

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

**JUNE 3, 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 (arrived item 5)

**Division 3**

Chris White, Member

**Division 4**

Vince Gin, Member - Jeff Cattaneo, Alternate (arrived item 5)

**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 (arrived item 5)

**Division 3**

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

**Division 4**

Jeff Cattaneo, Director (arrived item 5)

**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  
Jaime McNeill, Engineering Manager  
Jacob Bejarano, Senior Civil Engineer  
Chauncey Lee, O&M Manager  
Brandon Soares, Civil Maintenance Superintendent  
Stewart Davis, IT Officer

**Others Present**

Dana Jacobson, Valley Water  
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 May 13, 2024 Meeting Minutes.**

Chair William Bourdeau deemed the May 13, 2024 meeting minutes approved as submitted.

**5. Update on DMC Emergency Repairs**

Chief Operating Officer Pablo Arroyave introduced the item and explained that emergency work was recently completed at Check 18, and Salado Creek, along the Delta-Mendota Canal (DMC). Arroyave then introduced Senior Civil Engineer Jacob Bejarano and Engineering Manager Jaime McNeill, to provide additional detail about the emergency repairs. Bejarano reviewed a PowerPoint presentation, and Authority staff answered questions throughout the presentation.

6. **Executive Director’s Report.**

- a. **B.F. Sisk Dam Raise and Expansion Project Funding Announcement** – Executive Director Federico Barajas reported that Reclamation has awarded the B.F. Sisk Dam Raise and Reservoir Expansion Project \$75 million in funding in addition to the \$95 million already awarded.
- b. **South of Delta Drought Plan Pilot Project** - Executive Director Federico Barajas reported that staff is continuing to work with Reclamation to add more definition to the governance and implementation of the 2024 Pilot Project.
- c. **JPA Amendments** – Executive Director Federico Barajas reminded Committee Members to provide updated information regarding when member agency home boards will take action to approve the JPA amendments.
- d. **Planning Committee** – Executive Director Federico Barajas asked Board members to start considering representatives for this new Planning Committee.
- e. **SLC Subsidence Correction Project** - Executive Director Federico Barajas reported that Reclamation reached out to the Authority to initiate discussions and conversations regarding the San Luis Canal Subsidence Correction Project. Barajas reported that Reclamation has had initial conversations with DWR relative to the San Luis Canal fix. Barajas reported that Reclamation held an initial meeting with the Authority and affected members to discuss ongoing conversations with DWR.

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 and the Trinity Division consultation, the Water Quality Control Plan update, and updates on the Water Blueprint for the San Joaquin Valley, and San Joaquin Valley Collaborative Action Program. Petersen answered Committee questions throughout the presentation.

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

Westlands Water District’s Tom Boardman reported that Shasta storage was 100 TAF higher than Reclamation’s forecast supporting the current Ag allocation. Trinity storage was noted to be higher than expected and will be used this summer to help meet upper Sacramento River temperature objectives to protect salmon. Folsom storage is continuing to increase, but with only

a portion of the snowmelt season remaining, Folsom is not expected to totally fill this year.

Boardman also discussed Delta conditions, including current export pumping rates and recent factors that constrained pumping during May. Expected summertime Jones pumping rates were also briefly mentioned.

Boardman explained a chart showing a comparison between Reclamation's expected near-term CVP San Luis storage trend and a projection made by Westlands Water District.

**9. Committee Member Reports.**

No reports.

**5. Closed Session**

Chair William Bourdeau adjourned the open session to address the items listed on the Closed Session Agenda at approximately 11:28 a.m. Upon return to open session at approximately 11:44 a.m., Chair William Bourdeau reported that no reportable actions were taken in closed session.

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

No reports.

**11. Agenda Item 14: Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:45 a.m.