



Meeting: **Joint Sites Reservoir Committee & Authority Board**

**December 16, 2022
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

Authority Board Chair:	Fritz Durst (Reclamation District 108)
Authority Board Vice Chair:	Jeff Sutton (Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority)
Reservoir Committee Chair:	Thad Bettner (Glenn Colusa Irrigation District)
Reservoir Committee Vice-Chair:	Valerie Pryor (Zone 7 Water Agency)
Treasurer:	Jamie Traynham (Davis Water District)

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Authority Board Chairman Durst called the Joint Authority Board (AB) and Reservoir Committee (RC) Meeting to order at the hour of 9:00 a.m., followed by Roll Call and the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL/ATTENDANCE:

Roll of the Authority Board equaled 8 members in attendance, which resulted in a quorum.

Roll call of the Reservoir Committee equaled 19 representatives, 89.91% in attendance, which resulted in a quorum.

INTRODUCTIONS:

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

AGENDA APPROVAL:

It was moved by Director Allen, seconded by Director Dennis to approve the December 16, 2022 Joint Reservoir Committee and Authority Board Meeting Agenda. **Motion carried: All Directors present voted yes.**

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION:

Counsel Doud announced the Authority Board of Directors, and the Reservoir Committee members would consider Closed Session matters 5.1-5.5.

PERIOD FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

Authority Board Chairman Durst called for a period of public comment. Hearing none, he closed the period for public comment.

1. CONSENT AGENDA:

Reservoir Committee Chair Bettner and Authority Board Chair Durst made time to consider consent agenda items 1.1 through 1.4 as follows:

- 1.1 Consider approval of November 18, 2022, Reservoir Committee Meeting Minutes.
- 1.2 Consider approval of November 21, 2022, Authority Board Meeting Minutes.
- 1.3 Consider acceptance of the Sites Project Authority Treasurer's Report.
- 1.4 Consider approval of the Payment of Claims.

ACTION RESERVOIR COMMITTEE:

It was moved by Pryor, seconded by Vanderwaal to approve Consent Agenda Item Numbers 1.1 and 1.3 through 1.4. **Motion carried unanimously.**

ACTION AUTHORITY BOARD:

It was moved by Director Murphy, seconded by Director Arnold to approve Consent Agenda Item Numbers 1.2 through 1.4. **Motion carried: All Directors present voted yes.**

2. ACTION ITEMS:

- 2.1 Approve the following actions for the 2023 – 2024 Proposed Sites Reservoir Test Pits, Fault Studies and Quarry Studies (Project): (1) adoption of the CEQA Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration; (2) adoption of the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program; (3) approval of the Project; and (4) authorize the Executive Director to file all related notices and pay all related fees.

Ms. Forsythe presented on 2023-2024 Proposed Sites Reservoir Test Pits, Fault Studies and Quarry Studies and spoke to the following:

- Test Pits provide information regarding the quantity and quality of borrow materials at proposed quarry locations and pipeline trench stability.
- Fault Studies provide information regarding the location and stratigraphy of suspected and known fault traces/zones and to further evaluate the areas for evidence of the last movement.
- Quarry Studies provide information regarding the quantity and quality of borrow materials proposed for dam and reservoir feature construction fill and assess the means and methods needed to remove overburden and rock materials during construction.
- Change made to Mitigation Measure Bio-6; Giant Garter Snake and Mitigated Negative Declaration after packet posted.

Brief discussion was held on test pits, possible quarry locations and work in the Funks Reservoir.

ACTION RESERVOIR COMMITTEE:

It was moved by Traynham, seconded by Azevedo to recommend approval of the following actions for the 2023 – 2024 Proposed Sites Reservoir Test Pits, Fault Studies and Quarry Studies (Project): (1) adoption of the CEQA Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration; (2) adoption of the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program; (3) approval of the Project; and (4) authorize the Executive Director to file all related notices and pay all related fees. **Motion carried unanimously.**

ACTION AUTHORITY BOARD:

It was moved by Director Arnold, seconded by Director Sutton to Approve the following actions for the 2023 – 2024 Proposed Sites Reservoir Test Pits, Fault Studies and Quarry Studies (Project): (1) adoption of the CEQA Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration; (2) adoption of the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program; (3) approval of the Project; and (4) authorize the Executive Director to file all related notices and pay all related fees. **Motion carried: All Directors present voted yes.**

- 2.2 Approve revisions to the Authority Board adopted Budget Policy, Procurement & Contract Policy, and Records Management Policy to conform the policies with the subsequent actions and clarifications that have occurred. Conduct an annual review of all the Authority Board adopted policies and provide direction to Staff related to future consideration of changes.

Director Evans spoke to the recommended change for reporting public records requests.

Director Arnold suggested a single printout of public records requests to pass around at the Sites Joint Reservoir Committee & Authority Board Meetings.

ACTION RESERVOIR COMMITTEE:

It was moved by Pryor, seconded by Traynham to recommend approval of revisions to the Authority Board adopted Budget Policy, Procurement & Contract Policy, and Records Management Policy to conform the policies with the subsequent actions and clarifications that have occurred. Conduct an annual review of all the Authority Board adopted policies and provide direction to Staff related to future consideration of changes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

ACTION AUTHORITY BOARD:

It was moved by Director Sutton, seconded by Director Allen to approve revisions to the Authority Board adopted Budget Policy, Procurement & Contract Policy, and Records Management Policy to conform the policies with the subsequent actions and clarifications that have occurred. Conduct an annual review of all the Authority Board adopted policies and provide direction to Staff related to future consideration of changes. **Motion carried: All Directors present voted yes.**

3. DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION ITEMS:

- 3.1 Review and comment on the Project's approach for complying with the State's Lake and Streambed Alteration (LSA) requirements in the form of a near-term Master Agreement followed up with site-specific agreements through construction.

Ms. Forsythe presented on the Master LSA Alteration Agreement and spoke to the following:

- Fish and Game Code section 1602 requires notification to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) prior to beginning any activity that may divert or obstruct the natural flow of, change the bed, channel, or bank, deposit or dispose of material, into any river, stream or lake, including when dry.
- LSA Notification Application needs to be submitted to CDFW to determine if an agreement is needed based on project activity and resources affected.
- Master LSA Agreement approach, estimated impacts, fees and mitigation.

Kunde inquired as to Funks Reservoir qualifying in the jurisdiction of the LSA application.

Ms. Forsythe clarified that the Authority falls under the jurisdiction of CDFW, and the Authority is undertaking the activities. The entirety of Funks Reservoir is not impacted, only modifications within the reservoir are included in the calculation of the estimated impacts for the LSA application.

Director Sutton spoke to the coordination and consultation with Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority (TCCA) before application submittal.

RC Chairman Bettner spoke to strategizing with Glenn Colusa Irrigation District (GCID) for efficiency with CDFW, before application submittal.

Ms. Forsythe agreed to coordinate with Director Sutton and RC Chairman Bettner regarding TCCA and GCID strategies.

Executive Director Brown noted the level of detail going into the Master Agreement Application will be taken from what is already reflected in the Environmental Impact Report and there will be further opportunities for site-specific agreements throughout construction.

- 3.2 Receive an update on the Joint Ad Hoc Governance Committee and comment on the focus areas that the Committee has determined need to be addressed in 2023.

Charles Gardiner presented on the Framework for Governance Discussion and spoke to the following:

- Governance Interest, Local and Investor, Review of Governance Documents, Phase 3 governance revisions.

- Overarching Existing Governance Roles, Authority Board, Joint AB & RC, Reservoir Committee.

Neudeck inquired as to the Governance Ad Hoc Committee Members and received confirmation that the Committee Members are Director Sutton, RC Chairman Bettner, Traynham, Kunde, Tincher, and Weghorst.

4. **REPORTS:**

4.1 **Chairpersons' Reports:**

RC Chair Bettner spoke to future discussions of RC elections, leadership participation, and committee involvement.

4.1 **Committee & Workgroup Chairpersons' Reports:**

Operations & Engineering

Kunde spoke to the Operations & Engineering meeting held on December 14, 2022, noting it was purely informational and no decisions were made.

4.3 **Authority Board & Reservoir Committee Participant Reports:**

Budget and Finance:

Chairman Durst noted Brian Thomas is working with the Sites JPA on ways to maximize interest revenue.

Legislative and Outreach:

Director Sutton spoke to State and Federal outreach noting there are many new members in the State Legislature and Congressional Delegation that will require new efforts in the upcoming year.

4.4 **Executive Director's Reports:**

Executive Director Brown spoke to the following:

- Monthly status report and Work Plan Key Deliverables Report.
- Meetings Action Items Summary, UC Santa Cruz updates showing positive outcomes.
- Governor's Water Supply Strategy expediting permit and approval of storage water projects, Strike team has requested a schedule that targets coordination with state and federal agencies.

Authority Board Chair Durst declared a recess at 10:29 A.M. and convened into Closed Session to consider closed session matters 5.1 through 5.5.

5. **CLOSED SESSION:**

- 5.1 Negotiations concerning water rights permit terms and conditions (Govt. Code §54956.9(c) and §54956.9(d)(4)).

- 5.2 Conference with legal counsel regarding significant exposure to litigation or adjudicatory proceedings (Gov. Code §§54956.9(d)(2) and (4)).
- 5.3 Negotiations concerning Sites Project operation terms, conditions, and agreements with the Department of Interior, Bureau of Reclamation (Gov. Code 54956.6(c)).
- 5.4 Conference with Real Property Negotiators (Gov. Code § 54956.8) Property: [Glenn County] APNs 014-240-004-000, 014-210-005-000, 014-220- 001-000, 014-240-003-000, 014-220-001-000, 014240-005-000 and 014-240- 006-000 Agency negotiators: Jerry Brown, Kevin Spesert Negotiating parties: Bill Owens Ranch Under negotiation: Price and terms of payment
- 5.5 Conference with Real Property Negotiators (Gov. Code § 54956.8) Property: [Colusa County] APNs 011-150-021-000 and 011-150-022-000 Agency negotiators: Jerry Brown, Kevin Spesert Negotiating parties: Banyan Transport Systems Under negotiation: Price and terms of payment

Chair Durst adjourned Closed Session at 12:03 P.M. and reconvened into Open Session.

6. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION:

Counsel Doud stated that there was no reportable action taken on Closed Session matters.

7. RECAP:

7.1 Suggested Future Agenda Items.

None.

7.2 Upcoming Meetings:

Joint Reservoir Committee & Authority Board

Friday, January 20, 2023 (9:00 am – 12:00 pm)

Maxwell Project Office & Virtual

Authority Board Chair Durst adjourned the Joint Reservoir Committee and Authority Board Meeting at the hour of 12:05 P.M.

Fritz Durst, Authority Board Chair

Thad Bettner, Reservoir Committee Chair

Sandra Yarbrough, Board Clerk

Current Voting Committee Participants (22):

	<i>Pct</i>	<i>Participant</i>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3.47	American Canyon, City	
<input type="checkbox"/>	2.42	Antelope Valley-East Kern WA	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5.28	Coachella Valley WD	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5.28	Colusa County	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5.05	Colusa Co. WD	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2.41	Cortina WD	(1)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2.87	Davis WD	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4.22	Desert WA	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3.17	Dunnigan WD	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3.77	Glenn-Colusa ID	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2.57	Irvine Ranch WD	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2.57	LaGrande WD	(1)

	<i>Pct</i>	<i>Participant</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	17.29	Metropolitan WD
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3.47	Reclamation District 108
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2.42	Rosedale-Rio Bravo WSD
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	8.70	San Bernardino Valley MWD
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	6.48	San Geronio Pass WA
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2.42	Santa Clara Valley WD
<input type="checkbox"/>	3.77	Santa Clarita Valley WA
<input type="checkbox"/>	3.89	Westside WD
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3.19	Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa WSD
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	0.00	Department of Water Resources (non-voting)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	.00	US Bureau of Reclamation (non-voting)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5.28	Zone 7 WA
	100.00	Total

19 Voting members represented at Meeting start

89.91% Represented participation percentage

Representation has been delegated as follows:

(1) To Jamie Traynham, Davis WD

(+) Not present after _____

Current Voting Authority Board Participants:

<i>Participant</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Representative</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Alternate/Delegate</i>
Colusa County	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gary Evans	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Azevedo
Colusa County Water District	<input type="checkbox"/> Joe Marsh	<input type="checkbox"/> Doug Griffen <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shelly Murphy
Glenn County	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Thomas Arnold	<input type="checkbox"/> TBD
Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Logan Dennis	<input type="checkbox"/> John Amaro
Reclamation District 108	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fritz Durst	<input type="checkbox"/> Sean Doherty <input type="checkbox"/> Hilary Reinhard
Placer County Water Agency	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gray Allen	<input type="checkbox"/> Joshua Alpine
Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jeff Sutton	<input type="checkbox"/> Halbert Charter
City of Sacramento	<input type="checkbox"/> TBD	<input type="checkbox"/> Brett Ewart
Westside Water District	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Doug Parker	<input type="checkbox"/> Zach Dennis

Associate Members (2 non-voting):

<i>Participant</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Representative</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Alternate</i>
TC4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jamie Traynham	<input type="checkbox"/> Tom Charter
Western Canal Water District	<input type="checkbox"/> Ted Trimble	<input type="checkbox"/> Greg Johnson

Current Voting Reservoir Committee Participants (22):

<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jason Holley
Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Dwayne Chisam	<input type="checkbox"/> Dan Flory
Coachella Valley Water District	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Halbert Charter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shelly Murphy
Cortina Water District	<input type="checkbox"/> Jim Peterson	<input type="checkbox"/> Chuck Grimmer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jamie Traynham
Davis Water District	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jamie Traynham	<input type="checkbox"/> Tom Charter

<i>Participant</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Representative</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Alternate/Deleg</i> <i>ate</i>
Desert Water Agency	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mark Krause	<input type="checkbox"/> Steve Johnson
Dunnigan Water District	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bill Vanderwaal	<input type="checkbox"/> Jake Spooner
Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Thad Bettner	<input type="checkbox"/> TBD
Irvine Ranch Water District	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Nina Hawk
RD 108	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bill Vanderwaal	<input type="checkbox"/> Lewis Bair
Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water District	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trent Taylor	<input type="checkbox"/> Dan Bartel
San Bernardino Valley Water District	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bob Tincher	<input type="checkbox"/> Heather Dyer
San Geronio Pass Water Agency	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lance Eckhart	<input type="checkbox"/> Thomas Todd
Santa Clara Valley Water District	<input type="checkbox"/> Cindy Kao	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Katherine Maher
Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Steve Cole	<input type="checkbox"/> Ali Elhassan
Westside Water District	<input type="checkbox"/> Allen Myers	<input type="checkbox"/> Dan Ruiz
Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa WSD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rob Kunde	<input type="checkbox"/> Sheridan Nicholas
Zone 7 Water Agency	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Valerie Pryor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amparo Flores

Non-Voting Committee Participants (2):

<i>Participant</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Representative/</i> <i>Other</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Alternate/Oth</i> <i>er</i>
Dept of Water Resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rob Cooke <input type="checkbox"/> Itzia Rivera	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jagruti Maroney <input type="checkbox"/> Alex Vdovichenko
Bureau of Reclamation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Richard Welsh <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Allison Jacobson	<input type="checkbox"/> Don Bader <input type="checkbox"/> Jessica Boyt <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Natalie Taylor

Authority, Non-Signatory (6):

<i>Participant</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Representative</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Alternate</i>	<i>Alternate</i>
PCWA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ed Horton	<input type="checkbox"/> Ben Barker	<input type="checkbox"/> Darin Reintjes
Roseville	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sean Bigley	<input type="checkbox"/> Trevor Joseph	<input type="checkbox"/> Jason Marks

<i>Participant</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Representative</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Alternate</i>	<i>Alternate</i>
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Sacramento County WA Kerry Schmitz Mike Peterson

Staff:

<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Name</i>	<i>Representing</i>
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Brown, Jerry Sites Project Authority
 Forsythe, Ali Sites Project Authority
 Robinette, JP Sites Project Authority

<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Name</i>	<i>Representing</i>
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Spesert, Kevin Sites Project Authority
 Trapasso, Joe Sites Project Authority
 Yarbrough, Sandra Sites Project Authority

Consultants:

<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Representing</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Alexander, Jeriann	Fugro	<input type="checkbox"/>	Leaf, Robert	Ch2m
<input type="checkbox"/>	Arsenijevic, Jelica	HDR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Luu, Henry	HDR
<input type="checkbox"/>	Boling, Robert	HDR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	McDonald C	CMD West
<input type="checkbox"/>	Briard, Monique	ICF	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Maltby, Marcus	Brown & Caldwell
<input type="checkbox"/>	Brown, Doug	Stradling	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Montague, Doug	Montague DeRose Assoc.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Brown, Scott	LWA	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nielsen, Caitlin	HDR
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bruner, Marc/Laura Zagar	Perkins Coie	<input type="checkbox"/>	Newton Ann	Katz & Associates
<input type="checkbox"/>	Forrest, Mike	AECOM	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rude, Peter	Ch2m
<input type="checkbox"/>	Floyd, Kim	Floyd	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Spranza, John	HDR
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Harris, Cheyanne	Brown & Caldwell	<input type="checkbox"/>	Traynham, Hailey	Brown & Caldwell
<input type="checkbox"/>	Herrin, Jeff	AECOM	<input type="checkbox"/>	Van Camp, Marc	MBK
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Katz, Sara	Katz & Associates	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Warner Herson, Laurie	Phenix
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kivett, Marcia	Brown & Caldwell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Westcot, Cathy	HDR
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Doud, Alan	Young Wooldridge			

Members of the Public

<i>Name</i>	<i>Representing</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Representing</i>
Christy Scofield	Arbuckle Resident	Cindy Saks	San Bernardino Valley Water District
Onalee Elsberry - Crabtree	Vanir	Mike Urkov	LaGrande
Margie Namba	Granite Construction	Hanisha	

Members of the Public

<i>Name</i>	<i>Representing</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Representing</i>
Brian Thomas	Sites Project	Charles Gardiner	Catalyst Group
Eric Patterson	Kiewit	Luke Thompson	HDR
Kim Vann	Colusa Co. Flood Control Conservation Dist.	Erin Huang	Jacobs
Angela Bezzone	MBK	Mike Cadei	HDR
Trauttmansdorff-Weinsberg, Andres	McMillen Jacobs	Heidi Kaulen	Kleinfelder
Greg Krzys	GCID	Emily Ehrke	Arbuckle Resident
Bailey Morrell	Willows Resident		