

**SAN LUIS & DELTA MENDOTA WATER AUTHORITY
MINUTES - OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
October 17, 2016**

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. by Committee Chairman Chris White at the Authority's Board Room, 842 6th Street in Los Banos.

Committee Members Present

Exchange Contractors

Chris White, Central California Irrigation District

Chase Hurley, Henry Miller Reclamation District, Alternate

Friant Water Authority

Chris Hickernell, Friant Water Authority

Lower DMC Area

Jeff Bryant, Firebaugh Canal Water District

San Felipe Area

Gary Nagaoka, Santa Clara Valley Water District

San Luis Canal Area

Bill Pierce, Westlands Water District, Alternate

SLDMWA

Bob Martin, Engineering & Planning Manager

Paul Stearns, Operations & Maintenance Manager, Alternate

Upper DMC

Bobby Pierce, West Stanislaus Irrigation District

Adam Scheuber, Del Puerto Water District

USBR

Allan Lindauer, Reclamation, SCCAO, Tracy Office

SLDMWA Staff Members Present

Frances Mizuno, Assistant Executive Director

Guy Wamocha, Supervisor of Accounting

Jim Lenhardt, Safety Engineer

Others Present

None

Corrections or Additions to the Agenda

None

Opportunity for Public Comment

None

Committee to Consider Approval of September 28, 2015 O & M Technical Committee Meeting Minutes

Bobby Pierce made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, and Chase Hurley seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was follows:

AYE:	White, Hickernell, Nagaoka, Lindauer, Bobby Pierce. Bill Pierce, Martin, Bryant.
NOES:	None
ABSTENTIONS:	None

Committee to Consider or Recommendation to the Finance & Administration Committee Approval of the O&M Budget including the Extra-Ordinary and Routine O & M Budget for FY18/19

Frances Mizuno began the budget discussion by noting that there is an increase in the proposed budget from the current year budget. This increase is mainly due to the need for two new positions at the Los Banos Administration Office and work needed at the O'Neill Plant. She explained the need for these new positions.

Paul Stearns went over the details of the Routine Operation and Maintenance budget. He explained any items that had more than a 5% variance from the FY17 budget and any new equipment or services that were required. Paul also said that there would be some minor changes to the budget as presented due to problems found since the budget was sent to the committee members for review.

There was a call for discussion on the routine budget. There were no questions or comments from the committee on the routine budget.

Bob Martin discussed the Extraordinary Operation and Maintenance budget. He explained that the majority of the budget increase were the costs of the projects associated with the O'Neill Plant repairs, he covered the unexpected PCB and lead disposal costs and the additional work needed to be done by an outside machine shop. Bob then went on to explain each of the EO&M projects in detail. Bob explained that there would be a change to the budget as presented due to last minute adjustments; he discussed that the JPP Exciter Refurbishment project would be included with the upcoming unit rewind project. There were questions from the committee about the arc flash study requirements, the increased material costs at the OPP and the method of maintaining water deliveries during work on the DMC liner. Bob addressed all of the questions.

Jim Lenhardt provided the details of the heavy equipment purchases for FY18 which were a water truck and an excavator. The air resource board requirements were addressed. Chris White questioned the purchase of a spray truck on the FY19 budget; the reason for the spray truck was explained and will be further discussed at the FY19 committee meeting. Jim explained the purchase of each of the pickups or small vehicles. There were no further questions on heavy equipment and vehicles.

Frances Mizuno called for any questions on the entire budget as presented. Chris White and Chris Hinckernell asked Frances to review the reasoning for the new positions again. Following this discussion Chris White called for a vote on the routine and extraordinary budgets as presented, Bill Pierce motioned to approve the budget as presented, Bobby Pierce seconded the motion.

AYE:	White, Hickernell, Nagaoka, Lindauer, Bobby Pierce, Bill Pierce, Martin, Bryant
NOES:	None
ABSTENTIONS:	None

Chris White asked Bob Martin to review the planned EO&M projects for FY19.

Committee to discuss the upcoming rewind work for Tracy Unit 6

Frances Mizuno addressed the possible funding options and USBR involvement of the upcoming rewind of Tracy Unit 6 as the financing for this project is not yet in place, she discussed the possibility of USBR RAX funding and explained how the repayment of RAX funds has changed, she stated that there is a possibility of having to add the rewind cost of approximately 4 million dollars to the FY18 budget for the work on Tracy Unit 6. Various possible funding options for the future rewinds of the remaining Tracy Units were discussed. She is hoping to have answers on the budget issues of the rewind before the meeting of the Finance and Administration Committee. Chris White summarized that it is the opinion of the committee to support the rewind projects as scheduled by whatever means are necessary.

Review Actions Items from Meeting

There were no action items from the meeting

Confirm Date, Time, and Location for Next Meeting

Committee will not convene again until April 2017 or later.

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No Reports Given

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned