

SAN LUIS & DELTA-MENDOTA WATER AUTHORITY
MINUTES
REGULAR WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING
AND
JOINT REGULAR WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING AND
SPECIAL BOARD WORKSHOP
June 5, 2017

The Water Resources Committee and Joint Water Resources Committee Meeting and Special Board Workshop of the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority convened at approximately 10:00 a.m. at 842 6th Street in Los Banos, California with Chair Tom Birmingham presiding.

Water Resources Committee Members Present

Ex-Officio

Cannon Michael

Division 1

Earl Perez, Member - Anthea Hansen, Alternate

Division 2

Bill Diedrich, Member (joined after Item 3) - William Bourdeau, Alternate

Division 3

Chris White, Alternate

Division 4

Jeff Cattaneo, Alternate for Cindy Kao (via teleconference)

Division 5

Tom Birmingham, Chair/Member - Steve Stadler, Alternate

Board of Directors Present

Division 1

Anthea Hansen, Director - Earl Perez, Alternate

Rick Gilmore, Director

Division 2

Don Peracchi, Director (joined after Item 5) - Dan Pope, Alternate

William Bourdeau, Alternate for Sarah Woolf

William Diedrich, Director (joined after Item 3) - Lon Martin, Alternate

Division 3

Chris White, Alternate for Director James O'Banion

Division 4

Jeff Cattaneo, Alternate for Director John Tobias (via teleconference)

Division 5

Tom Birmingham, Director - Jose Gutierrez, Alternate (via teleconference)
Steve Stadler, Director

Authority Representatives Present

Jason Peltier, Executive Director
Tom Boardman, Water Resources Engineer
Ara Azhderian, Water Policy Administrator
Frances Mizuno, Assistant Executive Director (via Teleconference)
Jon Rubin, General Counsel

Others Present

Shelley Ostrowski, Westlands Water District (via teleconference)

Call to Order

Chair Tom Birmingham called the meeting to order and a roll call was held.

1. **The Water Resources Committee Will Consider Corrections or Additions to the Agenda of Items, as authorized by Government Code Section 54950 et seq.**

There were no additions or corrections to the agenda.

2. **Opportunity for Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

3. **Committee to Consider Approval of the May 1, 2017 Meeting Minutes**

The May 1, 2017 meeting minutes of the Water Resources Committee were previously distributed for review. There were no corrections or additions to the meeting minutes. There being no corrections or additions from Committee members, Chair Birmingham pronounced the February 6, 2017 meeting minutes approved as circulated.

4. **Water Resources Committee to Consider Recommending the Board of Directors Authorize Authority Staff to Initiate a Strategic Planning Effort**

Executive Director Jason Peltier gave a brief summary on the Strategic planning effort. Water Policy Administrator Ara Azhderian reported that staff is recommending that Board authorize initiation of a strategic planning effort. After a lengthy discussion the Committee recommended that additional information from potential consultants be gathered to better inform a recommendation and ultimate decision by the Board whether to proceed with a strategic planning effort.

5. **Water Resources Committee to Consider Recommending the Board Withdraw Opposition to AB 1667 (Friedman AD43)**

Water Policy Administrator Ara Azhderian provided an overview of the changes the legislature has made to AB 1667. Azhderian explained how those changes addressed prior concerns of the Water Authority, which led the staff to recommend a change in the Water Authority's position. After discussion, upon a motion made by member Bill Diedrich and seconded by member Earl Perez, the Committee unanimously recommended that the Board change the Authority's position on AB 1667 from an oppose position to a watch position.

AYES: Michael, Perez, Diedrich, White, Birmingham

NOES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

6. **Water Operations Update**

Due to meeting time constraints, Boardman did not provide a detailed report on water supply. However, in response to a question from Del Puerto's Anthea Hansen, Boardman reported briefly on Dos Amigos accounting and the status of rescheduled water remaining in CVP San Luis.

7. **State Legislative Update**

No Report given

8. **California Water Fix Update**

Executive Director Jason Peltier updated the Committee on the California WaterFix project. The update was based on a PowerPoint presentation "Staff Presentation on California WaterFix". Peltier and General Counsel Jon Rubin summarized the slides, which in turn brought on a lengthy discussion among staff and Committee members. Committee members requested the Authority schedule WaterFix Workshops at a facility big enough to hold a large group as soon as possible.

9. **Delta Stewardship Council Delta Plan Update**

No report given

10. **Closed Session**

There was no closed session.

11. **Reports Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2**

Approved 8/7/2017

No report given.

12. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:55 p.m.