

Meeting: **Sites Reservoir Project**

January 21, 2022

Subject: **Reservoir Committee Meeting**

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Location: [Click here to join the meeting](#)

Call in: **1-213-379-5743**

ID: **966 826 246#**

Chair: Jeff Davis (San Geronio Pass Water Agency)

Vice Chair: Bill Vanderwaal (Reclamation District 108 and Dunnigan Water District)

Treasurer: Jamie Traynham (Davis Water District)

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chairman Davis called the meeting of January 21, 2022, Reservoir Committee Meeting to order at the hour of 9:00 a.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Roll of the Reservoir Committee was called (Attachment A), which resulted in 20 eligible representatives. This equated to 91.26% of the current participation being in attendance, which is greater than the 50% needed to have a quorum of the Reservoir Committee.

INTRODUCTIONS:

The Sites Staff, Consultants, and members of the public introduced themselves.

AGENDA APPROVAL:

It was moved by Cheng, seconded by Tincher to approve the January 21, 2022 Agenda of the Reservoir Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF PUBLIC MEETING ITEM AND CLOSED SESSION:

Counsel Kuney announced the Reservoir Committee members would consider Closed Session matters as follows:

5. Closed Session:

- 5.1 Negotiations concerning project agreement with the Bureau of Reclamation (Govt. Code §54956.9(c) and §54956.9(d)(4)).
- 5.2 Negotiations concerning water rights permit terms and conditions (Govt. Code §54956.9(c) and §54956.9(d)(4)).

5.3 Public Employment, Engineering and Construction Manager (Govt. Code §54957).

PERIOD FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

Chairman Davis called for a period of public comment. Hearing none, he closed the period for public comment.

1. CONSENT AGENDA:

Chairman Davis made time to consider Consent Agenda Item Numbers 1.1 through 1.4.

Ms. Flores stated she was present for Open Session and Ms. Pryor was present for Closed Session and requested that be reflected in the Minutes/record.

Chairman Davis so directed.

ACTION/CONSENT AGENDA:

It was moved by Tincher, seconded by Flores to approve Consent Agenda Item Numbers 1.1 through 1.4 are as follows:

- 1.1 Approve December 17, 2021, Joint Authority Board & Reservoir Committee Meeting Minutes, as amended. **(Attachments A & B)**
- 1.2 Accept the Sites Project Authority Treasurer's Report. **(Attachment A)**
- 1.3 Approve the Payment of Claims. **(Attachments A, B & C)**
- 1.4 Authorize teleconference meetings, pursuant to Brown Act Provision provided under Assembly Bill 361, effective through February 20, 2022.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Action Items:

- 2.1 Approve administrative amendments to the standard consulting contracts with the Executive Director and Authority Agents related to indemnification and limitation of liability. Authorize an adjustment in the monthly compensation amount with Spesert Consulting over the 3-year term of the agreement and add a requirement that additional insurance is carried by Spesert Consulting throughout the term of the contract.

Executive Director Brown provided an update on the administrative amendments to the standard consulting contracts with himself and the Authority Agents related to indemnification and limitation of liability. He also spoke to an adjustment in monthly compensation for Spesert Consulting as well

as an added requirement that additional insurance be carried by Spesert Consulting throughout the term of the contract.

Ms. Traynham stated the Ad hoc Compensation Committee reviewed and recommended to the Reservoir Committee. Discussion followed.

ACTION: It was moved by Traynham, seconded by Azevedo to recommend to the Authority Board to approve administrative amendments to the standard consulting contracts with the Executive Director and Authority Agents related to indemnification and limitation of liability. Further, recommend to the Authority Board to authorize an adjustment in the monthly compensation amount with Spesert Consulting over the 3-year term of the agreement and add a requirement that additional insurance is carried by Spesert Consulting throughout the term of the contract. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Discussion and Information Items:

- 3.1 Review and comment on Amendment 3 Project Agreement Approval Process including estimated participation levels, outreach and rebalancing, and schedule.

Executive Director Brown provided a brief update on the Amendment 3 Project Agreement Approval Process including estimated participation levels and rebalancing and requested an update from participants.

Soft Call Survey Results

- Chairman Davis stated San Gorgonio has completed their process.
- Mr. Kunde stated Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa has completed its process and is uncertain of the participation level going forward.
- Mr. Cheng stated (Coachella Valley) board will be considering this matter in March 2022 and their participation level will remain at 10,000 AF.
- Mr. Carter stated (Carter MWC) board would consider this matter in February 2022.
- Mr. Ruiz stated (Westside WD) board would consider this matter in February 2022.
- Ms. Flores stated (Zone 7 WA) approved the current participation of 10,000 AF.
- Mr. Marks stated (Santa Clarita Valley) board will be considering this matter in February 2022 at the current participation level of 5,000 AF.
- Ms. Kao stated she had nothing new to report. Is still being worked on.
- Mr. Azevedo stated (Colusa County) has no changes and would be considered before the Board in March 2022.

- Ms. Dawley stated (GCID) Board would consider this in February 2022
- Ms. Welch stated (IRWD) would consider in February 2022.
- Mr. Neudeck (Metropolitan WD) stated information on Survey is accurate for now.
- Ms. Traynham (LaGrande/Davis WD) stated information on Survey is accurate.

Mr. Robinette spoke to the following:

Expressed Interest in re/new Participation

North of Delta Demand

- Cal AM Sacramento (water transfer partner only)
- City of Napa, 4,000
- Woodland Davis CWA, 2,000 – 5,000
- Glenn County, 1,000

South of Delta Demand

- Westlands Water District, 10,000 (Subject to Board Approval in February 2022)
- Madera County GSA, 10,000

Reclamation

- Storage Allocation
- Exchanges

Mr. Kunde stated Pacific Resources Mutual Water Company is possibly considering renewing participation at some level.

Discussion followed regarding the process for new participation/over-subscription and how it would be addressed.

Executive Director Brown stated the Funding Credit and Reimbursement Policy would be followed.

4. Reports:

4.1 Member's Reports:

4.1.1 Chairpersons' Report:

Chairman Davis spoke to the progress of the Sites Project over the last 4 or 5 years, stating it's come a long way. He expressed his appreciation for a great job done by Staff.

4.1.2 Workgroup Chairpersons' Report:

Reservoir Ops & Engineering:

Mr. Kunde provided an overview of the Workgroup’s meeting held on January 12, 2022, and the various matters discussed/considered.

Environmental & Permitting:

Ms. Forsythe provided a brief overview of the comments received on the EIR/EIS. She also stated the Eagle surveys would be starting next week.

Budget & Finance:

Ms. Traynham stated Budget and Finance discussed “time value of money” and making improvements to some of the monthly reports.

Coordination:

Chairman Davis stated the Workgroup reviewed agenda items in the “90 Day Look Ahead”. He also noted Elections would be held at the next Board meeting.

4.1.3 Reservoir Committee Participant Reports:

Mr. Cheng echoed Mr. Kunde’s report on the operations scheduling and acknowledged his great efforts.

4.2 Executive Director’s Reports:

Executive Director Brown provided an update on the following:

- Monthly status report. **(Attachment A)**
- Work Plan Key Deliverables Report. **(Attachment B)**
- Meetings Action Items Summary. **(Attachment C)**

He also spoke to the following:

- WIFIA letter of interest
- Ops Plan (posted on the Participant Portal)
- 2022 Organizational Chart
- EIR/EIS comment period extended to January 28, 2022
- Reminder that Form 700s need to be filed with FPPC by April 1, 2022
- New employee – Sandra Yarbrough

A brief discussion followed.

Chairman Davis declared a recess at 10:02 a.m., and convened into Closed Session to consider the following matters:

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- 5.3 Public Employment, Engineering and Construction Manager (Govt. Code §54957).

Chairman Davis adjourned Closed Session at 11:49 a.m. and reconvened into Open Session.

6. Report from Closed Session:

Counsel Kuney stated as to Closed Session, no reportable action was taken on the following matter:

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7. Recap:

- 7.1 Suggested Future Agenda Items.

None.

7.2 Upcoming Meetings:

Authority Board

Wednesday, January 26, 9 AM to 12:00 PM

Reservoir Committee

Friday, February 18, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Chairman Davis adjourned the Reservoir Committee Meeting at the hour of 11:52 a.m.

Jeff Davis, Chairman

Yolanda Tirado, Board Clerk

Current Voting Committee Participants (23):

	<i>Pct</i>	<i>Participant</i>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3.37	American Canyon, City	
<input type="checkbox"/>	2.32	Antelope Valley-East Kern WA	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2.26	Carter MWC	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5.16	Coachella Valley WD	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5.16	Colusa County	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5.18	Colusa Co. WD	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2.31	Cortina WD	(1)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2.77	Davis WD	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	0.00	Department of Water Resources (non-voting)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4.11	Desert WA	
<input type="checkbox"/>	3.06	Dunnigan WD	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3.67	Glenn-Colusa ID	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2.47	Irvine Ranch WD	

	<i>Pct</i>	<i>Participant</i>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2.47	LaGrande WD	(1)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	17.09	Metropolitan WD	
<input type="checkbox"/>	3.37	Reclamation District 108	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2.32	Rosedale-Rio Bravo WSD	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	8.56	San Bernardino Valley MWD	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	6.35	San Gorgonio Pass WA	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2.32	Santa Clara Valley WD	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3.67	Santa Clarita Valley WA	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3.78	Westside WD	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3.08	Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa WSD	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	.00	US Bureau of Reclamation (non-voting)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5.16	Zone 7 WA	
	100.00	Total	

20 Voting members represented at Meeting start

91.26% Represented participation percentage

Representation has been delegated as follows:

(1) To Jamie Traynham, Davis WD

(±) Not present after _____

Current Voting Reservoir Committee Participants (23):

<i>Participant</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Representative</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Alternate/Delegate</i>
American Canyon, City	<input type="checkbox"/> Felix Hernandez	<input type="checkbox"/> Jason Holley
Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Dwayne Chisam	<input type="checkbox"/> Dan Flory
Carter Mutual Water Company	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ben Carter	<input type="checkbox"/> Ann Carter <input type="checkbox"/> Charlie Palmer <input type="checkbox"/> Kendra Carter
Coachella Valley Water District	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robert Cheng	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Petya Vasileva
Colusa County	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Azevedo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gary Evans
Colusa County Water District	<input type="checkbox"/> Shelley Murphy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joe Marsh
Cortina Water District	<input type="checkbox"/> Jim Peterson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chuck Grimmer Jamie Traynham
Davis Water District	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jamie Traynham	<input type="checkbox"/> Tom Charter
Desert Water Agency	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mark Krause	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steve Johnson
Dunnigan Water District	<input type="checkbox"/> Bill Vanderwaal	<input type="checkbox"/> Jake Spooner
Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District	<input type="checkbox"/> Thad Bettner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Don Bransford Holley Dawley
Irvine Ranch Water District	<input type="checkbox"/> Paul Weghorst	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kellie Welch
LaGrande Water District	<input type="checkbox"/> Zach Dennis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ken LaGrande Jamie Traynham
Metropolitan Water District	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Randall Neudeck	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nina Hawk
RD 108	<input type="checkbox"/> Bill Vanderwaal	<input type="checkbox"/> Blair Lewis
Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water District	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trent Taylor	<input type="checkbox"/> Dan Bartel
San Bernardino Valley WD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bob Tincher	<input type="checkbox"/> Heather Dyer
San Geronio Pass WA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jeff Davis	<input type="checkbox"/> Lance Eckhart
Santa Clara Valley WD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cindy Kao	<input type="checkbox"/> Andrew Garcia
Santa Clarita Valley WA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dirk Marks	<input type="checkbox"/> Steve Cole
Westside WD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Allan Myers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dan Ruiz
Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa WSD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rob Kunde	<input type="checkbox"/> Sheridan Nicholas
Zone 7 WA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amparo Flores	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carol Mahoney Jarnail Chahal Valerie Pryor

Reservoir Committee Attendance

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Non-Voting Committee Participants (2):

Participant	<input type="checkbox"/> Representative/Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Alternate/Other	
Dept of Water Resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rob Cooke	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alex Vdovichenko
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ajay Goyal	<input type="checkbox"/> David Sandino <input type="checkbox"/> Jim Wieking <input type="checkbox"/> Dave Arrate
Bureau of Reclamation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Richard Welsh	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Don Bader <input type="checkbox"/> Chris Duke
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Zack Leady	<input type="checkbox"/> Derya Sumer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jessica Boyt
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Vanessa King	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michael Mosley <input type="checkbox"/> Shana Kaplan
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Natalie Taylor	

Authority, Non-Signatory (6):

Participant	<input type="checkbox"/> Representative	<input type="checkbox"/> Alternate	Alternate
PCWA	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ed Horton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ben Barker <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Darin Reintjes
Roseville	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sean Bigley	<input type="checkbox"/> Trevor Joseph <input type="checkbox"/> Jason Marks
Sacramento County WA	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jeff Harris	<input type="checkbox"/> Brett Ewart <input type="checkbox"/> Ann Sanger

Staff:

<input type="checkbox"/> Name	Representing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brown, Jerry	Sites Project Authority
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forsythe, Ali	Sites Project Authority
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Spesert, Kevin	Sites Project Authority

<input type="checkbox"/> Name	Representing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trapasso, Joe	Sites Project Authority
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tirado, Yolanda	Sites Project Authority

Consultants:

<input type="checkbox"/> Name	Representing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alexander, Jeriann Grace, Lui	Fugro
<input type="checkbox"/> Boling, Robert	HDR
<input type="checkbox"/> Briard, Monique	ICF
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brown, Doug	Stradling
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brown, Scott	LWA
<input type="checkbox"/> Bruner, Marc	Perkins Coie
<input type="checkbox"/> Forrest, Mike	AECOM
<input type="checkbox"/> Floyd, Kim	Floyd

<input type="checkbox"/> Name	Representing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Harris, Cheyanne	Brown & Caldwell
<input type="checkbox"/> Herrin, Jeff	AECOM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Heydinger, Erin	HDR
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Katz, Sara	Katz & Associates
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kivett, Marcia	Brown & Caldwell
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kuney, Scott	Young Wooldridge
<input type="checkbox"/> Leaf, Robert	Ch2m
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Luu, Henry	HDR
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> McDonald C	CMD West

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Name	Representing
<input type="checkbox"/>	Micko, Steve	Ch2m
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Maltby, Marcus	Brown & Caldwell
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Montague, Doug	Montague DeRose Assoc.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Robinette, JP	Brown & Caldwell
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rossetto, Sarah	Katz & Associates
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rude, Peter	Ch2m

<input type="checkbox"/>	Name	Representing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Spranza, John	HDR
<input type="checkbox"/>	Traynham, Hailey	Brown & Caldwell
<input type="checkbox"/>	Van Camp, Marc	MBK
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Warner Herson, Laurie	Phenix
<input type="checkbox"/>	Westcot, Cathy	HDR

Other Attendees: (Check box to have email address added to the distribution list)

Name	Representing	Contact (Phone & E-mail)
Juleah Cordi	Assemblyman Michael Gallagher's Office	<input type="checkbox"/>
Israel Sotelo	Senator Jim Nielsen's Office	<input type="checkbox"/>
Laura Nicholson	Senator Jim Nielsen's Office	<input type="checkbox"/>
Laverne Bill		<input type="checkbox"/>
Anthony Middleton		<input type="checkbox"/>
Andres Trauttmendorff		<input type="checkbox"/>
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Laverne Bill		<input type="checkbox"/>
Anthony Middleton		<input type="checkbox"/>
Andres Trauttmendorff		<input type="checkbox"/>