



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
APRIL 17, 2024
MINUTES**

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment as there were no members of the public present.

3. ADDITIONS/REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

Anthea requested to defer Action Item 5.A. to the May Board of Directors Meeting.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

Anthea provided the Minutes from the Special Board Meeting of March 5, 2024; the Minutes from the Board Meeting of March 20, 2024, and the Monthly Accounting and Field Operations Reports for March 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, Jasper, Lara and Lucich
Nays: None
Abstentions: None
Absent: Maring

5. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Treasurer's Quarterly Investment Report for the 4th Quarter Ending 02.29.24
This item was deferred to the May Board of Directors Meeting.

6. MANAGER'S REPORT

Anthea shared and discussed the MOU between the Bureau of Reclamation, Friant Water Authority, San Luis Delta-Mendota Water Authority, and the San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority for establishing a South-of-Delta Drought Resiliency Framework. She added that at May's BOD Meeting, Federico Barajas, SLDMWA's Regional Director, will make a presentation outlining the proposed Framework. She also noted there would be an upcoming a 3-day State Water Resources Control Board workshop on the proposed voluntary agreements related to the Sacramento/Delta Update on the water quality control plan for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary. Information on the workshop, an article on the Solano County Water difficulties, and an article on the Bay-Delta System were provided for the Board's review.

7. WATER OPERATIONS & SUPPLY

A. CVP/SWP Operations

Anthea provided and discussed a news update pertaining to Friant receiving Class 1 allocation increase to 100%. She also shared two articles on fish take in the Delta and the impacts to pumping at Jones Pumping Plant.

B. Monthly Supply/Use/Completed Transactions Summary Report as of 3.31.24

Paul provided the Supply/Use/Completed Transactions Summary Report as of 3/31/24 and reported in-District use for the Month of March was 2,281 AF with an additional 4,474 AF of transfers out. Total available used and transferred for the 2024-25 water year was 6,755 AF, leaving the total unused supply for 2024-25 at 85,627 AF.

C. 2024-25 Additional Supplies Update

Anthea provided a 2024-25 Annual Additional Supplies Pool Report and shared that there was an offramp for the Exchange Contractor transaction if there was no customer need for the supply.

D. Landholding/Licensing Updates

Paul provided and reviewed the Active Permits and Licenses Report as of March 31st that showed eight active permits and one active license.

E. Update on Scheduling Provisions for NVRWP Contract – Report

Anthea provided a letter stating that the Bureau had approved the District's rescheduling request. Through the rescheduling process, Reclamation questioned whether NVRWP supplies could have been delivered during "excess conditions" during the 2023-24 WY. After discussion with Staff and Reclamation, it was determined that as long as there was capacity in the DMC, the District is able to continue to introduce NVRWP supply during excess conditions as long as the District had demand for the water.

8. RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

A. Westside Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Activities

Anthea provided the SLDMWA Activity Agreements – Staff Report for March 2024. She reported that work continued with Self help Enterprises to update Community Water Needs Assessments for Disadvantaged Communities in the Westside IRWM Region.

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

Adam provided and discussed the SJVDA Board of Directors Minutes to the January 9th meeting, as well as a CV-Salts Salt Control Program Prioritization & Optimization Study presentation. The Delta-Mendota Subbasin was selected as one of the potential basins for an archetype study under the P&O program. He also provided the WSJRW Water Quality Exceedances Report for the Period of 1/1/24 to 1/31/24 and shared that although the results were better than prior reports, there still needed to be a focus on improved BMPs in some of the watersheds.

C. Sustainable Groundwater Management Activities (SGMA)

Adam provided the minutes from the most recent Subbasin Coordination Committee, Subbasin Technical Working Group, and Northern Region Management Committee meetings and reviewed and discussed power point presentations on a DMC Subsidence Sensitivity Study and EKI presentation on water level measurable objectives and minimum thresholds. He reported that the Subsidence Study conducted by Reclamation indicated that under the worst hydrologic scenario, only one small section of the DMC would be at risk of exceeding the allowable subsidence by 2073. He also reported that discussions were had at the subbasin level to substantiate the groundwater extraction reduction proposals by the various zones in the subbasin.

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

Anthea provided a Grant Agreement Amendment Request to re-route some of the funding from the Los Banos Creek Recharge and Recovery Project to the Orestimba Creek Recharge and Recovery Project as the LBCRRP would likely not meet the construction deadline for the Grant. The request also asked that the Ceres Wastewater Facility component funding be redirected to a feasibility study for a direct pipeline between Ceres Wastewater Treatment Plant and City of Modesto Jennings pump station.

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

Adam provided maps of the focus areas from the last meeting and shared that the Bureau was performing the NEPA analysis and that process would need to be finalized before ordering any equipment.

9. FINANCIAL MATTERS

A. CVP Financial Matters

Anthea provided and discussed the CVPWA Board of Directors meeting Agenda as well as two DOI Memos pertaining to Section 215 Water, water pricing, and conditional pricing criteria.

10. SUPPLY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

A. Orestimba Creek Recharge and Recovery Project – Update

Anthea shared that an updated budget analysis for the OCRRP was being developed focusing on the timing of grant distributions and the construction schedule. Adam shared pictures of the project construction and gave updates on construction. He also reviewed a 4-week schedule, and an article from the U.S. Department of the

Interior pertaining to the Biden-Harris administration announcing a \$35 million investment toward small storage projects in California and Utah highlighting the OCRRP receipt of a second round of funding.

B. Del Puerto Canyon Reservoir Project – Update

Anthea provided progress reports from Woodard & Curran as well as TERRA/GeoPentech and shared that soil lab testing and potential road alternatives analysis were ongoing. She also shared that pursuit of funding opportunities for the road relocation portion of the Project was ongoing.

C. Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion Project

Anthea provided the JPA Monthly Update and power point presentation from a recent meeting on April 10th. She noted that there will be an Amendment No.6 to the multi-party cost sharing agreement presented to the JPA Board formally in the coming month.

D. BF Sisk Dam Raise Project – Update

Anthea reported that she would be attending the next negotiation session that afternoon on the contract which will govern the criteria for operating the expanded share of San Luis Reservoir. She shared that depending on how the meeting goes, there may only be one more negotiation session after this.

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

There was nothing to report on this item.

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

Anthea shared that she attended a meeting with the City of Modesto in March to receive updates on Staff efforts to advance the increase of deliveries into the NVRWP. A presentation to the DPWD Board is being planned by the City of Modesto, hopefully in June.

11. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

A. Training Updates

Anthea shared that all DPWD Staff had received and completed mandatory Sexual Harassment in the Workplace training and had signed up the Board of Directors to complete their mandatory training as well through a program named Vector Solutions.

B. Local Hazard Mitigation Plan 5-Year Update

Adam shared there were no updates to the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan 5-Year Update for this month.

C. Zacharias-Baldwin Master Plan - Update

Anthea provided a Patterson City Council Agenda and shared that the Patterson City Council had a resolution on their agenda to pursue a WaterSMART Planning Grant for the development of a Recharge Project at Del Puerto Creek on a parcel of land that currently was within District boundaries.

12. SLDMWA REPORT

Anthea provided and discussed the SLDMWA Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes to the March 7th meeting, O&M Report, Memo on the Resolution Authorizing Execution of Contract with the US Providing for the Repayment of Extraordinary Maintenance Costs for the S.W. "Bill" Jones Pumping Plant Excitation Cabinet and Control Panel Refurbishment Project and the Recommendation, Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing Execution of Second Amended and Restated Memorandum of Understanding with Friant Water Authority Relating to Allocation, Collection and Payment of OM&R Costs for Water Delivered Through Certain CVP Facilities, and Authorizing Actions Related Thereto.

13. ARTICLES / CORRESPONDENCE / PUBLIC OUTREACH

Anthea provided an article from the SLDMWA on receiving a \$15 million grant for Delta-Mendota Canal Floating Solar Project, an invitation from the Bureau of Reclamation for a Solar over Canals Event held on April 4th as well as the article on Fox News covering that project as well, correspondence on Anthea's participation in Patterson's Empower Hour, a flyer on the annual Farm to Fork event, article "It's time for equilibrium in Calif.'s water policies", article "California's farmers depleted groundwater in this country. Now a state crackdown could rain them in", a flyer regarding fees aimed at funding groundwater monitoring wells, a flyer from MID on "Achieving Sustainability in the Modesto Subbasin through MID's Groundwater Replenishment Program", and a Family Farm Alliance Update Report for April 1st.

14. CLOSED SESSION

Upon return from Closed Session, Anthea reported that the Board met on items listed on the Agenda and gave guidance to Staff. There was one reportable action taken and the Board approved a transfer of water for 2024 in the quantity of 3,000 AF going to Westlands Water District.

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 11:34 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Anthea G. Hansen
Secretary