



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FEBRUARY 19, 2025
MINUTES**

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Koster called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m. Board Members present were Daniel Bays, Zach Maring, Kyle Perez, Pete Lucich, Jarod Lara, and Ray Henriques.

2. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

President Koster welcomed Ray Henriques as the new Director of the Board for Division 7. President Koster asked if any members of the public had a public comment. No members of the public were present to comment.

3. ADDITIONS/REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

Adam requested to take Closed Session after the Consent Calendar and to add Action Item V.E., an Amendment to the Contract with Stanislaus County for dust control at Fink Rd. Landfill that was received the day prior. After consideration, the Board approved the Addition of Item V.E. to the Agenda and moving Closed Session to after the Consent Calendar Items as follows:

Ayes: Koster, Bays, Maring, Lara, Perez, Lucich and Henriques
Nays: None
Abstentions: None
Absent: None

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

The Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting of 1.22.25, Minutes from the Special Meeting of 2.11.25, the Monthly Field Operations Reports and Monthly Accounting Reports for January 2025 were provided in advance for the Board's review. The Board approved the Consent Calendar Items as follows:

Ayes: Koster, Bays, Maring, Lara, Perez, Lucich and Henriques
Nays: None
Abstentions: None
Absent: None

5. ACTION ITEMS

A. Board to Ratify Approval of Payment of the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District for Notice of Violation Number 5033814

Paul provided correspondence between the District and San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD) pertaining to the Notice of Violation from the vandalism that occurred on October 21, 2024. The SJVAPCD notified the District that they had reduced the fine from \$3,500 to \$2,500. After review and discussion, the Board approved payment to the SJVAPCD in the amount of \$2,500 as follows:

Ayes: Koster, Bays, Maring, Lara, Perez, Lucich and Henriques
Nays: None
Abstentions: None
Absent: None

B. Board to Review and Approve 2025-26 Agricultural Water Rate

Adam provided and reviewed the 2025-26 Agricultural Water Rate with the Board. He noted that the rate consisted of the Bureau's Cost of Service Rate, SLDMWA O&M Rate, Healthy Rivers and Landscapes Program Fee, and the Restoration Fund Rate. He reported to the Board that the HRL fee component would only be collected if the SWRCB approved the HRL Agreements and the Board subsequently decided to participate as

a "covered entity". After review and discussion, the Board approved the 2025-26 Agricultural Water Rate at \$76/AF with the HRL \$10 fee to be collected after SWRCB and Board approval as follows:

Ayes: Koster, Bays, Maring, Lara, Perez, Lucich and Henriques
Nays: None
Abstentions: None
Absent: None

C. Board to Review and Consider Revision(s) to the Rules and Regulations for Water Service in Support of GSP Implementation

Adam provided and reviewed the Draft Revised DPWD Rules and Regulations for Water Service in Support of GSP Implementation. He noted a suggested revision to Section VII.E. WATER COST which would support the collection of the estimated total of the USBR components of the Agricultural Water Rate up to a 50% Allocation within 30-days of the Allocated water being made available. The remaining portion of the then current Agricultural Water Rate will be billed each month as water is used. After review and discussion, the Board approved the revisions to the Rules and Regulations for Water Service in Support of GSP Implementation as follows:

Ayes: Koster, Bays, Maring, Lara, Perez, Lucich and Henriques
Nays: None
Abstentions: None
Absent: None

D. Board to Review and Approve 2025-26 Administrative Budget, Westside San Joaquin Watershed Coalition Fee, and SGMA Participation Charge

Adam thanked Joyce for all her efforts in developing the 2025-26 Administrative Budget. He provided and reviewed the Administrative Budget, Westside San Joaquin Watershed Coalition Fee, and SGMA Participation Charge with the Board. After review and discussion, the Board approved the 2025-26 Administrative Budget with a \$51/acre Water Availability Charge, the Westside San Joaquin Watershed Coalition Fee at \$7.88/acre, and SGMA Participation Charge at \$5.82/acre as follows:

Ayes: Koster, Bays, Maring, Lara, Perez, Lucich and Henriques
Nays: None
Abstentions: None
Absent: None

E. Board to consider Approval of an Amended Contract with Stanislaus County for Dust Control at the Fink Rd. Landfill

Adam provided email correspondence with Stanislaus County pertaining to a Water Service Contract for the Fink Rd. Landfill, as well as a Draft Amendment No. 1 to extend that contract. After review and discussion, the Board approved Amendment No. 1 to Contract Between Del Puerto Water District and Stanislaus County for Dust Control on Certain Lands as follows:

Ayes: Koster, Bays, Maring, Lara, Perez, Lucich and Henriques
Nays: None
Abstentions: None
Absent: None

6. MANAGER'S REPORT

Adam provided letters from the Water Blueprint and SLDMWA and member agencies to the State Water Resources Control Board supporting the Healthy Rivers and Landscapes Program, a DWR article on the Delta Conveyance Project receiving an Incidental Take Permit, and a statement from Governor Newsom pertaining to the state's work to modernize its water infrastructure through the Delta Conveyance Project. He reported that there was concern in the water community that federal employee layoffs could result in a freeze on grant funds, but the District received confirmation that none of the WIN Act funds awarded to the DPCR were at risk. Additionally, Adam reported that the status of the newly adopted Biological Opinions was uncertain, but any revisions may not necessarily be better for the CVP as the new BiOps include provisions for adaptive management that previous versions did not include. Adam also reported that Staff expected the Bureau to announce an initial allocation within the week. He also

reported that the Delta Conveyance Project continued moving forward after receiving its Incidental Take Permit and that the SWRCB was holding hearings for its Water Rights Permit.

7. WATER OPERATIONS & SUPPLY

A. CVP/SWP Operations

Adam provided and reviewed graphs and reports showing California Reservoir conditions as well as the 2024-25 San Luis Storage Projection Graph at both a 50% and 90% Exceedance.

B. Monthly Supply/Use/Completed Transactions Summary Report as of 1.31.25

Paul provided and discussed the monthly Supply/Use/Completed Transactions Summary Report as of 1.31.25 and reported in-District use for the month of January of 676 AF with transfers out of 1,018 AF. Year to date use and scheduled use for the remainder of the 2024-25 water year totaled 87,583 AF, leaving 22,814 AF estimated for Rescheduling into 2025-26. Adam provided the final rescheduling letter sent to the Bureau requesting to reschedule the District's 2024 Stored CVP Contract Supply and 2024 Exchanged/Stored NVRRWP Supply.

C. 2024-25 Additional Supplies Update

Adam provided, reviewed and discussed the 2024-25 Annual Additional Supplies Pool Report. He reported that upon request by the District, customers elected to return 103 AF of 2024-25 Additional Supplies Pool purchases leaving the pool short 293 AF. The District will need to make up this balance in the 2025-26 water year before closing the 2024-25 Additional Supplies Pool. He also reported that forms were mailed to those customers that had water supplies remaining in their accounts inquiring if they might be willing to voluntarily return all or a portion of their 2024-25 NVRRWP allocation to offset shortages in NVRRWP deliveries in from the City of Modesto

D. Landholding/Licensing Updates

Paul provided and reviewed the Active Permits and Licenses Report showing seven active permits and one active license.

E. 2024-25 SLCC Transfer – Status Update

Adam provided correspondence with USBR regarding scheduling a meeting at the end of February to discuss the transfer of water to Triangle T Water District.

8. RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

A. Westside Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Activities

Adam provided the SLMDWA Activity Agreements Staff Report for January and reported that Self-Help Enterprises was revising a draft Community Water Needs Assessment for Disadvantaged Communities. He also reported that the agreements were signed and the agencies were moving forward redistributing the funds from Los Bano Creek Recharge and Recovery Project to the Orestimba Creek Recharge and Recovery Project and for the Ceres Conveyance Component of the NVRRWP.

B. SJVDA/Westside San Joaquin River Watershed Coalition Report(s)

Adam provided the Minutes from the November 5th SJVDA meeting and the Agenda from the February 4th meeting. He also provided and reviewed the SJVDA Annual Budget with the Board. Adam shared the invitation to the Annual Meeting of the Westside San Joaquin River Watershed Coalition and reminded the Board that it was a requirement from the RWQCB for all members to attend one of the scheduled meetings per year. He also provided and discussed a comment letter from Tess Dunham on behalf of several Watershed Coalitions to the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board regarding a report from the RWQCB and SWRCB analyzing the biointegrity and eutrophication indicators and thresholds for modified channels, intermittent streams, and streams on the central valley floor.

C. Sustainable Groundwater Management Activities

Adam provided the Minutes from the January 8th Northern Delta-Mendota Region Management Committee and the January 13th Delta-Mendota Subbasin Coordination Committee meetings, and the agendas to the Meeting of the Northern Delta-Mendota Region Management Committee on February 5th and of the Special Meeting of the Delta-Mendota Subbasin Coordination Committee on February 6th. He reported that as of January 1st GSAs in the subbasin were implementing the new GSP. He reported that discussions continued with SWRCB Staff regarding additional consideration for water quality degradation in the well mitigation policy. He also reported that the Annual Report was being prepared by Woodard and Curran for submittal by April 1st. Adam also

discussed a true-up of fund 63, fund 64, and fund 65 performed by the SLDMWA to incorporate all of the cost sharing agreements for all of the GSAs in the subbasin resulting in a credit to DPWD.

D. SGM Implementation Grant – Round 1 Monthly Grant Administrator Update

Adam reported that the funds moved for the OCRRP would soon be requested as reimbursement and that funds authorized for the Ceres NVRWP Component would be utilized in the coming months to pay for the Feasibility Study being performed by Woodard and Curran.

E. Groundwater Well Remote Telemetry Program (2023-24 WaterSMART Grant)

There was nothing to report on this matter.

9. FINANCIAL MATTERS

A. CVP Financial Matters

Adam provided the Agenda for the CVPWA meeting on January 28th held at the Water Users Conference as well as the proposed schedule for the Financial Affairs Committee meetings.

10. SUPPLY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

A. Orestimba Creek Recharge and Recovery Project – Update

Adam reported that Rados was close to completion on the electrical work and switchboards for the control structure, but was still waiting for the equipment to be delivered by the vendor.

B. Del Puerto Canyon Reservoir Project – Update

Adam provided and discussed Progress Reports from Terra/GeoPentech and TYLin, a presentation to Stanislaus County on the roadway relocation, the Agenda to the February 4th Board of Supervisors Meeting, and a copy of the presentation given at the Mid-Pacific Water Users Conference for the DPCR. He reported that Anthea was currently attending the California Water Commission's meeting, where the Commission was receiving an update on the Water Storage Investment Program, which could potentially provide funding for the DPCR project as funds were now made available as a result of the dissolution of the Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion Project.

C. Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion Project

Adam provided and discussed a Los Vaqueros Reservoir Joint Powers Authority Update for January, an article from the Weekly Water Blast - *Update on the Water Storage Investment*, correspondence with the California Water Commission requesting for reallocation of Los Vaqueros Expansion Funds and Prop 4 Funds for Prop 1 WSIP Projects, a letter from DPWD and SJRECWA to the CWC requesting consideration for a second solicitation for available Prop 1 funding, a copy of a DPCR presentation to the CWC on the DPCR, and a California Water Commission Agenda Item pertaining to Water Storage Investment Program (WSIP): Options for Utilizing Funding.

D. BF Sisk Dam Raise Project – Update

Adam provided and discussed the monthly update from the Hallmark Group on the BF Sisk Dam Raise. He also reported that Assemblymember Soria introduced AB 707, legislation that would appropriate \$455.5 million for improvements to Hwy 152, which would greatly reduce the cost of increasing the storage capacity of San Luis Reservoir.

E. Ceres – DPWD – Turlock Discussions on Advancing Recycled Water into NVRWP Facilities – Update

Adam reported that work continued on the conveyance alternatives for the City of Ceres' recycled water.

F. Coordination with Local Agencies on Regional Projects - Update

Adam reported that District Staff had a meeting with TID Staff to review potential ideas for regional water projects.

11. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

Adam provided correspondence to the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors notifying them about Board Member Jasper's retirement from the DPWD Board of Directors, a Notice of Vacancy for the Division VII position on the DPWD Board of Directors.

A. Training Updates

There was nothing to report on this matter.

B. Staffing Updates

Adam provided a copy of an email distributed to the District's landowners and water users pertaining to a job opening at the District for a Special Programs Technician Job Description.

C. Local Hazard Mitigation Plan 5-Year Update

There was nothing to report on this matter.

12. SLDMWA REPORT

A. SLDMWA Minutes, Reports, and Issues Updates

Adam provided the SLDMWA minutes from the January 9th meeting, and the O&M Reports for January 2025 for the Board's review.

B. Upper Delta-Mendota Canal Subsidence Correction Project

There was nothing to report on this matter.

13. ARTICLES / CORRESPONDENCE / PUBLIC OUTREACH

Adam provided an update report from Family Farm Alliance for February, an article from Maven's Notebook *SJV WATER: Trump's emergency water order responsible for water dump from Tulare County lakes*, and a copy of the 57th Annual Mid-Pacific Water User's Conference Preliminary Schedule of Events for the Board's review.

14. CLOSED SESSION

The Board met to discuss closed session items listed on the agenda. Upon return from closed session, it was noted that no reportable action was taken.

15. REPORTS PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE 54954.2

There were no reports pursuant to Government Code 54954.2.

16. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:42 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Anthea G. Hansen
Secretary