

**SAN LUIS & DELTA-MENDOTA WATER AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES FOR JANUARY 29, 2018**

The Board of Directors of the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority convened at approximately 10:00 a.m. at 842 6th Street, in Los Banos, California for a special meeting, with Chair Cannon Michael presiding.

Directors and Alternate Directors in Attendance

Division 1

Jim McLeod, Director - Dave Weisenberger, Alternate
Anthea Hansen, Director - Earl Perez, Alternate
Rick Gilmore, Director - Vince Lucchesi, Alternate

Division 2

Don Peracchi, Director - Dan Pope, Alternate
Sarah Woolf, Director
Michael Linneman, Alternate for John Bennett
Lon Martin, Alternate for Bill Diedrich

Division 3

Mike Stearns, Director - Jeff Bryant, Alternate (via teleconference, not counted towards quorum or for any vote)
Chris White, Alternate for James O'Banion
Cannon Michael, Director
Ric Ortega, Director

Division 4

John Varela, Director (Via Teleconference)
Gary Kremen, Director - (Via Teleconference)
Jeff Cattaneo, Alternate for John Tobias
Sara Singleton, Alternate for Joseph Tonascia

Division 5

Bill Pucheu, Director
Tom Birmingham, Director
Steve Stadler, Director

Authority Representatives Present

Frances Mizuno, Assistant Executive Director
Jon Rubin, General Counsel
Rebecca Akroyd, Deputy General Counsel
Darlene Neves, Accountant II
Joyce Machado, Supervisor of Accounting

Others in Attendance

Russ Freeman, Westlands Water District

1. **Pledge of Allegiance**
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. Call to Order/Roll Call

Roll was called.

ACTION ITEMS

3. Board to Consider Appointment of Interim Executive Director.

Chair Cannon Michael informed the Board that former Executive Director Daniel Nelson was not interested in serving as the Interim Executive Director. Director Rick Gilmore made a motion for the Board to appoint General Counsel Jon Rubin as the Interim Executive Director. Director Sarah Woolf seconded the motion. The Board, after brief discussion, passed the motion. The vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES: McLeod, Hansen, Gilmore, Peracchi, Martin, Linneman, Stearns, White, Michael, Ortega, Varela, Kremen, Cattaneo, Singleton, Pucheu, Birmingham, Stadler

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

4. Board to Consider Appointment of Office Positon – Secretary.

Interim Executive Director and General Counsel Jon Rubin provided a brief introduction for this item. On a motion of Director Rick Gilmore, seconded by Director Tom Birmingham, the Board appointed the Interim Executive Director as the Secretary. The vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES: McLeod, Hansen, Gilmore, Peracchi, Martin, Linneman, Stearns, White, Michael, Ortega, Varela, Kremen, Cattaneo, Singleton, Pucheu, Birmingham, Stadler

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

REPORT ITEMS

5. Update on Draft FY19 Activity Budget.

Assistant Executive Director Frances Mizuno provided a briefing on the FY19 Activity Budget, as presented. Mizuno described, and the board discussed, the items listed on pages 1-4 and 3-2, including the level of expenditures for government relations/legislative advocacy, not contributing to the State and Federal Contractors Water Agency, and the level of expenditures for strategic planning and recruitment for executive director.

6. **Update on Reinitiation of Consultation on Biological Opinions Issued by National Marine Fisheries Service and United States Fish and Wildlife Service for Long-Term Operations of the Central Valley Project and State Water Project, Including National Environmental Policy Act Compliance.**

Interim Executive Director and General Counsel Jon Rubin discussed the effort the United States Bureau of Reclamation is undertaking, with specific attention to opportunity to comment on a Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement on the Coordinated Long-Term Operations of the Central Valley Project and State Water Project. Rubin noted that he distributed a draft letter in response thereto, soliciting thoughts from the Directors and that the draft provided at the meeting was revised accordingly.

7. **Closed Session Report**

There was no closed session.

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

No reports given.

9. **Adjournment**

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