

**SAN LUIS & DELTA-MENDOTA WATER AUTHORITY
SPECIAL TELEPHONIC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MINUTES FOR AUGUST 16, 2018**

The Board of Directors of the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority convened at approximately 8:00 a.m. for a Special Telephonic meeting, with Chair Cannon Michael presiding.

Directors and Alternate Directors in Attendance

Division 1

David Weisenberger, Alternate for James McLeod
Earl Perez, Alternate for Anthea Hansen
Bobby Pierce, Director
Rick Gilmore, Director

Division 2

Don Peracchi, Director - Dan Pope, Alternate
Sarah Woolf, Director
John Bennett, Director
William Diedrich, Director

Division 3

Mike Stearns, Director - Jeff Bryant, Alternate
Chris White, Alternate for James O'Banion (Closed Session Only)
Cannon Michael, Director
Ric Ortega, Director - Ellen Wehr, Alternate (both were at unposted locations, participating as members of the public, and were therefore not able to vote)

Division 4

John Varela, Director - Garth Hall, Alternate
Gary Kremen, Director - Richard Santos, Alternate
Jeff Cattaneo, Alternate for John Tobias
Sara Singleton, Alternate for Joseph Tonascia

Division 5

Bill Pucheu, Director
Tom Birmingham, Director - Jose Gutierrez, Alternate (at unposted location, and therefore not able to vote)
Steve Stadler, Director - Tom Chaney, Alternate

Authority Representatives Present

Frances Mizuno, Interim Executive Director
Rebecca Akroyd, Interim General Counsel
Griffin Hill, Science Intern
Diane Rathmann, Legal Counsel
Joyce Machado, Supervisor of Accounting

Others in Attendance

Russ Freeman, Westlands Water District

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call**

Meeting and roll was called.

2. **Board to Consider Corrections or Additions to the Agenda of items, as authorized by Government Code Section 54950 et seq.**

There were no corrections or additions to the agenda.

ACTION ITEMS

3. **Agenda Item 3: Board of Directors to Consider Appointing Association of California Water Agencies – Joint Powers Insurance Authority Representative.**

Interim Executive Director Frances Mizuno reported that the Board had previously appointed Director Bill Pucheu, when he was Chair of the Finance & Administration Committee (FAC), to serve as the Authority’s representative on the ACWA-JPIA Board of Directors. Director Rick Gilmore has now replaced Director Pucheu as the Chair of the FAC, and staff request the appointment of Director Rick Gilmore to serve as the Authority’s ACWA-JPIA representative.

On a motion of Director Bill Pucheu, seconded by Director Don Peracchi, the Board of Directors appointed Rick Gilmore as the Joint Powers Insurance Authority Representative.

The vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES: Weisenberger, Pierce, Perez, Gilmore, Peracchi, Woolf, Bennett, Diedrich, Stearns, Michael, Varela, Kremen, Cattaneo, Pucheu, Birmingham, Stadler

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

4. **Agenda Item 4: Board of Directors to Consider Authorizing Interim Executive Director to Expend Funds in FY19 Budget for Science Projects, including Science Plan for Delta Smelt and Delta Smelt eDNA Study.**

Interim General Counsel Rebecca Akroyd reported that in early 2018, State & Federal Contractors Water Association (SFCWA) staff prepared a list of scientific studies that would (1) be managed by SFCWA or (2) managed by the Water Authority or State Water Contractors (SWC), and (3) the Water Authority agreed to manage a number of studies previously discussed with the Board. Akroyd reported that the list of studies in the third category included a study to

develop and eDNA monitoring tool for the detection of Delta Smelt. Akroyd reported that this study has the potential to reduce the reliance upon assumption and individual judgement in the management of Delta Smelt. Akroyd reported that the eDNA work represents an important interim effort that can be built upon through the implementation of the Delta Smelt Science Plan once it is completed. Akroyd also reported that the Delta Smelt Science Plan that Dr. Denise Reed is working on will provide a unified approach to generating management relevant knowledge around Delta Smelt, ensuring decision making is carried out in an informed, efficient manner. The Water Authority previously jointly funded the first and second tasks of Dr. Reed's Work.

Akroyd reported that the State Water Contractors Board of Directors recently voted to fully fund the eDNA study (\$126,000) and task 3 of the Delta Smelt Science plan (\$36,000). Akroyd concluded reporting that the SWC Board of Directors are seeking partners to jointly fund both efforts, and that staff recommends the Board of Directors approve partial funding of the two actions in total up to \$75,000.

On a motion of Director Rick Gilmore, seconded by Director John Bennett, the Board of Directors approved the Interim Executive Director to expend funds in FY19 Budget for Science Projects, including Science Plan for Delta Smelt and Delta Smelt eDNA study.

The vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES:	Weisenberger, Pierce, Perez, Gilmore, Peracchi, Woolf, Bennett, Diedrich, Stearns, Michael, Varela, Kremen, Cattaneo, Singleton, Pucheu, Stadler
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS:	None

5. Board of Directors to Consider Authorizing Interim Executive Director to Expend Funds in FY19 Budget for San Joaquin Valley Water Infrastructure Authority First Quarter Membership Dues.

Interim Executive Director Frances Mizuno reported that staff recommends that the SLDMWA Board authorize the Interim Executive Director to fund the first quarter San Joaquin Valley Water Infrastructure Authority (SJVWIA) membership dues for up to \$12,500 from the Technical Direct Funding Project Contingency Fund, contingent upon the demonstration that the Scope of Work will provide for the Temperance Flat Project to be transferred to the MOA group or a new governance structure over the coming quarter including the following conditions: (1) SJVWIA must identify explicit activities that SJVWIA would perform if funded for an additional

quarter; (2) SJVWIA activities must be limited to the full transition of responsibility for Temperance Flat Reservoir to the MOA group within the next quarter; and (3) SJVWIA must look to the MOA group or the entity that replaces the MOA group for direction on future engagement on matters related to Temperance Flat Reservoir.

After a brief discussion Director Gary Kremen recommended that going forward any action in the future should be through the Activity Agreement.

On a motion of Director Don Peracchi, seconded by Director John Bennett, the Board of Directors approved the Interim Executive Director to expend funds in FY19 Budget for San Joaquin Valley Water Infrastructure Authority First Quarter Membership dues.

The vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES: Weisenberger, Pierce, Perez, Gilmore, Peracchi, Woolf, Bennett, Diedrich, Stearns, Michael, Varela, Kremen, Cattaneo, Singleton, Pucheu, Birmingham, Stadler

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

6. Closed Session.

Chair Cannon Michael adjourned the open session to address the items listed on the Closed Session Agenda at approximately 8:25 a.m. Upon return to open session at approximately 8:50 a.m. Interim General Counsel Rebecca Akroyd reported that the decision to intervene in an action was taken, reported the vote on that action, and indicated that the particulars would, once formally commenced, be disclosed to any person upon inquiry. No other reportable actions were taken.

7. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:55 a.m.