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

AUGUST 5, 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

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

Absent

Division 5

Manny Amorelli, Director

Authority Representatives Present

Federico Barajas, Executive Director

Pablo Arroyave, Chief Operating Officer (via ZOOM)

Rebecca Akroyd, General Counsel

Rebecca Harms, Deputy General Counsel

Scott Petersen, Water Policy Director

Ray Tarka, Director of Finance

Stewart Davis, IT Officer

Others Present

Dana Jacobson, Valley Water

Brett Miller, San Benito County Water District

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 July 8, 2024 Meeting Minutes.

Chair William Bourdeau deemed the July 8, 2024 meeting minutes approved with minor edits.

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

a. H.R. 5770 (Neguse), Water Monitoring and Tracking Essential Resources (Water) Data Improvement Act (support)

b. H.R. 8305 (Harder), Nutria Eradication and Control Reauthorization Act of 2024 (support)

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 Member Bill Diedrich, the Committee adopted staff recommendation for support positions on H.R. 5770, H.R. 8305 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. **Long-Term Operations of the Central Valley Project (LTO)** – Executive Director Federico Barajas reported that a public scoping meeting regarding Reclamation's Draft EIS for LTO is scheduled for this Wednesday in Los Banos at the Community Center.

Executive Director Federico Barajas and Water Policy Director Scott Petersen discussed various other LTO documents out for review.
- b. **Strategic Plan Implementation** - Water Policy Director Scott Petersen explained the selection process for hiring a consultant to assist in the rebranding effort for the Authority.
- c. **Planning Committee** - Executive Director Federico Barajas reported that he has been coordinating with Divisions to appoint members for the Planning Committee. Barajas reported that the initial plan is to have the first meeting next month after the Finance & Administration Committee meeting.
- d. **SGMA Update** – Executive Director Federico Barajas and Water Policy Director Scott Petersen introduced John Wiersma. Wiersma reported that the GSP for Delta-Mendota Subbasin out for adoption has been submitted to the State Water Board. Director Jarrett Martin provided additional information regarding subsidence from outside the Delta-Mendota Subbasin.
- e. **Intertie** – Executive Director Federico Barajas referred to Chief Operating Officer Pablo Arroyave to discuss the arc flash incident on June 30th. Chief Operating Officer Pablo Arroyave reported that Reclamation, Authority consultants, and Authority staff have agreed on the root cause of the arc flash incident at the Intertie, which has been determined to be the Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS). Arroyave reported that a replacement UPS was installed in one day, and are hoping to have 4 of the 6 units back online by Wednesday of this week.
- f. **B.F. Sisk Dam Raise and Reservoir Expansion Project Contract Negotiations** – Executive Director Federico Barajas thanked members for participating in the

negotiations. General Counsel Rebecca Akroyd provide additional information regarding outstanding issues.

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, Delta Conveyance, Reclamation Manual Directives & Standards out for review, 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.

Chief Operating Officer Pablo Arroyave provided updates regarding CVP storage, operations, Jones Pumping, and the latest forecasts. Member Chris White provided additional information regarding differences from estimated demands.

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 11:14 a.m. Upon return to open session at approximately 11:36 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 11:37 a.m.