

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

JULY 8, 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

Division 3

Chris White, Member

Division 4

Absent

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

Division 3

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

Division 4

Absent

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
Stewart Davis, IT Officer
Eddie Reyes, Information Systems Technician

Others Present

Dana Jacobson, Valley Water
Tom Boardman, Westlands Water District (via ZOOM)
Steve Stadler, San Luis Water District (via ZOOM)
John Wiersma, Henry Miller Reclamation District (via ZOOM)
Jordyn Vannorsdel, Water Wise

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 June 3, 2024 Meeting

Minutes.

Chair William Bourdeau deemed the June 3, 2024 meeting minutes approved as submitted.

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

- a. H.R. 4247 (Harder), Flood Prevention and Snowpack Management Act (support)
- b. H.R. 4385 (Neguse), Drought Preparedness Act (support)
- c. AB 2735 (Rubio): Joint powers agreements: water corporations. (oppose)

Water Policy Director Scott Petersen reviewed the staff recommendations for positions on legislation and answered questions from Committee members. On a motion of Member/Chair

Chris White, seconded by Member Bill Diedrich, the Committee adopted staff recommendation for support position on H.R. 4247, H.R. 4385, and an oppose position on AB 2735 Legislation. The vote on the motion was as follows:

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

6. **Executive Director’s Report.**

- a. **SLDMWA Governance Documents Update**– Executive Director Federico Barajas introduced General Council Rebecca Akroyd. Akroyd reported that 17 members took action approving the JPA amendments. Akroyd reported that Authority staff will email the suite of updated governance documents to the Board and Member Agencies. Barajas reported that Jason Phillips has been appointed the Friant Water Authority Representative to the SLDMWA Board, and Johnny Amaral has been appointed the Alternate Representative. Barajas reported that with the amended MOU with Friant complete, the Authority is working to establish a new Planning Committee.
- b. **Rate Adjustments** - Executive Director Federico Barajas reported that there will be rate adjustments presented next month. Rate adjustments are expected to include an update on the PUE Costs, updated allocation, and updated cost recovery methodology.
- c. **Intertie** – Executive Director Federico Barajas introduced Chief Operating Officer Pablo Arroyave. Arroyave reported that on June 30, 2024 the 69 KV line that feeds the Intertie tripped and then reenergized. This caused an arc flash explosion at DCI Unit 1 motor control cabinet, which was destroyed; DCI Unit 2 was also damaged. Arroyave reported that repair and testing of all the affected wires has been completed by Authority crews, and Authority staff is now waiting for an outside breaker to be tested by WAPA. Barajas reported that it could be up to 6-months to 1-year to replace the DCI Unit 1 & 2 cabinet components. Barajas reported that Authority staff will be undertaking a full assessment to understand what caused the damage, in order to avoid something like this happening in the future.
- d. **Comment Opportunities** - Executive Director Federico Barajas reported that U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service released their draft biological opinion (BiOp) for review. Barajas reported that DWR also has their draft EIR document associated with the ITP

and state operations out for review. Barajas and Arroyave answered questions from Committee members throughout the Executive Director's report.

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 U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service draft BiOp being out for review, the Reinitiation of Consultation on Long-Term Operations of the CVP and SWP, the Trinity Division consultation, the Water Quality Control Plan update, Categorical Exclusions comment opportunity, as well as 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 on storage conditions in Shasta and Folsom, noting that reservoir drawdowns are trending close to Reclamation's latest forecasts.

Boardman also reported regarding current export rates, which included near term operations expected at Jones Pumping Plant.

Boardman explained a monthly water supply chart that shows how Reclamation's projected CVP San Luis low point projection has increased since April.

Boardman concluded his report with a response to a question regarding how water owed to the State Water Project related to 2023 exchanges had affected the CVP ag allocation.

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 10:51 a.m. Upon return to open session at approximately 11:16 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 11:17 a.m.