



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

**January 20, 2023
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 9 members in attendance, which resulted in a quorum.

Roll call of the Reservoir Committee equaled 17 representatives, 78.76% in attendance, which resulted in a quorum.

INTRODUCTIONS:

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

AGENDA APPROVAL:

Chairman Durst entertained the motion for everyone to approve the January 20, 2023 Joint Reservoir Committee and Authority Board Meeting Agenda. **Motion carried unanimously.**

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION:

Counsel Doud announced the Authority Board of Directors, and the Reservoir Committee Members would consider Closed Session matters 5.1 & 5.2.

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

- 1.1 Reservoir Committee and Authority Board consider approval of December 16, 2022, Joint Reservoir Committee and Authority Board Meeting Minutes.
- 1.2 Reservoir Committee and Authority Board consider acceptance of the Sites Project Authority Treasurer's Report.
- 1.3 Reservoir Committee and Authority Board consider approval of the Payment of Claims.
- 1.4 Reservoir Committee considers approval of authorizing the Authority to enter into a Financial Assistance Agreement with the United States Bureau of Reclamation securing the FY22 \$80 million WIIN Act storage funds allocated to the Sites Project.

ACTION RESERVOIR COMMITTEE:

It was moved by Azevedo seconded by Traynham to approve Consent Agenda Item Numbers 1.1 through 1.4. **Motion carried unanimously.**

ACTION AUTHORITY BOARD:

It was moved by Director Dennis seconded by Director Evans to approve Consent Agenda Item Numbers 1.1 through 1.3. **Motion carried: All Directors present voted yes.**

Executive Director Brown spoke to the approval process for the Sites Joint RC & AB meeting consent agenda items, noting per the Bylaws, the Authority Board and Reservoir Committee will continue to have separation of approval, dependent upon the agenda item.

2. **ACTION ITEMS:**

None.

3. **DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION ITEMS:**

- 3.1 Review and discuss steps of converting to Storage Allocation based participation.

Angela Bezzone presented on Converting to Storage Allocation-Based Participation and spoke to the following:

- Storage allocation methodology, approved on April 16, 2021, established equitable treatment between local partners, without disproportionate benefits to the State and Reclamation.

- Storage partners will make management decisions based on their storage allocation; Authority's contractual obligation will be to provide storage allocation as dedicated space and a proportionate share of diverted water.
- Storage partners should evaluate their Supply vs. Storage leading up to soft call mid-2023.
- Calculations considering the change in deadpool and recent survey refinements to reservoir capacity will be finalized, and we will seek approval to make transition to Storage Allocation based participation in April or May.

Cheng received clarification that all combined local partners include all the Reservoir Committee partners, and he spoke to future preparation for discussions with agency home boards regarding the changes between Supply and Storage.

Eckhart spoke to the possible reduction in cost to participating agencies depending on the Bureau of Reclamation's participation.

Kunde spoke to the potential risk of disproportion with storage-based participation, particularly at times when storage in the reservoir is low; and Ms. Forsythe noted the possibility of approaching a plan for potential risk as the reservoir nears deadpool through the next version of the reservoir operations plan.

- 3.2 Review and confirm key points of response to Reclamations' December 16, 2022 letter indicating interest in participation in the Sites Project at ~16%.

Executive Director Brown spoke to key points listed in the staff report that the Authority intends to communicate in response to Reclamation's participation letter.

Kunde raised a concern about indicating "commit" to making the adjustments to accommodate Reclamation at 16%. Executive Director Brown clarified that it should be understood that "commit" is to pursue the direction over the course of the next two years while considering all of the other variables to participation.

Brief discussion followed.

- 3.3 Receive an update on the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Rural Development (RD) Loan.

Mr. Robinette presented on the USDA Loan Update and spoke to the following:

- Maxwell Intertie Project is a subset of facilities on the Sites Reservoir Project. Benefits of the community connecting the Tehama Colusa Canal to

Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District Main canal includes improved drought resiliency and economic resiliency for the rural communities.

- Changes include value planning, pipeline alignments, and construction cost has increased from \$375M to \$500M primarily due to time and escalation.
- Benefits include an Interest rate cap of 3.875 % (hedge), reduced debt service by 1-2% in the current market, demonstrating diverse political support, and more financing secured.
- Risks include unfavorable credit structure, “Independent Utility”, forced refinance, and additional compliance.

Cheng spoke to the repayment terms for the USDA loan and Mr. Gardels confirmed that the repayment terms are 40 years from the loan closing date.

4. REPORTS:

4.1 Chairpersons’ Reports:

RC Chairman Bettner noted how useful the schedule in the agenda packet is and encouraged local agencies to use it when presenting to their boards.

AB Chairmen Durst spoke to an upcoming tour of Sites with Chief Sisk of the Winnemem Wintu Tribe and he encouraged others to consider tours noting that virtual tours were an alternative option.

4.1 Committee & Workgroup Chairpersons’ Reports:

Operations & Engineering

Kunde reported the discussion at the O&E meeting included the project baseline schedule, material changes, key pieces to keep the project on track, and discussion on storage-based allocation.

Legislative and Outreach

Director Sutton spoke to the future Legislative & Outreach meeting on February 1st and encouraged interested Reservoir Committee members to attend. He noted there may be a trip to Sacramento in the spring to meet with the new members of Congress.

Mr. Spesert spoke to the second community working group meeting held in the Maxwell office on January 19th.

Director Evans spoke to the lack of local business participation at the Sites Community Working group and suggested outreach to local businesses in Williams, Colusa, and Willows, in addition to Maxwell.

Director Sutton asked for suggestions on local business participation.

Director Arnold noted he is on the Glenn County Business Committee and will forward the local business contacts.

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

None.

4.4 **Executive Director's Reports:**

Executive Director Brown spoke to the following:

- Storm Impact Outreach, Sites would have diverted 120,000 acre-feet of water from Jan. 3rd- Jan. 15th.
- Sites in the Media, coverage highlights, news clips report as a handout.
- Water Right Application/Access to the Water Right Materials.
- Brown Act Teleconference Requirements.
- Outreach to 5 local Tribes.
- Monthly status report and Work Plan Key Deliverables Report, Meeting Action Items Summary.

Authority Board Chairman Durst declared a recess at 10:29 A.M. and convened into Closed Session.

5. **CLOSED SESSION:**

5.1 Negotiations concerning Sites Project operation terms, conditions, and agreements with the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation (Gov. Code 54956.6(c)).

5.2 Public Employee Performance Evaluation, Executive Director (Govt. Code § 54957)

Chair Durst adjourned Closed Session at 11:31 A.M. and reconvened into Open Session.

6. **REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION:**

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

7. **RECAP:**

7.1 **Suggested Future Agenda Items.**

7.2 Upcoming Meetings:

Joint Reservoir Committee & Authority Board
Friday, February 17, 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 11:32 A.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 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 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 type="checkbox"/>	3.47	Reclamation District 108	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2.42	Rosedale-Rio Bravo WSD	
<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3.77	Santa Clarita Valley WA	
<input checked="" 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	

17 Voting members represented at Meeting start

78.76% Represented participation percentage

Representation has been delegated as follows:

(1) To Jamie Traynham, Davis WD

(+) Not present after _____

**Joint Authority Board & Reservoir Committee
Attendance (Attachment B)**

**January 20, 2023
9:00 AM – Noon**

Current Voting Authority Board Participants:

<i>Participant</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Representative</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Alternate</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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hal Charter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shelly Murphy
Glenn County	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Thomas Arnold	<input type="checkbox"/> Jim Yoder
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 type="checkbox"/> Gray Allen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joshua Alpine
Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jeff Sutton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Halbert Charter
Sacramento County Water Agency	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kerry Schmitz	<input type="checkbox"/> Mike Peterson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Zach Dennis
Westside Water District	<input type="checkbox"/> Doug Parker	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dan Ruiz

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 checked="" 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</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
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 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
Desert Water Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Mark Krause	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steve Johnson
Dunnigan Water District	<input type="checkbox"/> Bill Vanderwaal	<input type="checkbox"/> Jake Spooner

<i>Participant</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Representative</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Alternate</i>
Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Thad Bettner	<input type="checkbox"/> Greg Krzys
Irvine Ranch Water District	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paul Weghorst	<input type="checkbox"/> Kellie Welch
LaGrande Water District	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Zach Dennis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Urkov <input type="checkbox"/> Jamie Traynham
Metropolitan Water District	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Randall Neudeck	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nina Hawk
Reclamation District 108	<input 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steve Cole	<input type="checkbox"/> Ali Elhassan
Westside Water District	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Allen Myers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dan Ruiz
Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa WSD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rob Kunde	<input type="checkbox"/> Sheridan Nicholas
Zone 7 Water Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Valerie Pryor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lillian Xie

Non-Voting Committee Participants (2):

<i>Participant</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Representative/Other</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Alternate/Other</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 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 type="checkbox"/> Ed Horton	<input type="checkbox"/> Ben Barker	<input type="checkbox"/> Darin Reintjes
Roseville	<input type="checkbox"/> Sean Bigley	<input type="checkbox"/> Trevor Joseph	<input type="checkbox"/> Jason Marks
City of Sacramento	<input type="checkbox"/> TBD	<input type="checkbox"/> Brett Ewart	<input type="checkbox"/> Anne Sanger

Staff:

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

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

Consultants:

<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Representing</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Representing</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Alexander, Jeriann	Fugro	<input type="checkbox"/>	Leaf, Robert	Ch2m
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Arsenijevic, Jelica	HDR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Luu, Henry	HDR
<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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Herrin, Jeff	AECOM	<input type="checkbox"/>	Van Camp, Marc	MBK
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Katz, Sara	Katz & Associates	<input 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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	McDonald, Conner	CMD West

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Steve Geiger		Adekunle Ojo	SBVMWD
Brian Thomas	Sites Project	Dawn Edwards	HDR

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Dennis Sanchez	Garney	Erin Huang	Jacobs
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