

SAN LUIS & DELTA-MENDOTA WATER AUTHORITY
MINUTES
ADJOURNED REGULAR WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING
AND
JOINT ADJOURNED REGULAR WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING
AND SPECIAL BOARD WORKSHOP
May 14, 2018

The Adjourned Regular Water Resources Committee and Joint Adjourned Regular 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 - William Bourdeau, Alternate

Division 3

Chris White, Alternate

Division 4

Cindy Kao, Director (via teleconference joined after agenda item 5) - Jeff Cattaneo, Alternate (via teleconference)

Division 5

Tom Birmingham, Chair/Member - Steve Stadler, Alternate

Board of Directors Present

Division 1

Anthea Hansen, Director - Earl Perez, Alternate

Division 2

William Bourdeau, Alternate for Sarah Woolf

William Diedrich, Director - Lon Martin, Alternate

Division 3

Chris White, Alternate for Director James O'Banion

Division 4

Jeff Cattaneo, Alternate for John Tobias (via teleconference)

Division 5

Tom Birmingham, Director
Steve Stadler, Director

Authority Representatives Present

Tom Boardman, Water Resources Engineer
Frances Mizuno, Assistant Executive Director
Jon Rubin, Interim Executive Director and General Counsel
Rebecca Akroyd, Deputy General Counsel
Andrew Garcia, Senior Civil Engineer

Others Present

Sheila Greene, Westlands Water District
Leslie Dumas, Woodard & Curran
Shelley Ostrowski, Westlands Water District
Russ Freeman, Westlands Water District
Sarah Woolf, Westlands Water District (via teleconference)

1. Call to Order

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

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

A correction to the agenda was made. For Item 10, “WIIN” was substituted for “WINN.”

3. Opportunity for Public Comment

There was no public comment.

4. Committee to Consider Approval of the April 2, 2018 Meeting Minutes

The April 2, 2018 meeting minutes of the Water Resources Committee were previously distributed for review. Alternate Member Anthea Hansen noted a correction in the meeting minutes. With the correction and there being no other substantive corrections or additions from Committee members, Chair Birmingham pronounced the April 2, 2018 meeting minutes approved.

5. Update on Strategic Planning Effort

Assistant Executive Director Frances Mizuno reported that Martin Rauch Consulting was retained to assist the Water Authority with the Strategic Planning process. Mizuno also reported that with the departure of the Interim Executive Director/General Counsel Jon Rubin, Martin Rauch Consulting will be

expediting the Strategic Planning schedule to allow the Authority to expedite the Executive Director process

6. Update on California WaterFix Project

Deputy General Counsel Rebecca Akroyd reported that the cases-in-chief in Part II of the State Water Resources Control Board's Change Petition hearing, which focuses on potential impacts to fish and wildlife as well as public interest, concluded at the end of April. Akroyd also reported that there will be a rebuttal stage which should begin in July or August.

7. Update on Interagency Implementation Coordination Group (IICG), Originally Contemplated as Part of Adaptive Management Framework for the California WaterFix ("CWF") and CWF Biological Opinions.

Interim Executive Director/General Counsel Jon Rubin reported that the IICG has primary responsibility for support, coordination and implementation of the Adaptive Management Plan. Rubin reported that he has been participating in the meetings, which allows the Water Authority to engage with the scientist. Rubin also reported that many feel that the IICG should focus mainly on WaterFix.

8. Discussion of Shasta Dam Operations Temperature Management, which may include Operational Forecasts, and a Review of Relevant Science.

Sheila Greene from Westlands Water District gave a brief summary of Shasta Dam Temperature Operations Management. Green also reviewed a PowerPoint presentation, explaining an Alternative Temperature Strategy for Shasta Operations developed by Dr. Jim Anderson under a contract with the Authority.

9. Update on Westside Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (WIRWM).

Deputy General Counsel Rebecca Akroyd reported that the approved Water Authority Budget for FY19 includes \$150,000 for the IRWM plan update effort and \$50,000 for the Disadvantaged Community Involvement Program grant application and needs assessment. Akroyd also reported that both amounts may be reimbursable, up to the full amounts, through the IRWM implementation grant and DACIP grant programs.

Senior Civil Engineer Andrew Garcia gave a brief update, and introduced Leslie Dumas from Woodard & Curran the consultant for both the IRWM and DACIP program.

Below is a brief overview of the WIRWM update presented by Leslie Dumas:

- Goals and objectives (G&Os) were revised and updated recently by stakeholder group
- IRWM's purpose is to reduce water conflicts within regions. As such, each IRWM Region identifies what their conflicts are and determines what they'd like to see in terms of water resources management. The G&Os reflects the agreements within the region.

- Projects contained in the IRWMP are, once implemented, supposed to move the region towards achieving those goals
- G&Os are used to (1) confirm that projects submitted for inclusion in the plan meet at least 1 G&O, and (2) are used to prioritize the projects within the IRWMP Region
- The State likes multi-benefit projects
- Once projects are solicited from the Region, they are reviewed for criteria compliance (meet at least 1 G&O) and reviewed for integration with other similar projects if feasible. Projects will also be reviewed to identify any suggested modifications that can be made to improve benefits that can be achieved.
- An online project application and management system will be established for ease for submitting projects.
- The Project prioritization method were reviewed which was in the attachment included in the packet
- The Committee was asked to review the revised and to provide any edits/additions to Andrew Garcia by on Friday (5/18).

10. **WIIN Act Update**

Interim Executive Director/General Counsel Jon Rubin reported that he has been asked to participate in an effort through the Delta Science Program which is part of the Delta Stewardship Council to conduct an independent review of the WIIN Act provisions 4002 and 4003 that were implemented earlier this year. The Committee Members expressed their frustration with this effort and concluded that the Authority should encourage Reclamation to conclude the process, but to remain engaged if the process moves forward.

11. **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**

Interim Executive Director and General Counsel Jon Rubin reported on Reclamation's 3 Track process. Track 1: evaluates actions that can be accomplished in a short period of time, potentially including a modification to restrictions on South of the Delta to increase water supply should be completed by the end of this fiscal year. Track 2: Reclamation is looking at a programmatic environmental impact statement (EIS) for analyzing potential modifications to the continued long-term operation of the federal CVP that maximize water deliveries, and to increase operational flexibility by addressing the status of listed species, which Reclamation is looking at being completed by the Spring of next year. Track 3: Reclamation will project activities which includes, new or modified infrastructure, habitat restoration, other stressors, and/or regulatory changes, which is not expected to be completed anytime soon.

12. **Update on Water Operations**

No report given.

13. **Closed Session**

Chair Tom Birmingham adjourned the open session to address the items listed on the Closed Session Agenda at approximately 11:35 a.m. Upon return to open session at approximately 12:10 p.m., General Counsel Jon Rubin reported that there were no reportable actions taken in closed session.

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

No report given.

15. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:10 p.m.

**SAN LUIS & DELTA-MENDOTA WATER AUTHORITY
JOINT REGULAR WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING AND
SPECIAL BOARD WORKSHOP MINUTES
JUNE 4, 2018**

The Joint Regular 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

Anthea Hansen, Alternate for Earl Perez

Division 2

William Bourdeau, Alternate for Bill Diedrich

Division 3

Chris White, Alternate

Division 4

Cindy Kao, Member (via teleconference) - Jeff Cattaneo, Alternate

Division 5

Tom Birmingham, Chair/Member - Steve Stadler, Alternate

Board of Directors Present

Division 1

Anthea Hansen, Director

Rick Gilmore, Director

Division 2

William Bourdeau, Alternate for Sarah Woolf

Lon Martin, Alternate for Bill Diedrich

Division 3

Chris White, Alternate for Director James O'Banion

Cannon Michael, Director

Division 4

Garth Hall, Alternate for John Varela

Gary Kremen, Director

Jeff Cattaneo, Alternate for John Tobias (via teleconference)

Sarah Singleton, Alternate for Joe Tonascia

Division 5

Tom Birmingham, Director

Steve Stadler, Director

Authority Representatives Present

Tom Boardman, Water Resources Engineer

Frances Mizuno, Interim Executive Director

Rebecca Akroyd, Interim General Counsel

Diane Rathmann, Legal Counsel

Others Present

Russ Freeman, Westlands Water District

Congressman Dennis Cardoza, Foley & Associates

Duane Stroup, Bureau of Reclamation

Jenna Toor

1. Call to Order

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

2. 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.

3. Opportunity for Public Comment

There was no public comment.

4. Update on Strategic Planning Effort

Interim Executive Director Frances Mizuno reported that Martin Rauch Consulting has been doing a great job in soliciting Board Members, Alternates, and key staff members for interviews. Mizuno reported that as of today they have interviewed thirty-six people, and have received significant information for Thursday's Special Board Workshop.

5. 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 General Counsel Rebecca Akroyd reported Reclamation is proceeding with its 3 Track process. Track 1 evaluates actions that can be analyzed in a short period of time. Akroyd reported that

Reclamation is currently analyzing five components of a proposed action for Track 1. For Track 2, Reclamation is focused on the programmatic environmental review. Akroyd reported that there is a workshop on alternatives for Track 2 on Thursday. For Track 3, which is project specific, environmental analysis is not expected to be completed anytime soon. Reclamation will continue to have workshops on the different tracks.

6. **California WaterFix Project Update**

Interim General Counsel Rebecca Akroyd reported that there is no current news about the Change Petition proceeding before the State Water Resources Control Board. The Hearing Officers are going to wait and issue a scheduling order once the Department of Water Resources submits the administrative draft of its Supplemental Environmental Document to the Hearing Officers. Akroyd reported that the Change Petition proceedings are essentially on hold until that document is released.

7. **Update on Planning Efforts for Temperance Flat Reservoir**

Interim Executive Director Frances Mizuno briefly reviewed a Draft Memorandum of Agreement (MOA regarding the establishment of an implementing agency for the Temperance Flat Reservoir Project and to provide a framework for preconstruction project activities, which was included in the packet. Mizuno noted that the Authority will only enter in the MOA if we have at least one member agency that will enter into an Activity Agreement for participation. Currently, there are six members that have signed a Letter Agreement to participate in a gaming exercise through the Authority to determine benefits that can be derived from the Temperance Flat project.

8. **Updates on Activities of San Joaquin Valley Water Infrastructure Authority Including FY18-19 Budgeting**

Interim Executive Director Frances Mizuno and Alternate Chris White gave a brief update on the San Joaquin Valley Water Infrastructure Authority's application for Prop 1 funding for the Temperance Flat Project which included: 1) Final Scores and Application Ranks, 2) Monetization of Public Benefits, and 3) Preliminary Component Scores. Supporting information was included in the packet.

9. **State and Federal Legislative Update**

Committee Chair Tom Birmingham introduced former Congressman Dennis Cardoza. Congressman Cardoza expressed the plan to give the Board more regular updates. Congressman Cardoza's update included: 1) The WIIN Act, 2) The Fish Act introduced by Congressman Ken Calvert, which would consolidate the management and regulation of the Endangered Species Act within the Fish and Wildlife Service, 3) Support of the letter circulating regarding federal funding for Los Vaqueros, 4) The California Water Tax Bill, 5) and, new California Trailer Bill, which addresses issues previously raised in AB313, which was vetoed by the Governor last year.

10. **Update on Water Operations**

Water Resources Engineer Tom Boardman reported Jones pumping was increasing now that the Inflow/Export BiOp export restriction had ended on May 31. The CVP pumping rate for June is expected to be 1800-2700 cfs; possibly higher if depletions in the Sacramento Valley fall to average levels.

Reclamation's projected Shasta release operations during June were shown to be very conservative using a chart that depicted Shasta storage vs releases during June going back to 1990.

Boardman briefly reviewed the factors that Reclamation considered in determining its recent allocation increase to 45%. Boardman noted that Reclamation's estimate of demand levels was very conservative; enough that an allocation of 50-55% could be supported using demand levels that better reflect current conditions.

Boardman concluded his report with a review of charts projected San Luis storage. The charts under 90% and 50% exceedance conditions showed CVP San Luis at or above 200 TAF at the end of August.

11. **Closed Session**

Chair Tom Birmingham adjourned the open session to address the items listed on the Closed Session Agenda at approximately 11:10 a.m. Upon return to open session at approximately 11:20 a.m., Interim General Counsel Rebecca Akroyd reported that there were no reportable actions taken in closed session.

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

No report given.

13. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:20 a.m.