



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
DECEMBER 18, 2024  
MINUTES**

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

President Koster asked if there was any member of the public that would like to make a public comment. No members of the public were present to comment.

3. ADDITIONS/REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

Anthea indicated there were no additions or revisions to the Agenda and that there would be a closed session.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

The Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting of November 20, 2024 and the Monthly Field Operations Reports and Monthly Accounting Reports for November 2024 were provided in advance for the Board's review. The Board approved the Consent Calendar Items as follows:

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

5. ACTION ITEMS

A. Treasurer's Quarterly Investment Report for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Ending 11.30.24

Anthea provided, reviewed, and discussed the Treasurer's Quarterly Investment Report for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Ending 11.30.24. After review and discussion, the Board approved the Treasurer's Quarterly Investment Report for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Ending 11.30.24 as follows:

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

B. Board to Review and Consider Approval of Well Lease Agreement in Support of the Orestimba Creek Recharge and Recovery Project

Adam provided, reviewed, and discussed the Well Lease Agreement in Support of the Orestimba Creek Recharge and Recovery Project. After review and discussion, the Board approved the Well Lease Agreement in Support of the Orestimba Creek Recharge and Recovery Project with the condition that Garcia California Properties, LLC accepts the terms of the Lease Agreement as follows:

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

C. Board to Review and Consider Approval of Scope of Work/Fee Proposal from Woodard and Curran for the Ceres Conveyance Component of the NVERRWP

Anthea provided and discussed a proposal from Woodard & Curran for performing a Feasibility Study with various options for connecting the Ceres Wastewater Treatment Plant to the North Valley Regional System which included the background on the project and the scope of services being offered. After review and

discussion, the Board approved the Proposal for Ceres Wastewater Treatment Plant to the North Valley Regional System Feasibility Study as follows:

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

D. Board to Review and Approve 2025-26 NVRRWP Water Rate

Anthea provided and reviewed a worksheet detailing the estimated cost of the NVRRWP Water Rate for Jan – Dec 2025, which showed a rate of \$182.58/AF. After review and discussion, the Board approved keeping the the 2025-26 NVRRWP Water Rate at the current rate of \$185/AF as follows:

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

6. MANAGER'S REPORT

Anthea provided and discussed the SLDMWA December 2024 Update on Water Policy/Resources Activities, and USFWS's announcement to list the Monarch Butterfly as a threatened species. She also provided updates on the reinitiation of consultation on Long-Term Operations to the CVP and SWP, including environmental compliance, SWRCB actions, San Joaquin River Restoration Program, and the Delta Conveyance Project.

7. WATER OPERATIONS & SUPPLY

A. CVP/SWP Operations

Anthea provided and reviewed a 2024-25 San Luis Storage Project Graph at both a 50% and 90% Exceedance Hydrology. She noted that the more likely forecast projected that San Luis Reservoir will fill in February or early March.

B. Monthly Supply/Use/Completed Transactions Summary Report as of 11.30.24

Paul provided and discussed the monthly Supply/Use/Completed Transactions Summary Report as of 11/30/24 and reported in-District use for the month of November of 1,343 AF. Year to date use and scheduled use for the remainder of the 2024-25 water year totaled 87,206 AF, leaving 24,443 AF estimated for Rescheduling into 2025-26. Paul also provided correspondence from the City of Modesto and reported on the temporary unplanned downtime of the Tertiary Plants of the NVRRWP due to Transmittance issues.

C. 2024-25 Additional Supplies Update

Anthea provided and reviewed the 2024-25 Additional Supplies Pool Report. She further provided a SLMDWA letter sent to the USBR requesting environmental coverage to support a 25-year Warren Act Contract for the Yuba Accord Long-Term Transfer Program.

D. Landholding/Licensing Updates

Paul provided and reviewed the Active Permits and Licenses Report showing five active permits and one active license.

E. 2024-25 SLCC Transfer – Status Update

Anthea reported that the District continued to work with Reclamation on the approval needed to perfect a transfer of CVP supplies to Triangle T as part of the off-ramp for the SLCC Transfer.

8. RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

A. Westside Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Activities

Anthea reported that there were no updates on the Westside Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) activities.

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

Adam provided a flyer announcing the cancellation of the December 3, 2024 Meeting of the SJDVA Board of Directors Meeting and reviewed the Early Action Plan for Priority 2 Proposed Management Zones Preliminary

Draft Program which was submitted to the Regional Board. The program will address unsafe nitrate levels in drinking water, and is expected to begin in February 2025.

C. Sustainable Groundwater Management Activities

Adam provided an Agenda from the Northern Delta-Mendota Region Management Committee Special Meeting on November 27, 2024, Delta-Mendota Subbasin Coordination Committee meeting on December 9, 2024, minutes from the October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 Northern Delta-Mendota Region Management Committee Meeting, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Northern Delta-Mendota Region Management Committee Special Meeting, and a list of Missing Well Reporting Forms. He reported that the majority of the efforts relating to SGMA pertained to preparations for the eventual State Board hearing on the revised GSP that was likely to be held in the summer of 2025. Adam reported that recent meetings held with State Board Staff focused on the Water Quality portion of the GSP and that State Board Staff wanted additional protections for Groundwater quality degradation in the approved Well Mitigation Policy. Adam also provided and discussed the Draft 2025-2026 Northern Delta-Mendota Region budget.

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

Anthea reported that she had recently signed the official amendment request for the grant. She reminded the Board that this grant would cover the study for conveyance alternatives for the City of Ceres recycled water, and was also the grant that would provide additional funds to the Orestimba Creek Recharge and Recovery Project.

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

a. Grant Extension

Adam reviewed a draft letter to certain customers whose wells had been selected as priority recipients of the potential funding of the District's Groundwater Well Remote Monitoring Program, as well as a Budgetary Estimate from Sierra Controls pertaining to the Well Monitoring Project / Additional Site(s) Re-Integration. He reported that the District will be receiving a No-Cost Time Extension to extend the end date of the Grant to December 31, 2025, as the migratory bird nesting season would limit the time that construction activities could be performed.

9. FINANCIAL MATTERS

A. CVP Financial Matters

Anthea reported that there had recently been a CVPWA Financial Committee meeting at ACWA which was very well attended. Discussions are ongoing with the Bureau of Reclamation on the refund of overpayments resulting from the CVP construction payoff.

10. SUPPLY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

A. Orestimba Creek Recharge and Recovery Project – Update

Adam provided a Notice of Violation from the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District issuing a fine to the District for an unauthorized burn that took place on Orestimba Road in Newman on October 21, 2024. Paul shared that he had reached out to the contact listed on the letter to try and resolve the issue. Adam also provided correspondence indicating that Reclamation had entered an agreement with CCID to settle its protest of the water right application for the Project.

a. Final Cost Report

Adam provided and reviewed a worksheet detailing OCRRP Total Project Costs, which estimated the total cost of the Project at \$16,074,033. Of this, \$10,133,175 would be funded from various grants, leaving DPWD and CCID to fund the balance of \$5,941,457. Once the Project is deemed fully complete and all grants are closed out, Staff will return to the Board with a final report.

B. Del Puerto Canyon Reservoir Project – Update

Anthea provided and discussed DPCR Progress Updates for December 2024 from Woodard & Curran and Terra GeoPentech and shared the findings from the DPCR Technical Review Board Meeting No. 7 held on November 8, 2024. She reported that the design team was at 30% on most of the components of the Project and had been focusing on finalizing the Geotechnical Reports in order to submit the first round of designs to the Department of Safety of Dams so they can begin their review. She also reported that the general revised road alignments were agreed to by County Staff. The current focus is financing and a business plan for the next year.

- C. Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion Project  
Anthea provided a copy of the presentation pertaining to the Dissolution Process of the Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion Project JPA and discussed the process of the dissolution.
- D. BF Sisk Dam Raise Project – Update  
Anthea reported that the last session of negotiations took place the week prior and that the focus now was on the Activity Agreement between the Water Authority Members, as well as the work plan and funding needs for the coming year.
- E. Ceres – DPWD – Turlock Discussions on Advancing Recycled Water into NVRRWP Facilities – Update  
Anthea shared that she was to have a meeting that afternoon with the City of Ceres and the City of Turlock to discuss opportunities for utilizing existing Turlock infrastructure to convey Ceres’ recycled water as well as other options.
- F. Coordination with Local Agencies on Regional SGMA Projects - Update  
Anthea provided correspondence from the Bureau pertaining to USBR Grant Opportunities and shared that she had corresponded with the City of Modesto regarding the last round of funding for the Title XVI WIIN Act Planning and project grants is at the end of April 2025 and suggested the partners should pursue this funding for upgrades to the Modesto Water Treatment facility.

11. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

- A. Training Updates  
Anthea thanked the Board Members who had completed their mandatory training and encouraged those that had not, to do so, and to please contact Staff for guidance if they needed assistance with the online training portal.
- B. Staffing Updates  
Adam provided and reviewed the proposed job description for a Special Programs Technician.
- C. Local Hazard Mitigation Plan 5-Year Update  
Adam shared that he would be placing a notice in the newspaper regarding consideration of the 5-year Update at the next Board Meeting.
- D. Pacific Gateway – Update  
Anthea provided and reviewed a copy of a map showing the Pacific Gateway Specific Plan, noting that the project proponents had moved the location, which greatly reduced the number of acres affected within the District.
- E. Crows Landing Industrial Business Park – Update  
Anthea provided a map of the proposed phased development of the Crows Landing Industrial Business Park & Airfield Project and reported that the county had issued a RFP for a developers proposed plans for Phase 1A, which would involve approximately 108 irrigable acres within the District.
- F. District Crop Report and Values  
Anthea provided and reviewed the 2024 DPWD Crop Report Summary.

12. SLDMWA REPORT

- A. SLDMWA Minutes, Reports, and Issues Updates  
Anthea provided the SLDMWA O&M Report for November 2024 Minutes for the November 7<sup>th</sup> BOD meeting for the Board’s review and shared that the Water Authority was holding the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Meeting that morning.
- B. Upper Delta-Mendota Canal Subsidence Correction Project  
Anthea provided a SLDMWA Staff Memo on Update on Science Program and shared that the Planning Committee Meeting had been postponed for December and a workshop was scheduled for January 16<sup>th</sup> to discuss the Project. She encouraged any interested Board Members to attend.

13. ARTICLES / CORRESPONDENCE / PUBLIC OUTREACH

Correspondence on the Great Valley Farm Water Partnership, a letter from ACWA JPIA recognizing the District as a "President's Special Recognition Award" and certificates, Family Farm Alliance Update for December, a California Farm Water Coalition Program and Activities Update for December, a DWR announcement on Initial State Water Project Allocation for 2025, and a Preliminary Conference Agenda for the ACWA 2024 Conference were provided for the Board's review.

14. CLOSED SESSION

Upon return from closed session, Staff reported that the Board had discussed items listed on the Agenda and announced primarily the conclusion of the City of Fresno vs the United States of America case. It was noted that the Board also discussed one item that was not listed on the Agenda due to being received after the Agenda was posted, but that no reportable action had been taken.

15. REPORTS PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE 54954.2

There were no reports pursuant to Government Code 54954.2

16. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Anthea G. Hansen  
Secretary