



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
JANUARY 18, 2023  
MINUTES**

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Koster called the meeting to order at 8:37 a.m. Board Members present were Daniel Bays, Zach Maring, and Jarod Lara.

2. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

3. ADDITIONS/REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

Anthea shared that she would be moving a presentation by Taryn Ravazzini, the LVR JPA Executive Director to after Water Operations, following which the Board would move into Closed Session with District Council, Alan Doud to receive updates on potential litigation matters. There were no further changes or revisions to the agenda, which was accepted as follows:

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

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

The Minutes from the Board Meeting of 12/21/2022, Monthly Accounting Reports, and Field Operations Report for December 2022 were provided in advance for the Board's review. The Board approved the Consent Calendar as follows:

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

5. MANAGER'S REPORT

Anthea provided and discussed a memo from the Secretary of the Interior office on the subject of CVPIA Implementation, as well as a memo from the State Water Resources Control Board on the subject of Upcoming Actions to Update and Implement the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. A Term Sheet for Voluntary Agreements to Update and Implement the Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan was also reviewed. Anthea shared that the CAP Steering Committee Meeting had met prior to the holidays to begin charting a plan of action related to advancing to Phase 2 of the Collaborative Action Program.

6. ACTION ITEMS

A. Board to Review and Consider Approval of Award to Lowest Responsible Bidder for Construction of the Orestimba Creek Recharge & Recovery Project

Anthea provided and reviewed a Bid Canvass of the four bids received by Provost & Pritchard for the Orestimba Creek Recharge & Recovery Expansion Project. After review and discussion, the Board opted to move forward and accept the Steve P. Rados, Inc. apparent lowest responsible bid as follows:

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

- B. Board to Consider Approval of ScholarShare 529 Workplace Savings Program as a Voluntary Employer Benefit  
Anthea provided and reviewed the TIAA ScholarShare 529 Voluntary Employer Benefit. She shared that it is a free voluntary benefit offered where there is no cost to the employer or the employee for accessing ScholarShare 529 through their employer. After review and discussion, the Board approved the ScholarShare 529 Workplace Savings Program as a Voluntary Employer Benefit as follows:

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

- C. Board to Ratify Change in Quantity from 716 AF to 966 AF for 2022 DPWD/PID Water Transfer Agreement (Adding 280 AF)

Anthea provided and reviewed a Patterson Irrigation District letter where an increase of in the amount of Transfer Water can be made available under Section 3 of the agreement by up to 280 acre-feet, increasing the total amount of Transfer Water to be provided under the Agreement from 716 acre-feet to up to 966 acre-feet. After review and discussion, the Board ratified the Change in Quantity from 716 AF to 966 AF for 2022 DPWD/PID Water Transfer Agreement as follows:

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

- D. Board to Review and Consider Approval of Soils Storage Lease Agreement

Anthea provided and reviewed a Draft Storage Unit Lease Agreement between John W. Hansen and DPWD. After review and discussion, the Board approved the Soils Storage Lease Agreement as follows:

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

## 7. WATER OPERATIONS & SUPPLY

- A. CVP/SWP Operations

Anthea provided reports on California's snowpack status from The Water Agency as well as a January SLDMWA Operations Update which included the 2022-23 San Luis Storage Projection. She shared that she hoped to see a CVP allocation this year but was not overly positive as the drought was not over. She reported that the State Water Project made their initial announcement of a 5% allocation in December. Shasta storage was at 68% of average when the report was released, and increased to 2 million acre feet as of January 12<sup>th</sup>. She hoped that the unimpaired flow would reach 4 million acre feet for the year in order for the settlement and exchange contractors to get a full supply. She also shared that the snowpack and timing of the snow melt would be critical in order to prevent flooding. Import / export ratios in the biological opinions have limited exports to 25% of the flow at Vernalis. She also reviewed the Storage Projections at 50% and 90% exceedance and unimpaired flows into Shasta.

- B. Monthly Supply/Use/Completed Transactions Summary Report as of 12/31/22

Anthea provided the Supply/Use/Completed Transactions Summary Report as of 12/31/22 and reported in-District use for the Month of December at 41 AF. Total current use for the year was 32,998 AF. Total estimated for rescheduling into 2023-24 was 17,053 AF.

- C. 2021-22 Additional Supplies Update

Anthea shared that a small remainder of the Mapes transfer would allow this pool to be closed, and that she would provide updates in the next board meeting.

- D. 2022-23 Additional Supplies Update

Anthea provided a 2022-23 Annual Additional Supplies Pool Report showing three scenarios. She shared that the pool might have some small amount of water left over for next year if no more water is sold. These supplies

will be taken into the 2023-24 Annual Additional Supplies Pool with their associated costs. In response to a request for guidance on costs being incurred for remaining supplies, the Board instructed Staff to pause the City of Ceres transfer.

E. Landholding/Licensing Updates

Anthea provided a list of Permits and Licenses for the Board to review.

F. Storm Update

Staff briefly discussed storm impacts with the Board.

G. Transfers Update

Anthea reminded the Board that the District committed to an additional 595 AF at \$1,200/AF for three years of the San Luis Canal Company water. She would provide the contract for the Board's review when it became available. This will be the first water in the 2023-24 Additional Supplies Pool. She provided an email showing the Exchange Contractor Water Transfer percentages, as well as a price schedule for 2023.

8. RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

A. Westside Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Activities

Anthea provided a SLDMWA Activity Agreement Staff Report for December 2022 and reported that work continued for the Prop 1 Round 1 IRWM Grant administered through the SLDMWA. Also provided was a copy of the Award Acceptance Letter – Prop 1 Round 2 IRWM Implementation Grant in the amount of \$955,000 in support of the Del Puerto Canyon Reservoir.

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

Adam reported that there was no January SJVDA board meeting this month. Summers Engineering was working on preparing the budget for FY 24 and would present the budget to the SJVDA board at the February meeting. Summers Engineering was also working on preparing cost comparisons for the various options for the Coalition has to address the Nitrate Control Program.

C. Sustainable Groundwater Management Activities

1. Policy Discussion Regarding Management Action Enforcement - Continued

Adam shared the draft timeline for completing the 2025 plan update and indicated that work would begin soon on the update. The technical working group made a recommendation to install a continuous monitoring GPS station in DPWD somewhere between checks 6 and 8 along the DMC as part of the SGMA round 1 funding the subbasin received. DPWD and the neighboring Districts will have input on where to install the equipment.

2. SGM Implementation Grant-Round 1 Monthly Grant Administrator Update

There was nothing to report on this item.

3. FYI 2022 WaterSMART Small Scale Water Efficiency Project Awards-DPWD Groundwater Well Remote Telemetry Program – Notice of Award

Adam reported that the District had applied for a WaterSMART Small Scale Water Efficiency Grant to install up to 45 flowmeters and received a \$99,750 (50% match) WaterSMART Grant. Adam requested guidance from the Board to determine how to best distribute the grant; Options would be to either solicit the funding out to all customers and meters will be provided and installed on a first-come first-served basis, or have District Staff select which high priority wells are the most important to be able to track remotely. Adam shared that the District was awarded a WaterSMART Small Scale Water Efficiency Grant to install flowmeters and telemetry equipment on groundwater wells throughout the District. The Board recommended that District select high-priority wells and work with the well owners to get the equipment installed.

4. Well Registration Package – Response Update

Adam shared that about a dozen applications returned and about ten more inquires and submittals had been received after a reminder was sent to those that had not responded. Phone calls would be the next steps to try and obtain the remainder.

9. FINANCIAL MATTERS

A. 2023-24 Budget Update

Anthea shared that the Budget would be discussed at the February BOD Meeting.

B. CVP Financial Matters

Anthea reported that discussions continued on how CVP cost allocations would work on some of the major projects currently being funded.

10. SUPPLY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

A. Orestimba Creek Recharge & Recovery Project – Update

Anthea provided the Provost & Pritchard Status Update on the OCRRP for the Board's review.

B. Del Puerto Canyon Reservoir Project – Update

Anthea provided and discussed the Terra / GeoPentech Progress Report as well as a copy of the comment letter by the Stanislaus County Environmental Review Committee that caused the court to question the specifics of the road alignment. She also provided a response letter from the District.

C. Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion Project – Presentation by Taryn Ravazzini, LVR JPA Executive Director

Anthea introduced Taryn Ravazzini, LVR JPA Executive Director, who gave a presentation on the status of the Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion Project. Anthea shared that as the participating agencies worked through the negotiations and development of the term sheets and service agreements, there will be discussion between the participating agencies on how the capacity of the Transfer Bethany Pipeline gets utilized. After her presentation, Taryn thanked the Board and Staff for their time.

D. BF Sisk Dam Raise Project – Update

Anthea reported that a couple of meetings were scheduled in the near future to discuss non-committed capacity interest in the Dam Raise and to continue to work with Reclamation to refine understanding on the Operational Agreements.

E. Ceres-DPWD-Turlock Discussions on Advancing Recycled Water into NVRRWP Facilities-Update

Anthea reported that she had a meeting the week prior with the cities of Ceres and Turlock where they reviewed updated modeling to ensure the understanding of the capacities available in the existing facilities and what would be needed to increase Turlock's ability to process water. She also wished to begin speaking with the City of Modesto again about reaching out for additional partners that would like to take their water to the Modesto Treatment Plant, and partner in increasing the capacity of the Plant. She was looking at the cities of Patterson and Newman as potential partners.

11. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

A. Report on DPWD/Santa Nella County WD Boundary Overlap

Anthea provided a notice and map from Merced County about the reorganization of the boundaries of Santa Nella County Water District, which showed 63 acres of land within the Del Puerto Water District. After review, it was determined that there was a situation of overlapping boundaries, and therefore she was working on steps to detach that land.

B. Warren Act Contracting Update

Anthea reported that the District's 5-year DMC Pump-In contract will be expiring at the end of February and a renewal was requested. Reclamation decided they would not offer 5 year contract this time, however a 2-year contract would be offered. Anthea cited the subsidence issue as the USBR's reasoning for doing more environmental review of the DMC Pump-In Program.

C. Rules and Regulations for Water Service Communication Update

Anthea shared that she was working on a memo for the District's customers to remind them of the recent policies adopted by the Board, and to introduce and present the new Rules and Regulations for Water Service, which incorporated the NVRRWP, SGMA Participation Charge, Watershed Coalition, and the changes to the Water Cost Prepayment. She noted that the memo would be sent well in advance of March 1<sup>st</sup> to give customers time to understand the changes.

12. SLDMWA Report

A. SLDMWA Minutes, Reports and Issues Updates

1. General Manager's Update on SLDMWA Board/Committee Assignments

Anthea provided the January SLDMWA Board of Directors Agenda and reported that Rick Gilmore was no longer with BBID and Board Division #1 currently had a vacancy. She reviewed the new members and replacements. She also shared that she was asked to take over as Chairwoman of the SLDMWA Finance Committee.

13. CLOSED SESSION

A. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation

Upon return from Closed Session, Anthea reported that the Board met on items listed on the Closed Session Agenda and that no reportable action was taken.

B. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation

There was nothing to report on this item.

C. Conference with Special Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation

There was nothing to report on this item.

14. ARTICLES/CORRESPONDENCE/PUBLIC OUTREACH

Articles were included for the Board's review that included DWR's *Despite Heavy Snow, Relief from Drought Depends on Coming Months*, a letter from the House of Representatives to Governor Newsom pertaining to the recent storms, Congressman David Valado's News Release on his request for answers from interior on biological opinions, a letter to Governor Newsom on a request to increase South of the Delta State Water Exports, a Solve the Water Crisis article *Recent Storms Reveal Extent Of Crisis And How The Drought And Long-Term Water Supply Threat Will Continue*, an article by Dan Walters, *Storms Tell California to Upgrade Its Plumbing*, a Bay Area News Group article, *California Storms: A 2-Inch Fish Is Limiting How Much Water Can Be Captured For Cities And Farms*, a Public Policy Institute of California article *Can we Capture More Water?*, and a Celebration of Life invitation for BBID's Kelley Geyer.

15. ITEMS TO DISCUSS PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE 54954.2

There was nothing to report on this item.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Anthea G. Hansen  
Secretary