

REGULAR AGENDA

5. Consider Approval of revised job description for the Water Conservation Program Manager

Mr. Miller reviewed this for the Board. He stated this was a necessary revision to the job description for the Water Conservation Program Manager. He stated the main change was to state this position provides public outreach to both the District and to the Water Resources Association. Mr. Jacobson added this has also been reviewed and recommended by the Personnel Committee.

With a motion by Director Flores and a second by Director Freeman, the Board approved of a revised job description for the Water Conservation Program Manager, by 5 affirmative votes, Williams, Wright, Flores, Freeman and Tonascia.

6. Consider Approval of the Contributed Funds Agreement and Spend Plan for the B.F. Sisk Dam Raise and Reservoir Expansion Project

Mr. Jacobson reviewed this item for the Board. Three or four months ago, Mr. Jacobson stated the Board approved the main agreement for the B.F. Sisk Dam Raise. The two agreements before the Board, are follow-up agreements and will be considered at the next SLDMWA Meeting. The District participates through an Activity Agreement but are not a party to the actual agreements. The two agreements are: the Contributed Funds Agreement and the Spend Plan, which contains a preliminary budget; both were reviewed. Mr. Jacobson added, both agreements were reviewed by the Zone 6 Water Supply and Operations Committee.

Director Tonascia asked to confirm there are no funds due at this time, which Mr. Jacobson confirmed.

Director Freeman asked if Valley Water is a party to the agreement. Mr. Jacobson stated they are participants, just as the District is, as a member of the Authority.

With a motion by Director Tonascia and a second by Director Freeman, the Board approved of the Contributed Funds Agreement and Spend Plan for the B.F. Sisk Dam Raise and Reservoir Expansion Project by 5 affirmative votes, Williams, Wright, Flores, Freeman and Tonascia.

7. Committee/Agency Representative Reports:

a. San Luis and Delta-Mendota Water Authority (Tonascia/Jacobson)

As per Director Tonascia, it was an interesting month. He and Mr. Jacobson met with some politicians at the Authority; there is a lot of pressure regarding repairing the canals.

b. Personnel Committee (Flores/Tonascia)

As per Director Flores, this has already been covered; it was the revision to the job description for Water Conservation Program Manager.

c. Recycled Water Committee (Flores/Wright)

As per Director Wright, the committee discussed the cost of chlorine versus the amount of water being produced and used, which was 286-acre feet. The committee discussed whether serving recycled water was still feasible, and staff is

exploring options for the future. Director Flores added, staff identified that the cost of water and chemicals is higher than what the District is charging. Discussion included using San Felipe water instead of recycled water. Mr. Jacobson added the committee had some good questions and staff is working on information related to their questions. He plans to have another committee meeting next month.

- d. Zone 6 Water Supply & Operations Committee (Tonascia/Wright)**
As per Director Wright, the committee reviewed the two agreements for the B.F. Sisk Dam Raise Project.
- e. City of Hollister RDA Advisory (Williams)**
As per Director Williams, there was 1 agenda item and the meeting was very short.

8. Monthly Operations and Maintenance Report

Mr. Craig reported San Justo Reservoir water level is at 477 feet. The Pacheco Pumping Plant was down due to a bird strike in the power lines and there wasn't enough time to turn the system, as it was an emergency shutdown. Because the District still doesn't have control of SCADA, turning the system has to be done manually. He added, the pumping plant will be down again around August 15th and 16th, to repair the power poles.

In Zone 3, District staff is spraying, mowing and cleaning around the Paicines Canal. Mr. Craig reported there was more silt than anticipated; so far it's been 50 dump trucks of silt removed.

In September, Mr. Craig reported staff will begin replacing valves, beginning with the larger valves. There is also a small leak in subsystem 4, that will need repair before winter arrives.

Director Tonascia asked if the cleaning of the canal is being done solely with District staff. Mr. Craig stated he is working with a contractor for removing the silt, but the rest is being done by staff.

Director Freeman asked what happens to the silt that's removed. Mr. Craig stated the Wine Group is taking it all, which is fortunate for the District.

9. General Manager's Report:

a. Reach 1 Operations

Mr. Jacobson reported Valley Water anticipates shutting down the Pacheco Pumping Plant on August 15th and 16th; that may mean customers will have to schedule water deliveries.

b. Zone 3 Operations

Mr. Jacobson reported Mr. Craig covered Zone 3.

c. Zone 6 Operations

Mr. Jacobson reported based on the water balancing, the District will have CVP water remaining. Staff is considering unloading some of the extra water and he will have

more information at the next meeting. Also, staff is taking a harder look at water losses, as they appear to be higher than normal; Mr. Craig is monitoring the situation.

d. Accelerated Drought Response Project (ADRoP)

Mr. Jacobson reported that Kennedy-Jenks noted some issues with the rebar at the West Hills Expansion site and has hired a structural engineer to review it. The issue is fixable by the sub-contractor working for Overaa and the inspector was released from duty.

Regarding the well contracts, Mr. Jacobson reported the contractor intends to be on-site next week.

Regarding the contract for the well site and pipeline portion of the project, the bid opening is scheduled for August 1st at 2 p.m. This is the last piece of the project.

Regarding the Water Supply and Treatment Agreement, Mr. Jacobson stated he has received comments from both Sunnyslope County Water District and the City of Hollister; he is still waiting on San Juan Bautista.

e. San Luis and Delta-Mendota Water Authority Activities

Mr. Jacobson reported Mr. Miller and Director Tonascia attended a board workshop on subsidence. Mr. Jacobson and Director Tonascia met with the Secretary of the Interior at the Tracy Pumping Plant. Discussion ensued about funding the Highway 152 portion of the B.F. Sisk Dam Raise Project and Delta Compliance. Director Tonascia added he and Mr. Miller also met with U.S. Senator Adam Schiff.

f. City of San Juan Bautista Water Supply Plan

Mr. Jacobson reported he had nothing at this time.

g. B F Sisk Dam Raise Project

Mr. Jacobson reported he had nothing further at this time.

h. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Compliance

Mr. Jacobson reported the District will have to restart the Technical Advisory Committee. The update is due in eighteen months. There is also the issue of the allocation methodology, which will now include pumping. Todd Groundwater will offer more information at the next meeting.

i. Miscellaneous District items

Mr. Jacobson reported there were no additional items.

10. **CLOSED SESSION:
Conference with Legal Counsel-Anticipated Litigation
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) or (3) of subdivision (d)
of Section 54956.9: One case**

11. **CLOSED SESSION:
Conference with Legal Counsel-Anticipated Litigation
Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Section
54956.9: One case**

- 12. **CLOSED SESSION: Conference with Labor Negotiator**
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6
Agency Designated Representative: Dana Jacobson, General Manager
Employee Organization: SEIU 521 Office and Field Employees Unit
- 13. **CLOSED SESSION: Conference with Labor Negotiator**
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6
Agency Negotiator: Dana Jacobson, General Manager
Unrepresented Employees: Management/Confidential/Professional Employees:
Accountant, Assistant Engineer, Associate Engineer, Deputy District Engineer,
Finance Manager, Human Resources/Administrative Analyst, Operations and
Maintenance Manager, Senior Engineer, Supervising Accountant, Water
Conservation Program Manager
- 14. **CLOSED SESSION: Conference with Labor Negotiator**
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6
Agency Negotiator: Jeremy Liem, District Counsel
Unrepresented Employees: Executive Management Employees:
General Manager, Assistant General Manager, District Engineer

(The Board convened in Closed Session at 5:37 p.m.)

- 15. **OPEN SESSION: Report action if any, from Closed Session items**

(The Board reconvened in Open Session at 6:45 p.m.)

President Williams called the meeting back to order and stated there was no action to report from Closed Session.

- 16. **Adjournment**

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Minutes were approved at the August 27, 2025 Board meeting and signed by the presiding board member.

/s/Doug Williams
 Doug Williams, President

/s/Barbara L. Mauro

Barbara L. Mauro, Executive Assistant/Board Clerk