



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

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Koster called the meeting to order at 8:36 a.m. Board Members present were Daniel Bays, Pete Lucich, Jarod Lara and Jim Jasper.

2. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

President Koster asked if there was any public comment and asked if anyone on the phone had any public comment. There was no one on the phone line and there was no public comment.

3. ADDITIONS/REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions or revisions to the Agenda. Anthea requested to move the Closed Session Agenda Item after the Action items to accommodate her need to leave the Board meeting at 9:30 a.m..

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

The Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting of September 30, 2023, and the Field Operations Report for September 2023 were provided in advance for the Board's review. The Board approved the Consent Calendar Items as follows:

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

5. ACTION ITEMS

A. Board to Review and Approve Contract with Stanislaus County to Provide Water for Dust Control at the Fink Road Landfill

Anthea provided and discussed a Contract between Del Puerto Water District and Stanislaus County for Dust Control on Certain Lands. The contract provides the ability for the County to draft supplies from the DMC for dust control at the Fink Road Landfill. After review and discussion, the Board approved the Contract with Stanislaus County to Provide Water for Dust Control at the Fink Road Landfill as follows:

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

B. Board to Consider Amendment No. 1 Agreement between Del Puerto WD and Woodard-Curran dated November 15, 2022

Anthea provided an amendment to an Agreement between Del Puerto Water District and Woodard & Curran, Inc. to develop a Small Storage Grant Program application for OCCRP and reviewed the additional Scope of Work for this application to the Small Surface Water and Groundwater Storage Project Grant opportunity. After review and discussion, the Board approved Amendment No. 1 Agreement between Del Puerto Water District and Woodard & Curran, Inc. as follows:

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

C. Board to Review and Consider Resolution Approving Application for Small Surface Water and Groundwater Storage Project Grant

Anthea provided and reviewed the Resolution Approving an Application for Small Surface Water and Groundwater Storage Project Grant. After review and discussion, the Board adopted the Resolution Approving Application for Small Surface Water and Groundwater Storage Project Grant as follows:

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

D. Board to Consider Approving Implementation of a 2023 Turnback Program for the North Valley Regional Recycled Program

Adam provided a Staff/Action Item Request outlining an opportunity for a DPWD Customer WY 2023 NVRRWP Turnback Program. He explained that the USBR had a need for additional level 4 refuge supplies for the Refuge Water Supply Program and had agreed to take an additional 10,000 AF of NVRRWP supply between October and February of this water year. Because of this, the District now has an opportunity to offer a turnback pool to District customers wishing to reduce their quantity of NVRRWP in WY23. Staff recommended offering a NVRRWP Turnback Program for WY23 of up to 3 inches/acre for each customer that signs up for the program. Credits would be issued to those customer accounts, which would then be used in lieu of payments for the January 2024 NVRRWP assessments. After review and discussion, the Board approved the implementation of a 2023 Turnback Program for the NVRRWP as follows:

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

Note: Anthea noted that a member of the public phoned in and was on the line. President Koster asked if there were any questions or comments from the public. Being none, the meeting continued.

E. Board to Review and Consider Approving Participation in the SLDMWA North to South Water Transfers Activity Agreement

Anthea provided and reviewed a SLDMWA email correspondence, Memo and Resolution pertaining to the SLDMWA North to South Water Transfers Activity Agreement. She reported that in the past, DPWD has participated in this activity agreement. that has allowed north to south water supply transfers for those agencies that participated in the agreement. She explained that the District exercised its right to withdraw itself from the Activity Agreement in 2020 due to the fact that North to South transfers became too expensive, the transfer window was limited to July through September, and because the transfers are subject to significant carriage losses as they pass through the Delta. The current environmental document is due to expire at the end of 2024 and a new environmental document is being developed for 2025-2034. President Koster asked if any members of the public had any comment. There were no comments. After review and discussion, the Board declined to enter into the new SLDMWA North to South Water Transfers Activity Agreement as follows:

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

F. Board to Review and Approve Updated Delegation of Authority to Request Disbursements from the California Employer's Retirement Benefit Trust (CERBT)

Anthea provided a copy of a Delegation of Authority to Request Disbursements from the California Employer's Retirement Benefit Trust (CERBT). Anthea informed the Board that the titles of Director of Finance & Administration and General Manager are the two authorized signers to request disbursements from the CERBT, and she suggested adding the title of Deputy General Manager – Water Resources as an authorized signer as well. President Koster asked if any members of the public had any comment. There were no comments. After review and discussion, the Board approved the Updated Delegation of Authority to Request Disbursements from the California Employer's Retirement Benefit (CERBT) as follows:

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

G. Board to Review and Approve Payment for Removal of Trees (2 rows) to accommodate Construction of OCCRP Facilities

Anthea reported that the District would be paying a landowner for the removal of 2 rows of Almond trees to accommodate the construction of the Orestimba Creek Recharge and Recovery Project facilities. President Koster asked if any members of the public had any comment. There were no comments. After discussion, the Board approved the payment for the removal of trees (2 rows) to accommodate Construction of OCCRP Facilities as follows:

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

Anthea asked if there were any comments from the public before going into the Closed Session. There were no comments. The Board then went into Closed Session to discuss items listed on the Closed Session portion of the Agenda.

6. MANAGER'S REPORT

Adam provided the SLDMWA's October Update on Water Policy/Resources and reported that work continued on the reinitiation of consultants on the long-term operations of the CVP-SWP with a goal of releasing a public draft of the EIS/BA by the end of the year.

7. WATER OPERATIONS & SUPPLY

A. CVP/SWP Operations

Adam reported that Jones Pumping Plant was currently operating at two units due to salinity issues, but that San Luis reservoir was still likely to fill by the end of the year.

B. Monthly Supply/Use/Completed Transactions Summary Report as of 09.30.23

Paul provided the Supply/Use/Completed Transactions Summary Report as of 9/30/23 and reported in-District use for the Month of September at 6,680 AF with transfers out of 2,744 AF. Total use for the 2023-24 water year was 63,720 AF, leaving the total estimated for rescheduling into 2024-25 at 90,913 AF.

C. 2023-24 Additional Supplies Update

Adam provided and reviewed the 2023-24 Annual Additional Supplies Pool report. He noted that a 2,000 AF reduction in the Exchange Contractor transfer quantity reduced the District's cost exposure by about \$200,000. He further reported that the District has recently been able to transfer water to store water in AEWS and OCCRP for future return for a nominal price. He asked the Board guidance regarding re-classifying a portion of the stored water as WY23 Additional Supplies. After discussion, the Board gave Staff direction regarding the re-classification of these supplies.

D. Landholding/Licensing Updates

Paul provided and reviewed the Active Permits and Licenses Report for the month of September. He reported there were nine active permits and no current active licenses.

8. RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

A. Westside Integrated Regional Water management (IRWM) Activities

Adam reported that SLDMWA was working with water agencies in the West Side San Joaquin IRWM Region to better understand opportunities to assist Disadvantaged Communities with drinking water concerns. Also, DWR granted an extension request for the Prop 1 Round 1 Grant, which includes the OCCRP, through December 31, 2024.

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

Adam reported that there was no October SJVDA Board meeting.

C. Sustainable Groundwater Management Activities

Adam provided Agendas from the September 21st and 25th and October 9th meetings. He reported that the primary focus of the ongoing drafting of the single GSP is the deficiencies relating to how the plan addresses potential impacts to groundwater quality and subsidence. Adam reported that initial meetings with SWRCB staff regarding water quality went very poorly and more work would be required by all of the GSAs. Adam was able to participate as a subbasin representative at the SWRCB meeting regarding subsidence within the subbasin and reported that meeting was more favorable. SWRCB Staff generally agreed with the subbasin's approach. A SWRCB Board member tour was held on October 11th. Board member D'Adamo was given a tour of some of the projects with the subbasin and expressed an interest in getting more Board members and staff involved in future tours. Adam also reported that a revised monitoring network was being developed and that there were a couple of data gaps that may be filled with wells in DPWD.

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

Adam provided and reviewed correspondence from DWR pertaining to the first reimbursement request from the SGM Implementation Grant as well as a Summary Table of changes to Invoice #1.

E. Well Registration Package – Response Update

Adam provided a list showing four customers who had not yet provided a well registration form.

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

Adam provided and reviewed a Staff Report outlining the plan for implementing the Groundwater Well Telemetry Grant Program. He provided maps showing priority locations for the wells to be targeted by the program. He also provided and discussed the Budgetary Figures report that will determine how many wells can be included in this round.

Note: President Koster stepped out for a minute and Vice President Bays continued the meeting.

9. FINANCIAL MATTERS

A. FY 2023 Audit Update

President Koster returned to the meeting. Adam shared that Anthea was working with the Auditors to complete the audit. As of last week, all final journal entries and accruals had been processed and all account reconciliations had been completed with full backup. The last step was to draft the Audit Statement Notes and Manager's Discussion Analysis Report which would be completed within the next two weeks.

B. CVP Financial Matters

Adam reported that draft rates for WY2024 were posted for review. Draft rates for CVP Ag water in WY24 are calculated to be \$26.37/AF, down from \$35.81/AF in WY23. Once Staff has reviewed the Draft BOR Ratebooks, any comments to the USBR will be coordinated with the CVPWA Staff.

10. SUPPLY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

A. Orestimba Creek Recharge & Recovery Project – Update

Adam included and reviewed a 4-week look ahead job schedule showing general work activities. He also provided and reviewed the two current change orders totaling roughly \$1.1 million. He explained that there will be discussions with Rados about reducing or removing some of the items, but the majority of the costs were due to changes required by the BOR, specifically related to "silent shoring" along the DMC.

B. Del Puerto Canyon Reservoir Project – Update

Adam reported that the Geotech work was ongoing. Staff had hoped it would be completed by October, but the schedule now shows completion in early November. TYLin is onboard and has drafted a preliminary scope for consideration for the road alignment and a meeting has been scheduled with Stanislaus County to coordinate with them on the alternative analysis. Work on the Draft of the EIS is ongoing, and the Admin Draft should be ready for Reclamation review by January 2024. Anthea had a successful meeting with the BOR Commissioner pertaining to the DPCR Project and will have follow up meetings, as necessary.

- C. Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion Project – Update
Adam provided a PowerPoint updating the JPA Member Staff on the Environmental Permitting, correspondence relating to the JPA DC trip, a handout highlighting the LVR Expansion Project, and a summary of the JPA DC Meetings. Adam shared that Anthea and the other JPA members had a positive meeting with the Commissioner of Reclamation regarding the Project.
- D. BF Sisk Dam Raise Project – Update
Adam shared that a signing ceremony will take place on Friday, October 20, 2023 at the Romero Visitor's Center overlooking San Luis Reservoir for the B.F. Sisk Dam Raise. The signing will include the Record of Decision and Notice of Determination on the implementation of the B.F. Sisk Dam Raise and Reservoir Expansion Project.
- E. Ceres – DPWD – Turlock Discussions on Advancing Recycled Water into NVRRWP Facilities – Update
Adam reported that Anthea met with the Municipal Services Director, new Program Manager, and new City Manager at the City of Ceres. Ceres is now contemplating two large housing developments and is studying development of their own tertiary treatment facility. District Staff is focused on working with Ceres to capture this future opportunity to deliver more water to the NVRRWP.
- F. Coordination with Local Agencies on Regional SGMA Projects – Update
Adam reported that there are continued discussions with the City of Patterson regarding potential partnerships that could benefit the region.
- 11. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES
 - A. November 2023 District Election Update
Adam provided a copy of the ballot that will be mailed to landowners. The date for the Election is November 14, 2023.
 - B. Zacharias and Baldwin Master Plan Annexation to City of Patterson – Update
Adam provided the LAFCO Protest Hearing Results on the Zacharias – Baldwin Master Plan Reorganization showing that protests exceeded 25% and would now be subject to an election to be handled by the City of Patterson.
 - C. Local Hazard Mitigation Plan 5-Year Update
Adam reported that Staff will begin updating the District's Local Hazard Mitigation Plan which has a due date of July 4, 2024. He committed to providing a survey at the landowner meeting asking customers how they've been impacted by hazards and would incorporate information received into the update.
- 12. SLDMWA Report
 - A. SLDMWA Minutes, Reports, and Issues Updates
Adam provided and reviewed the SLDMWA Board Minutes, O&M Report for September 2023, Update on Science Program and Adoption of the 2023 Strategic Plan. Paul attended the O&M Technical Committee Meeting and shared that the draft budget for WY24 was discussed and that it was down about 6% from the previous year. The O&M Technical Committee recommended the draft budget be sent to the Finance Committee for review.
- 13. ARTICLES/CORRESPONDENCE/PUBLIC OUTREACH
Adam provided a News Release from the Bureau of Reclamation *Record-setting winter leaves Central Valley Project well-positioned at start of 2024 water year.*
- 14. CLOSED SESSION (Held after Action Items)
The Board met in Closed Session on items listed on the Agenda, and 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
Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:42 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Anthea G. Hansen". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "A".

Anthea G. Hansen
Secretary