



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MAY 15, 2024
MINUTES**

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Koster called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m. Board Members present were Daniel Bays, Jarod Lara, Zach Maring, and Kyle Perez.

2. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was received.

3. ADDITIONS/REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no Additions or Revisions to the Agenda.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

Anthea provided the Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting of April 17, 2024, and the Monthly Accounting and Field Operations Reports for April 2024 were provided in advance for the Board's review. After review and discussion, the Board approved the Consent Calendar Items as follows:

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

5. ACTION ITEMS

A. Treasurer's Quarterly Investment Report for the 4th Quarter Ending 02.29.24

Anthea provided and presented the Treasurer's Quarterly Investment Report for the 4th Quarter Ending 02.29.24. After review and discussion, the Board approved the Treasurer's Quarterly Investment Report for the 4th Quarter Ending 02.29.24 as follows:

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

6. MANAGER'S REPORT

Anthea provided the SLDMA Update on Water Policy/Resources Activities and reported on the filing of protests against the DWR's petition for a change in point of diversion to enable the Delta Conveyance Project. She also discussed a 3-day hearing the State Water Resources Control Board held on the Voluntary Agreements. She noted that Federico Barajas, SLDMWA's Executive Director, would be attending DPWD's June meeting to discuss the Voluntary Agreement Process and the South of the Delta resiliency plan, among other "Big Picture" ongoing processes. President Koster asked if there was any comment from the public. Being none, the meeting continued.

7. WATER OPERATIONS & SUPPLY

A. CVP/SWP Operations

Anthea provided and reviewed a San Luis Reservoir Storage Projection using the 50% and 90% exceedance hydrology. She also reported on pumping restrictions at Jones Pumping Plant due to silt build up in sections of Middle River.

B. Monthly Supply/Use/Completed Transactions Summary Report as of 4.30.24

Paul provided and discussed the Supply/Use/Completed Transactions Summary Report as of 4/30/24 and reported in-District use for the Month of April was 4,039 AF, OCCRP use of 55 AF, with an additional 290 AF of

transfers out. Year to date use and scheduled use for the 2024-25 water year totaled 67,036 AF, leaving 20,482 AF estimated for Rescheduling in to 2025-26.

C. 2024-25 Additional Supplies Update

Anthea provided and reviewed a 2024-25 Annual Additional Supplies Pool Report. President Koster asked if there was any comment from the public. Being none, the meeting continued.

D. Landholding/Licensing Updates

Paul provided the Active Permits and Licenses Report showing eight active permits and one active license. President Koster asked if there was any comment from the public. Being none, the meeting continued.

E. 2024-25 SLCC Transfer – Status Update

Anthea reported that things were moving forward very positively with the efforts to develop an agreement to transfer DPWD's remaining obligation under the three-year SLCC Transfer Agreement to Triangle T. President Koster asked if there was any comment from the public. Being none, the meeting continued.

8. RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

A. Westside Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Activities

Anthea provided the SLDWA Activity Agreements Staff Report for April 2024 and shared that she continued to manage the IRWM grant for the DPCR project. She shared that she had an opportunity at the ACWA conference to meet with Eddie Ocampo, the head of Self-Help Enterprises, who also works with the IRWM group on the disadvantaged communities needs assessment.

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

Adam provided a Proposed Agenda for CV-Salts P&O Study Call and reported that although there was no May SJVDA Board Meeting, a study call pertaining to CV-Salts P&O Study took place. He reported that the Delta-Mendota Subbasin was selected for the 1st Archetype study and provided and reviewed a proposed schedule and a power point presentation from the meeting held on April 11th.

C. Sustainable Groundwater Management Activities (SGMA)

Adam provided and reported on Meetings of the March 26th Northern Delta-Mendota Region Management Committee meeting, April 23rd Special Joint Meeting of the Northern Delta-Mendota Region Management Committee and the Delta-Mendota Subbasin Coordination Committee, April 8th Meeting of the Delta-Mendota Subbasin Coordination Committee, and April 22nd Special Meeting of the Delta-Mendota Subbasin Coordination Committee and Technical Working Group. He also provided an Agenda for Stanislaus County SGMA Delta-Mendota Subbasin non-District Landowner Workshop, an itinerary to a Northern Delta-Mendota Region Tour held on April 23rd, and a power point presentation to the Delta-Mendota Subbasin Response to Inadequate Determination held on May 13th. Adam reported that the April 23rd tour for SWRCB Chair Joaquin Esquivel was well received; projects highlighted on the tour include the OCRRP, NVRWP, and the proposed DPCR. He reported that the majority of the work on the GSP revolved around wrapping up the public draft for a targeted release date of May 27th.

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

Anthea shared that the reimbursement for Invoice No. 6 had just been processed and there was no response yet to the request to shift the funds allocated to two of the awards to different projects.

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

Adam reported that the Bureau of Reclamation was currently working on NEPA documentation for the Telemetry Project and once it was substantially completed, the District would be able to finalize the equipment purchase.

9. FINANCIAL MATTERS

A. CVP Financial Matters

Anthea provided and reviewed meeting notes from April's Spring Budget Workshop and a list of all the issues the Financial Affairs Committee works on that impact the District and other CVP Contractors.

10. SUPPLY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

A. Orestimba Creek Recharge and Recovery Project – Update

Adam provided the Steve P. Rados, Inc. two-week Work Job Schedule showing they were nearing finalization of concrete work. Rados' main effort currently is completion of the control structures off of Orestimba Creek and the pump stations by the end of May.

B. Del Puerto Canyon Reservoir Project – Update

Anthea provided and reviewed April Progress Reports by Woodard & Curran and TERRA/GeoPentech and reported that the discovery of two kit fox dens directly adjacent to Del Puerto Canyon Road had stopped work temporarily until August. She reported that work continued on the dam and utility relocation design with special emphasis on the road relocation alternative analysis for the project. A map of potential alignment alternatives was provided and reviewed with the Board.

C. Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion Project

Anthea provided and reviewed a LVREP Update and a Los Vaqueros Reservoir Joint Powers Authority Briefing Paper. She also shared that a Multi-Party Cost Share Agreement No.6 had been adopted, which is a no-cost extension to the cost share agreement that the District is currently participating in until June of 2025.

D. BF Sisk Dam Raise Project – Update

Anthea reported that a very productive negotiation session took place on May 4th. She added that the negotiation team have a meeting scheduled for the last week of May, where she hopes an actual final contract will be agreed upon for the Board to review at the June BOD Meeting.

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

Adam provided an Agenda to a Delta-Mendota Canal NPDES Far-Field Special Study from the cities of Modesto and Turlock. He shared that several meetings had taken place on the Far-Field Study with the most recent being with the Division of Drinking Water Quality. Paul shared that many suggestions were made by various members of the public at that meeting regarding what they wanted to see included in the study plans. Anthea added that the District was a 1/3 participant in paying for the study with the two cities, as protecting the NVRWP discharge permit is a primary concern for the District. Anthea attended the Ceres City Council Meeting on April 22nd and shared updates pertaining to new home developments in the near future for the City of Ceres. A presentation by Snider Electric was provided at that meeting on the study of Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements for the City of Ceres.

F. Coordination with Local Agencies on Regional SGMA Projects - Update

There was no update on this item.

11. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

A. Training Updates

Anthea informed the Board that Staff will provide updates on class requirements for each Board member.

B. Local Hazard Mitigation Plan 5-Year Update

Adam shared that there was nothing to report on the 5-year update. He noted that although the District's Local Hazard Mitigation Plan 5-Year Update was up for renewal on July 5th, 2024, he was informed that having a finalized LHMP update would not preclude the District from applying for FEMA and OES grants in the interim.

C. Zacharias-Baldwin Master Plan - Update

Anthea reported that the Landowner vote approving the annexation of portions of WSID, PID, and DPWD to the City of Patterson had passed, and the next step was to detach the land from the Districts. Once that step is taken, staff will come back to the Board with any request for continued service on these parcels.

12. SLDMWA REPORT

Anthea provided the SLDMWA Board of Directors meeting minutes as well as the SLDMWA O&M Report for April.

13. ARTICLES / CORRESPONDENCE / PUBLIC OUTREACH

An article from the Fresno Bee titled "Water Bond Would Benefit Farmers and Rare San Joaquin Valley Grassland Area", an American Farmland Trust flyer on financial and technical assistance on practices for water resilience, soil health and more, and an article from Wester Farm Press "Williamson Act Bill Ignites Property-Rights Debate" were provided for the Board's review. Anthea also shared that a tour with the SWRCB and Staff took place with Adam leading the tour. She also reported on her attendance at ACWA the week prior.

14. CLOSED SESSION

Upon return from Closed Session, it was reported that 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. ADJOURMENT

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Anthea G. Hansen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Anthea G. Hansen
Secretary