



Meeting Minutes

Date & Time: 4/6/2026 | 10:00 AM
Location: SLDMWA Boardroom
842 6th Street, Los

San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority Water Resources Committee Regular Meeting and Joint Water Resources Committee Regular Meeting – Special Board Workshop Minutes

Attendance

Committee Members Present

Ex-Officio: Cannon Michael
William Bourdeau
Division 1: Anthea Hansen, Member
Division 2: Lon Martin, Alternate
Division 3: Chris White, Member
Division 4: Dana Jacobson, Alternate
Division 5: Manny Amorelli, Alternate

Brett Miller, Alternate
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FWA Representative: Absent

Authority Representatives Present

Federico Barajas, Executive Director
Pablo Arroyave, Chief Operating Officer
Scott Petersen, Water Policy Director
Rebecca Akroyd, General Counsel
Rebecca Harms, Deputy General Counsel
Ray Tarka, Director of Finance
Eddie Reyes, Information Systems Technician
Stewart Davis, IT Officer

Board of Directors Present

Division 1: Anthea Hansen, Director
Division 2: Justin Diener, Director
William Bourdeau, Director
Lon Martin, Alternate
Division 3: Chris White, Alternate
Jarrett Martin, Director
Cannon Michael, Chair/Director
Division 4: Dana Jacobson, Director

Others Present

Chase Hurley, Pacheco Water District

Agenda

Item	Topic	Lead
1.	Call to Order/Roll Call – The meeting was called to order by Chair William Bourdeau at approximately 10:00 a.m. and roll was called.	
2.	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 March 2, 2026 Meeting Minutes – Chair William Bourdeau deemed the March 2, 2026 Meeting Minutes approved as submitted.	

5. **Recommendation to the Board of Directors to Adopt Staff Recommendation on Positions on Legislation** Petersen
- A. **A.B. 1754 (Pacheco), State general obligation bonds: requirements** (Favor)
 - B. **A.B. 1772 (Papan), Fish and wildlife: aquatic invasive species: golden mussels** (Watch & Amend)
 - C. **A.B. 2013 (Bennett), Fire risk areas: water suppliers: emergency preparedness plan** (not favored unless amended)
 - D. **A.B. 2026 (Aguiar-Curry), Water diversion: groundwater recharge: permit** (Watch & Amend)
 - E. **A.B. 2032 (Ransom), Fish and wildlife: restricted species permits** (Support & Amend)
 - F. **A.B. 2218 (Kalra), Water policy: California Native American Tribes** (Oppose Unless Amended)
 - G. **A.B. 2630 (Bennett), Water diversion and use: adoption of regulations** (Oppose)
 - H. **A.B. 2728 (Soria), Open and Transparent Water Data Act** (Support)
 - I. **A.C.A. 11 (Macedo), California Water Resiliency Act (Support)**
 - J. **S.B. 872 (McNerney), Climate Change: funding priorities** (Watch & Amend)

Water Policy Director Scott Petersen reviewed the staff recommendation for position adoption on the ten listed pieces of legislation. Petersen answered questions throughout the presentation.

M/S - Motion by Member Chris White, seconded by Member Anthea Hansen, the Committee recommended adoption of the staff recommendations for positions on A.B. 1754, A.B. 1772, A.B. 2013, A.B. 2026, A.B. 2032, A.B. 2218, A.B. 2630, A.B. 2728, A.C.A. 11, and S. B. 872. Vote: Ayes – Michael, Bourdeau, Hansen, Lon Martin, White, Jacobson, Amorelli; Nays – 0; Abstentions – 0.

6. **Recommendation to Board of Directors to Authorize Execution of Agreement with MM Water Resources for Technical Support Services** Petersen
- Water Policy Director Scott Petersen reported on the need to contract with MM Water Resources to support completion and advancement of key Water Authority and CVP contractor efforts to advance exploration of lines of evidence that could lead to operational improvements.
- M/S - Motion by Member Chris White, seconded by Alternate Manny Amorelli, the Committee recommended execution of agreement with MM Water Resources for Technical Support Services. Vote: Ayes – Michael, Bourdeau, Hansen, Lon Martin, White, Jacobson, Amorelli; Nays – 0; Abstentions – 0.

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7. **Status Update Regarding DMC Subsidence Correction Project** - Chief Operating Officer Pablo Arroyave reported the Authority was awarded \$235 million of non-reimbursable funding for the DMC Subsidence Correction Project from authorities in the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, which will be discussed in detail during the Planning Committee meeting later today. Arroyave reported that Kiewit is working to develop Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) for Task 1 and Task 2 for the construction phase of the project. Arroyave reported that the Task 1 GMP will go to the Finance & Administration Committee and the Board for approval in May and will be followed by a Notice to Proceed with construction. Barajas, Arroyave
8. **Update on Status of Golden Mussels** – Chief Operating Officer Pablo Arroyave reported that staff is implementing mitigation measures that were recommended in the assessment completed by the consultant, including bio boxes, installation of hot water taps, development of control plan, and coordination of field testing. Arroyave also reported that coordination meetings continue. Staff answered questions throughout the presentation. Arroyave, Petersen, Meyer
9. **Executive Director’s Report** Barajas
- a. **Trinity Consultation Process** – Executive Director Federico Barajas reported that staff may have an opportunity to review administrative draft documents as cooperating agency.
 - b. **North to South Transfers** – Chief Operating Officer Pablo Arroyave reported that staff is actively working with Reclamation and Activity Agreement Members on potential 2026 North to South Transfers. Arroyave reported that any transfers would be limited consistent with the environmental coverage that Reclamation has in place, which covers the short term 2026-2027 calendar year.
 - c. **Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Books** – Executive Director Federico Barajas reported that the hard copies of the budget books are available for Board and Committee Members that requested them.
 - d. **Social Luncheon** – Executive Director Federico Barajas reported that there will be a social luncheon for Dan Keppen following the Board meeting Thursday.
 - e. **Operations** – Chief Operating Officer Pablo Arroyave provided a brief update regarding Unit 5 impeller and recoating work at Jones Pumping Plant.
10. **Update on Water Policy/Resources Activities** – Water Policy Director Scott Petersen provided an update regarding Executive Order 14181 implementation, State Water Resources Control Board activity, HRL discussions, and the San Joaquin River Restoration Program. Petersen continued his update regarding the Water Blueprint for the San Joaquin Petersen
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Valley and the San Joaquin Valley Collaborative Action Program. Petersen answered questions throughout the presentation.

11. **Update on Water Operations and Forecasts** – Arroyave reported that both Unit 5 & Unit 6 will be out from Mid-April until mid-May. Arroyave reported that in mid-May, Unit 6 will be available again. Arroyave introduced consultant Ron Milligan, who provided information regarding CVP supply, reservoir storage, allocations, snowpack, and operations. Milligan and Arroyave answered questions throughout the presentation. Arroyave, Milligan
12. **Committee Member Reports** – Chair William Bourdeau reported on his participation in the Valley Veterans Water Forum.
13. **Agenda Items 13-15: Closed Session** – Chair William Bourdeau adjourned the open session to address the items listed on the Closed Session Agenda at approximately 11:25 a.m. Upon return to open session at approximately 11:55 a.m., Chair William Bourdeau reported that no reportable actions were taken in closed session. Akroyd
14. **Agenda Item 16: Reports Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(a)(3)** – No reports.
15. **Agenda Item 17: Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:56 a.m.