



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

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

President Koster called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. Board Members present were Daniel Bays, Zach Maring, Pete Lucich, Jarod Lara, and Ray Henriques.

**2. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

President Koster asked if any members of the public had a public comment. Being none, the meeting continued.

**3. ADDITIONS/REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA**

There were no Additions or Revisions to the Agenda.

**4. PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE STATUS OF JOB VACANCIES AT DEL PUERTO WATER DISTRICT**

President Koster opened the hearing. Adam gave Staff's presentation and reported that the District had one open position, and that Staff would be conducting interviews soon. President Koster opened the floor for any questions or comments from the Board or public. There being no questions, President Koster declared the public participation portion closed and concluded the proceedings.

**5. CONSENT CALENDAR**

The Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting of 2.19.25, the Monthly Field Operations Reports and Monthly Accounting Reports for February 2025 were provided in advance for the Board's review. The Board approved the Consent Calendar Items as follows:

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

**6. ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Board to Approve 2025-26 Executive Compensation Report**

Anthea provided and presented the 2025-26 Executive Compensation Report. After review and discussion, the Board approved the 2025-26 Executive Compensation Report as follows:

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

**B. Board to Ratify Revision(s) to the Rules and Regulations for Water Service**

Anthea reminded the Board that at the February meeting, the Board adopted changes to the administrative procedures for billing the Water Cost Payment. The wording that was drafted to update the District's Rules and Regulations for water service needed additional refinement for clarity, which was done by Staff, and which now needs to be re-approved by the Board. After review and discussion, the Board approved ratifying the revised wording of the Rules and Regulations for Water Service as follows:

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

7. MANAGER'S REPORT

Anthea provided and discussed a memo from the U.S. Office of Management and Budget and letters from the Regional Water Authority, California's U.S. Senators, a group of 14 Water Agencies, and the Colorado River Board of California regarding staff reductions to the Bureau of Reclamation as part of the President's "Department of Government Efficiency" Workforce Optimization Initiation. She also provided the San Luis & Delta Mendota Water Authority's update on Water Policy/Resources Activities. She reported that there were a number of ongoing activities regarding the Delta Conveyance Project including SWRCB hearings on DWR's water rights permit, points of diversion, finalizing the Incidental Take Permit, and legal activity.

8. WATER OPERATIONS & SUPPLY

Paul provided and reviewed an M&I Historical Use Report requested by the Bureau of Reclamation. Adam explained that the District is required to report the M&I use for the three previous unconstrained Water Years. M&I use under the District's contract is limited to dust control and solar panel washing at the County Solar Facility. Although the M&I Shortage Policy has been in place for a number of years, Reclamation had never prepared a separate allocation of M&I supply to the District per the District's request. Reclamation Staff have recently revisited their application of the policy and determined that the policy needed to be applied for purposes of limiting the amount of supply that could be utilized as M&I during years where M&I received a higher allocation than agriculture. The M&I allocation resulted in an increase to the District's 2023-24 allocation from 70,105 AF to 70,112 AF.

A. CVP/SWP Operations

There was nothing to report on this item.

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 2.28.25 and reported in-District use for the month of February of 789 AF with transfers out of 1,042 AF. Year to date use and scheduled use for the 2024-25 water year totaled 87,860 AF, leaving 22,541 AF estimated for Rescheduling into 2025-26. Also provided was a letter to Bureau requesting to reschedule the 2024 Stored CVP Contract Supply Exchanged/Stored NVRRWP Supply.

C. 2024-25 Additional Supplies Update

Anthea provided and reviewed the 2024-25 Annual Additional Supplies Pool Report.

D. Landholding/Licensing Updates

Paul provided the Active Permits and Licenses Report and reported that there was currently one Active License, and nine Active Permits. Anthea added that Staff had engaged with the Water Authority to discuss encroachment issues and reported on a recent situation pertaining to a filter station on the BOR right of way.

E. 2024-25 SLCC Transfer – Status Update

Anthea provided correspondence from the Bureau of Reclamation pertaining to the Triangle T Water Transfer. She reported that she had a meeting on March 6<sup>th</sup> with the team at SCCAO who indicated that the transfer would be approved as a 5-year pilot project. She also reported that the Bureau received updated Categorical Exclusions Guidance and that they indicated that this transfer might be eligible. The goal was to begin transferring water by June 2025.

9. RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

A. Westside Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Activities

Anthea provided the SLDMWA Activity Agreements – Staff Report for February 2025. She reported that the group was still awaiting a Disadvantaged Communities Report and that there were currently no funding opportunities through IRWM, but there were some funds included in Prop 4 that could be utilized for IRWM grants.

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

Adam reported that there was no March 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. He noted that the District had sent the flyers for the three required annual meetings that the Coalition held for the customers. Anthea asked for a list of those who did not participate in the mandatory meetings.

C. Sustainable Groundwater Management Activities

Adam provided an Agenda to the Northern Delta-Mendota Region Management Committee Meeting held on February 5<sup>th</sup>; a Special Meeting of the Delta-Mendota Subbasin Coordination Committee Meeting held on February 6<sup>th</sup> and reported that implementation of the GSP began January 1<sup>st</sup>. He noted that the primary focus would be the Pumping Reduction Plan, which were in the data collection phase. He provided and reviewed examples of how that Pumping Reduction Plan would function and reviewed subsidence reports. He reported that the SGMA Grant, which has been supporting the installation of interconnected surface water wells, included funds for installing continuous monitoring subsidence sites. One of the potential sites would be southwest of the City of Patterson near the DMC.

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

Anthea provided correspondence from DWR pertaining to work completion and final payment deadlines for the SGMA implementation grant. She reported that this was a reminder from DWR that they will be extremely rigid with reporting deadlines. She provided and reviewed a Components and Budget Report.

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

Adam reported that he was working with the BOR to get the grant deadline extended. He also reported that he was drafting the informational packets to the customers.

10. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Anthea provided a JWT & Associates Service Agreement Letter confirming their services for the District's FY '25 audit. Joyce provided and reviewed the Summary of 2025 Water Year Initial District Assessments.

A. CVP Financial Matters

Anthea provided and reviewed the February Meeting Minutes of the Financial Affairs Committee Meeting. She highlighted discussions on the 2025 Proposed FAC Schedule and Presentations and True-Up for WIIN Act and Final Cost Allocation.

B. GASB 75 Actuarial Report for the Period Ending 02.28.25

Joyce provided and reviewed the DPWD Post-Employment Benefits Actuarial Valuation and GASB 75 Report for Fiscal Year Ending February 28, 2025. Anthea also gave a brief history of OPEB for the benefit of the District's newer Board Members.

11. SUPPLY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

A. Orestimba Creek Recharge and Recovery Project – Update

Adam reported on the status of the switch gears for the control structure. He also reported that CCID would be delivering water to the ponds in March. Adam provided a letter from BBK attorneys to the CCID and SWRCB pertaining to their protest of the project's long-term water rights on Orestimba Creek.

B. Del Puerto Canyon Reservoir Project – Update

Anthea provided and reviewed DPCR Progress Updates for March from Woodard & Curran, Terra/GeoPentech and TYLin, as well as, a copy of a power point presentation presented to StanCOG Policy Board on February 19<sup>th</sup>. Anthea reported that utility relocation work with PG&E and Crimson was ongoing. She reported that the team continued to work toward submitting an administrative draft EIS to the Bureau for review. Also, a prescriptive revision to the original EIR pertaining terrestrial biology on lower Del Puerto Creek was being worked on, and a Supplemental EIR will be added to the original EIR to cover the location of the road. Once completed, they will be brought to the Board for approval. She also added that she was working on securing additional funding for the Project.

C. Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion Project

Anthea provided and reviewed an LVR JPA Dissolution Timeline graph. She also provided and reviewed correspondence pertaining to the refund due to the participating agencies.

D. BF Sisk Dam Raise Project – Update

Anthea provided and discussed a support letter from members of Congress regarding the SLDMWA application for funding for FY '25 from the BUILD Grant Program, a Press Release from Assemblywoman Soria introducing AB707 to fund Hwy 152 improvements needed for expanding San Luis Reservoir, and a Hallmark Group B.F.

Sisk Dam Raise & Expansion Project Activity Agreement Investor Monthly Update. She noted that on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, San Luis Water District withdrew from the Project.

- E. Ceres – DPWD – Turlock Discussions on Advancing Recycled Water into NVRWP Facilities – Update  
Anthea reported that Woodard & Curran began work on conveyance alternatives for the City of Ceres. She reported that the NVRWP JPA held its annual meeting to receive reports from the cities of Modesto and Turlock on operations of the Project. The city of Ceres also attended the meeting to talk to the JPA about their endeavors to build their own tertiary treatment plant.
- F. Coordination with Local Agencies on Regional Projects - Update  
Anthea reported that she had met with the City of Modesto about regionalizing wastewater treatment and steps to reach out to other cities in the area. The City of Modesto was also interested in discussing the Water Supply Agreement with the District. Staff also held meetings with TID to discuss regional projects.

## 12. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

### A. Training Updates

Adam provided an FPPC Report listing the deadlines for providing Conflict of Interest Forms (Form 700) for all DM-II GSA Board Members and officers. Anthea also encouraged those that had not completed their training for Ethics Training and Sexual Harassment Training, to please do so as soon as possible.

### B. Staffing Updates

Adam covered this item in the public hearing section of the meeting.

### C. Local Hazard Mitigation Plan 5-Year Update

Adam reported that he has been reviewing submittal requirements to OES and FEMA for plan approval.

### D. Report on Delinquent Sale Process – Gonzalez Family Trust Parcel 069-029-011

Anthea provided a copy of a letter and newspaper posting to a grower that the District was initiating the delinquent sale process due to non-payment of delinquent assessments. If the delinquency is not settled by the 31<sup>st</sup> of March, the delinquent sale process will officially commence.

## 13. SLDMWA REPORT

### A. SLDMWA Minutes, Reports, and Issues Updates

Anthea provided and discussed the SLDMA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes, O&M Report and Update on Fiscal Year 2025 Strategic Plan Implementation Progress for February.

### B. Upper Delta-Mendota Canal Subsidence Correction Project

Anthea reported that the SLDMWA provided a Delta-Mendota Canal Subsidence Correction Program Update and provided a copy of a presentation given on March 6<sup>th</sup>. She noted that the SLDMWA Team was working on a DMC Current Capacity Study as well as a Value Engineering Summary Study.

## 14. ARTICLES / CORRESPONDENCE / PUBLIC OUTREACH

A memo from Family Farm Alliance Update Report and a California Farm Water Coalition Update 2025 *Influencer Tour Coachella & Imperial Valley* were provided for the Board's review.

## 15. 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.

## 16. REPORTS PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE 54954.2

There were no reports pursuant to Government Code 54954.2.

## 17. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:14 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Anthea G. Hansen  
Secretary