett Miller, San Benito County Water District

Chase Hurley, Pacheco Water District

Tom Boardman, Westlands Water District (via ZOOM)

**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 September 9, 2024 Meeting Minutes.**

Chair William Bourdeau deemed the September 9, 2024 meeting minutes approved as submitted.

**5. Recommendation to the Board of Directors to Adopt Staff Recommendation for Positions on Legislation**

- a. **S. 5005 (Padilla), Legislation to Increase Funding Authorization for the San Joaquin River Restoration Program Settlement Act.**

Water Policy Director Scott Petersen reviewed the staff recommendations for positions on legislation and answered questions from Committee members.

On a motion of Member Chris White, seconded by Ex Officio Member Cannon Michael, the Committee adopted staff recommendation for support position on S. 5005 (Padilla) Legislation. The vote on the motion was as follows:

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

6. **Executive Director’s Report.**

- a. **B.F. Sisk Negotiations** - Executive Director Federico Barajas reported that there has been significant progress in reaching an agreement in the negotiations between the investors and Reclamation. Barajas reported that the last negotiation session was last week, and thanked the investor group and staff that participated in the negotiations.
- b. **VA Workshop** – Executive Director Federico Barajas reported that there is a Special Board Workshop Thursday after the Board meeting focusing on Healthy Rivers and Landscapes Program Funding.
- c. **Reclamation/Department of Water Resources Mutual Support Agreement** – Executive Director Federico Barajas reported that a Mutual Support Agreement has been executed between Reclamation and DWR.
- d. **Fall X2 Action** – Executive Director Federico Barajas reported that Reclamation worked with DWR and the regulatory agencies, and developed a memo explaining modification of the Fall X2 action for this year using adaptive management.
- e. **O’Neill Outage** – Chief Operating Officer Pablo Arroyave provided a CVP Ops update. Arroyave reported that the Authority’s engineering and O&M staff have worked diligently with Reclamation’s Central Valley Operations (CVO) office over the last couple of months to line up four separate outages at the Authority’s facilities throughout October, assuming no water supply impacts. These outages include O’Neill Pumping Plant, Jones Pumping Plant, UZ8A, and DCI. Executive Director Federico Barajas provided additional information. Arroyave answered Committee & Board questions.

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 CVP and SWP, the Water Quality Control Plan update planned workshops, as

well as updates on the Water Blueprint for the San Joaquin Valley, San Joaquin Valley Collaborative Action Program, and legislation. 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 and Folsom noting carryover storage and Reclamation's refill projections.

Export rates for Banks and Jones were described, including a brief explanation of the controlling factors in the Delta. The effects of off-ramping fall X2 were also explained along with a projection of near-term pumping rates.

Boardman reported on current storage in the CVP share of the San Luis reservoir and provided an estimate of refill possibilities under dry and median conditions. Boardman responded to a question from Committee Alternate Hansen regarding the inclusion of the fall X2 off-ramp in the CVP San Luis refill projections.

**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 10:52 a.m. Upon return to open session at approximately 11:25 a.m., Chair William Bourdeau 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 11:26 a.m.