



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
JANUARY 22, 2025  
MINUTES**

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

President Koster asked if there was any member of the public that would like to make a public comment. Anthea reported that she had received a letter of resignation from the Board of Directors of DPWD from Board Member Jim Jasper the night prior and he asked Anthea to read the letter to the Board. She then noted that the position he held within Division 7 of the Board of Directors would need to be filled and explained the process of filling that vacancy.

3. ADDITIONS/REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

Anthea indicated there were no additions or revisions to the Agenda and that Deputy General Manager-Water Operations, Paul Stearns, would be joining via phone call.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

The Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting of 12.18.24 and the Monthly Field Operations Reports and Monthly Accounting Reports for December 2024 were provided in advance for the Board's review. The Board approved the Consent Calendar Items as follows:

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

5. ACTION ITEMS

A. Board to Consider District Officers and Committee Assignments for 2025. Positions Include: President, Vice President, Treasurer/Tax Collector, Secretary, SLDMWA Water Resource Committee Member, SLDMWA Board of Directors Alternate, SJVDA Board Member, NVRWP JPA Policy Committee Representative, and DM-II GSA Steering Committee Members (2) and Alternate (1).

Anthea provided an overview of the positions held by DPWD staff and Board Members on various committees and Boards. After discussion, board Member Lara resigned from his Alternate Member of the San Joaquin Valley Drainage Authority and President Koster volunteered to replace him. Former Board Member Jasper held a seat on the North Valley JPA Policy Committee and due to his resignation from the DPWD Board of Directors, Vice President Bays volunteered to take over his position. Board Member Maring resigned as member of the SLDMWA Water Resources Committee to become an alternate, with Anthea replacing him as the member. All other assignments remained unchanged. After review and discussion, the Board approved the District Officers and Committee Assignments for 2025 as follows:

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

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

Anthea provided, reviewed, and discussed the Revised Well Lease Agreement in Support of the Orestimba Creek Recharge and Recovery Project. After review and discussion, the Board approved the Revised Well

Lease Agreement in Support of the Orestimba Creek Recharge and Recovery Project with Garcia California Properties, LLC as follows:

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

- C. Board to Authorize Unbudgeted Extraordinary Expenditure for Repair or Replacement of District Vehicle  
Paul provided a Staff Report/Action Item Request pertaining to the engine repair of the District's 2019 Chevy Silverado. He reported that the District's 2019 Chevy Silverado developed an engine problem and was taken to Thompson Chevrolet for a diagnosis. Thompson estimated the repair would cost \$8,900 plus taxes. Paul also received an estimate for the repair from Newman Auto Repair of \$5,200. He also provided cost estimates to replace the vehicle with a new purchase from Thompson Chevrolet. After review and discussion, the Board approved of having the truck towed to Newman Auto Repair at the quote of \$5,200 for repairs as follows:

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

- D. Board to Review and Consider Resolution Authorizing Execution of First Amended Restated San Luis and Delta-Mendota Water Authority B.F. Sisk Dam Raise and Reservoir Expansion Project Activity Agreement, and Actions Related Thereto.

Anthea provided and reviewed the First Amended and Restated B.F. Sisk Dam Raise and Reservoir Expansion Project Activity Agreement. The existing activity agreement was amended following cost sharing negotiations between activity agreement participants and Reclamation. The District's obligation for continued participation would be approximately \$125,000 for FY '26, and potentially \$800,000 for FY '27. After review and discussion, the Board authorized the Resolution Authorizing Execution of First Amended Restated San Luis and Delta-Mendota Water Authority B.F. Sisk Dam Raise and Reservoir Expansion Project Activity Agreement, and Actions Related Thereto as follows:

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

- E. Board to Ratify General Manager's Approval of Supplemental Supply Transfers to Westlands Water District and Kern-Tulare Water District

Anthea provided and discussed a Water Transfer Agreement Between Del Puerto Water District and Westlands Water District as well as a Memorandum of Agreement for Water Transfer of CVP Water Between Del Puerto Water District and Kern-Tulare Water District. She noted that at the December BOD Meeting, Staff received guidance to transfer some of the water stored in San Luis Reservoir to mitigate the risk of losing the stored water if San Luis Reservoir filled. The District entered into an agreement for the two transactions and the water is scheduled to be moved in January and February. After reviewing the Supplemental Supply Transfers to Westlands Water District and Kern-Tulare Water District, the Board ratified the Agreement and a Memorandum of Agreement for Water Transfer of CVP Water Between Del Puerto Water District and Kern-Tulare Water District as follows:

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

## 6. MANAGER'S REPORT

Anthea provided, reviewed and discussed the SLDMWA Update on Water Policy / Resources Activities, correspondence pertaining to the Environmental Assessment / Environmental Impact Report San Francisco Bay Federal Channels Operation and Maintenance Dredging and Sediment Placement Activities, an ACWA 2024 Water

Resources Development Act Summary, a Comment Letter on the proposed Amendments to the Bay-Delta Plan, a White House Press Release on Putting People over Fish, and an article from the California Water Blog pertaining to California Water under a Trump Administration. She reported that the Federal Administration signed a number of executive orders that could impact the District and CVP Supply, but it would take more time before the District could have a clear picture of the potential impacts.

7. WATER OPERATIONS & SUPPLY

A. CVP/SWP Operations

Anthea provided and reviewed the 2024-25 San Luis Storage Projection Graph at both a 50% and 90% Exceedance Hydrology. She shared that under both the 50% and 90% Hydrology, San Luis Reservoir will more than likely not fill.

B. Monthly Supply/Use/Completed Transactions Summary Report as of 12.31.24

Paul provided and discussed the monthly Supply/Use/Completed Transactions Summary Report as of 12.31.24 and reported in-District use for the month of December of 1,343 AF. Year to date use and scheduled use for the remainder of the 2024-25 water year totaled 87,935 AF, leaving 23,067 AF estimated for Rescheduling into 2025-26. Adam provided and discussed a Staff Report / Action Item Request pertaining to a 2024-25 NVRWP Reduction for Customers. He reported that due to issues related to a project on the Phase 2 Tertiary Treatment Plant at the City of Modesto deliveries would be short approximately 2,700 AF. Staff recommended allowing customers the opportunity to voluntarily reduce their 2024-25 NVRWP supply to offset the deficit between allocated NVRWP supply and the quantity of water provided by the City of Modesto. Adam noted that the District would need to reduce the 2024-25 allocation regardless, but this would allow some customers to do so voluntarily. After discussion, the Board approved Staff's recommendation to provide customers with the opportunity to reduce their 2024-25 NVRWP supply to offset the deficit between allocated NVRWP supply and the quantity of water provided by the City of Modesto.

C. 2024-25 Additional Supplies Update

Anthea noted that the additional supplies pool was oversubscribed, and the District would be reaching out to customers participating in the program to see if they would be willing to reduce their request for additional supplies.

D. Landholding/Licensing Updates

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

E. 2024-25 SLCC Transfer – Status Update

Anthea reported that she continued to reach out to the Bureau of Reclamation on the Draft EA that Staff had submitted in support of the SLCC Transfer. She reported that Reclamation had received the Draft EA and would respond by the end of January on the next steps.

8. RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

A. Westside Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Activities

Anthea provided a SLDMWA Memo on Activity Agreements – Staff Report for December and shared that Self-Help Enterprises was still working on the Draft Community Water Needs Assessment for disadvantaged communities in the Westside San Joaquin IRWM Region.

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

Adam provided the minutes from SJVDA Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors held on 11.5.24 and reported that during the January SJVDA meeting, the Board received an update on the cost sharing structure of the Delta-Mendota Nitrate Control Program Steering Committee. He also reported that RWQCB staff have expressed concern with continued exceedances during monthly water quality sampling and that Summer's Engineering and Water and Land Solutions were developing a plan to increase outreach to areas of concern.

C. Sustainable Groundwater Management Activities

Adam provided minutes from the November 12 Special Meeting of the Delta-Mendota Subbasin Coordination Committee Meeting, the November 13 Special Meeting of the Delta-Mendota Subbasin Coordination Committee Meeting, the November 9 Meeting of the Delta-Mendota Subbasin Coordination Committee Meeting, and the November 27 Special meeting of the Northern Delta-Mendota Region management Committee. He also

provided and reviewed a revision to the cost sharing section of the Northern Delta-Mendota Activity Agreement. Adam reported that the coordination committee was still working to address State Board Staff concerns regarding domestic well water quality in the Well Mitigation Policy. Adam also noted that starting January 1, the District began implementing the new single GSP. He also provided a legal update detailing SB1156 and the requirements for all GSA Board Members to file form 700s online.

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

Anthea reported that another payment had recently been processed. The amendment the grant administrators had been working on for months was signed the funds would be available to perform the City of Ceres Conveyance Study and redirect funds from LBCRRP to OCRRP.

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

F. There was nothing to report on this matter.

9. FINANCIAL MATTERS

A. CVP Financial Matters

Anthea reported that a CVPWA meeting was scheduled during the Mid-Pacific Region Water Conference in the coming week.

10. SUPPLY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

A. Orestimba Creek Recharge and Recovery Project – Update

Adam reported that a new flow meter had been installed and that Con J. Franke were awaiting delivery of the final electrical components required to complete installation of the pump station off of Orestimba Creek.

B. Del Puerto Canyon Reservoir Project – Update

Anthea provided Progress Reports for December and January from Woodard & Curran, as well as a Water Storage Investment Program: Projects Update from the California Water Commission. She reported that the team would be meeting with the County Roads Department in a few days to discuss the final preferred alignment for the road, and that the team continued to collaborate with PG&E engineers on the realignment of the utility towers. Both the Geotechnical Data Report and Geotechnical Interpretive Report were completed recently, and the partners will submit to close the IRWM Grant supporting those efforts. Discussions continued between the project partners and the Bureau of Reclamation regarding Reclamation's interest in becoming a 50% partner on this project for purposes of the South of Delta Drought Plan. As a result of the collapse of the Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion Project, Prop 1 funds could be available for any storage projects that have documented public benefits, which include the DPCR. Anthea also gave an update on her attendance at the Appellate Court Hearing for both lawsuits on the DPCR CEQA document, which she believed will bring a positive outcome.

C. Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion Project

Anthea provided a Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion Project Press Release Statement from the JPA Board, pertaining to the Los Vaqueros Reservoir JPA's action to dissolve the JPA. She reported that a refund would be to the District for some of the funds the District contributed to the Project. Also provided was a California Water Commission WSIP Agenda Item regarding Contra Costa Water District's decision to withdraw from the LVREP.

D. BF Sisk Dam Raise Project – Update

Anthea provided a copy of the January 10<sup>th</sup> monthly update and shared information pertaining to the various Stage Gates outlined in the update. She provided and reviewed the budget and cost share agreements for the project. She also reviewed and discussed the construction schedule for the Project.

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

Anthea reported that work continued on the conveyance alternatives for the City of Ceres' recycled water. She reported that the District continued to coordinate with the cities of Turlock and Modesto, as well as TID. She also reported that the District had a meeting scheduled with the City of Patterson regarding additional potential projects in the next couple of weeks.

Note: Board Member Perez left the meeting at 10:48 a.m. and Anthea left the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

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

There was nothing to report on this matter.

11. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

A. Training Updates

Adam shared that there is still some outstanding required training that needs to be completed by a few Board Members.

B. Staffing Updates

Adam reported that the job description he had been working on was ready to be distributed to local colleges and posted online. He noted he would be sending out a notice to customers also.

C. Local Hazard Mitigation Plan 5-Year Update

Adam reported that a notice was posted in the paper that this DPWD Board of Directors meeting going to be an informational meeting for any public questions or comments on the LHMP. No members of the public were present for questions or comments, and no comments had been received.

D. Pacific Gateway – Update

Adam provided a Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report and Notice of Scoping Meeting Pacific Gateway Project and a comment letter drafted by Anthea to the San Joaquin County Community Development Department regarding a Notice of Preparation and Scoping for the Draft Environmental Impact Report – Pacific Gateway Project. In that letter, Anthea shared that although the District does not own or operate any wells, the effects of the conversion of project lands to urban uses on groundwater recharge, levels, and quality needed to be analyzed in order to remain party to the requirements for achieving local groundwater sustainability.

12. SLDMWA REPORT

A. SLDMWA Minutes, Reports, and Issues Updates

Adam provided the SLDMWA Board of Directors Meeting Agenda and Minutes from the December BOD meeting.

B. Upper Delta-Mendota Canal Subsidence Correction Project

Adam provided a PowerPoint presentation on the DMC Subsidence Correction Project from a January 16 Joint Special Workshop of the Board of Directors of the SLDMWA and Committees. He discussed the areas of the DMC that were identified for potential repair and how potential repairs could impact the District.

13. ARTICLES / CORRESPONDENCE / PUBLIC OUTREACH

Adam provided a California Farm Water Coalition Program and Activities Update, a Family Farm Alliance Update Report for January, and a California Department of Water Resources article on State Water Project Allocation Increases Following Recent Storms in Northern California for the Board to read at their leisure.

14. CLOSED SESSION

There was no closed session to report.

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 11:31 a.m.



Respectfully submitted,

Anthea G. Hansen  
Secretary