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Reservoir Committee & Authority Board

February 21, 2025

Authority Board Chair:	Fritz Durst (Reclamation District 108)
Authority Board Vice Chair:	Jeff Sutton (Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority)
Reservoir Committee Chair:	Robert Kunde (Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District)
Reservoir Committee Vice Chair:	Jordan Navarrot (RD108 & Dunnigan Water District)
Treasurer:	Jamie Traynham (Davis Water District)

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chair Durst called the Authority Board (AB) and Reservoir Committee (RC) Meeting to order at the hour of 9:04 a.m., followed by Roll Call and the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL/ATTENDANCE:

Authority Board: 8 members in attendance, resulting in a quorum.

Reservoir Committee: 17 representatives (82.64%) in attendance, resulting in a quorum.

INTRODUCTIONS:

The Sites staff, consultants and members of the public introduced themselves.

AGENDA APPROVAL:

ACTION RC: Moved by Ms. Traynham, seconded by Ms. Murphy, to approve the February 21, 2025, meeting agenda. **Motion carried unanimously.**

ACTION AB: Moved by Director Sutton, seconded by Director Kaplan, to approve the February 21, 2025, meeting agenda. **Motion Carried: All Directors present voted yes.**

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION:

General Counsel (GC) Doud announced that the Authority Board of Directors and the Reservoir Committee Members would consider Closed Session matters 5.1. and 5.2.

PERIOD FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

Chair Durst called for a period of public comment.

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One speaker, Bruce Ross, introduced himself as a staff member for Senator Megan Dahle, and said he was happy to be representing her office at the meeting.

Hearing no other comments, Chair Durst closed the public comment period.

1. CONSENT AGENDA:

ACTION RC: Chair Kunde asked if there were comments on any of the Consent items; Mr. Cheng pulled Item 1.4 and commented the report was well done and easy to understand. He asked about retention within the budget related to Prop 1 funds; Executive Director Jerry Brown and Director Kaplan provided clarification of the close out process and retention amount shown in the budget document. Director Kaplan and ED Brown had a brief discussion about federal funding agreements and the notification of freeze/suspension of funding, noting the funds are now unsuspended. Director Kaplan stressed it is important to track on potential withdrawal of federal contracts and to be prepared to move funds appropriately and efficiently if needed. Following a brief conversation, ED Brown suggested this topic be addressed in the first quarter report.

It was moved by Ms. Pryor, seconded by Chair Kunde, to approve the consent agenda. **Motion carried unanimously.**

ACTION AB: Chair Durst noted he had provided grammar changes to Executive Director Brown related to Item 1.1. It was moved by Director Vanderwaal, seconded by Director Allen, to approve the consent agenda. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- 1.1 Reservoir Committee and Authority Board consider approval of January 17, 2025, Reservoir Committee and Authority Board Meeting Minutes. **(Attachments A & B)**
- 1.2 Reservoir Committee and Authority Board consider acceptance of the Sites Project Authority Treasurer's Report. **(Attachments A & B)**
- 1.3 Reservoir Committee and Authority Board consider approval of the Sites Project Authority Payment of Claims. **(Attachments A & B)**
- 1.4 Reservoir Committee and Authority Board consider acceptance of the Sites Project Authority's Fourth Quarter 2024 Budget Year Quarterly Financial Report and authorize 2025 budget adjustments as recommended to account for the actual \$4.1M additional 2024 carryover funds. **(Attachment A)**

2. ACTION ITEMS:

- 2.1 Reservoir Committee (RC) and Authority Board (AB) 2025 Election of Officers:
 - a) Elect Authority Board Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.

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- b) Elect Reservoir Committee Chairperson (Chair), Vice-Chair and accept the Authority Board's designation of Treasurer.
- c) Reservoir Committee and Authority Board confirm committee and workgroup designations and participation. **(Attachments A, B & C)**

ACTION AB: It was moved by Director Evans, seconded by Director Allen to approve the entire current slate of the Authority Board for another term. Thus, officers are Fritz Durst as Chair, Jeff Sutton as Vice Chair, Logan Dennis as Secretary and Jamie Traynham as Treasurer. **Motion carried unanimously.**

ACTION RC: Ms. Traynham nominated Mr. Kunde for the office of Committee Chair; Mr. Cheng nominated Mr. Navarrot for Committee Vice Chair. Vice Chair Kunde noted that as part of the motion, the Reservoir Committee accepts the Authority Board's designation of Ms. Traynham as Treasurer. It was moved by Ms. Traynham, seconded by Ms. Murphy to elect the nominated and accept Ms. Traynham as Secretary. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Discussion regarding Item 2.1.C: ED Brown referred to the staff report and pointed out staff have not been able to identify a Chair for the Environmental Planning and Permitting (EPP) Workgroup and recommended that its activities be consolidated into the Operations and Engineering activity. He further noted the Legislation and Outreach subgroup needs more participation, and the Land Management Committee will not likely require much activity. Chair Kunde stated he wished to withhold approval for the Environmental Planning and Permitting Workgroup until there is more discussion about participation.

ACTION RC: It was moved by Ms. Traynham, seconded by Ms. Pryor to approve agenda item 2.1.C., confirmation of designations as stated in the staff report, except for the EPP Workgroup (tabled), and to add Mr. Cheng to the Legislative and Outreach Committee. **Motion carried: All Directors present voted yes.**

ACTION AB: It was moved by Vice Chair Sutton, seconded by Director Kaplan to approve agenda item 2.1.C., confirmation of designations as stated in the staff report, for Coordination Committee, Land Management Committee (to be temporarily inactive), the Legislative and Outreach Committee, and Budget and Finance Committee. **Motion carried: All Directors present voted yes.**

- 2.2 Reservoir Committee and Authority Board consider approval of Resolution 2025-01 authorizing the Executive Director to execute all real property documents necessary to acquire real property from Shirley Jensen, and to take such other actions as are necessary or appropriate to effectuate the close of escrow. **(Attachment A)**

Executive Director Brown stated the item is to authorize the execution of various closing documents related to purchase and escrow of the Jensen Ranch. He reviewed the activities for purchase activities, which are now complete; final execution of the transfer of title is ready. He explained the purchase includes water

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rights and an agreement with the current tenant, consistent with the Red Stick grazing lease. ED Brown reviewed the land acreage and showed an image of the property boundaries. He noted the purchase illustrates the success of a willing buyer/willing seller dynamic that is achieved by demonstrating genuine care and appreciation for those in the local community. ED Brown and others expressed gratitude for the Jensen family's willingness to support the project. In response to a question about the tenant and whether they may be associated with the project, ED Brown stated that there is no association as far as staff know.

ACTION RC: It was moved by Ms. Pryor, seconded by Vice Chair Navarrot to recommend approval of agenda item 2.2 to the Authority Board. **Motion carried unanimously.**

ACTION AB: It was moved by Vice Chair Sutton, seconded by Director Allen to approve agenda item 2.2. **Motion carried: All Directors present voted yes.**

3. DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION ITEMS:

- 3.1** Receive an overview of preliminary Project operations modeling results using the recently developed CalSim model platform (commonly referred to as CalSim 3).

ED Brown introduced the item and said there is a new shift in California's water environment from CalSim model 2 to CalSim 3. Sites' environmental review had been based on CalSim 2. He said the CalSim 3 model does not necessarily change the project but provides a different way of analyzing it. ED Brown reviewed operations assumptions, including diversion criteria consistent with California Department of Fish and Wildlife Sites Operations Incidental Take Permit, Amendment 3 participation levels.

ED Brown reviewed various assumptions and the variations staff is reviewing. He said the project's performance is generally the same utilizing the new model, though there is variation because of the model being different. He said that the model results will factor into obtaining biological assessments. Mr. Cheng asked about preliminary results, and ED Brown said that demand patterns were based on CalSim 2. He said the project has operated on a global model of the collective group and users should be looking at it independently, rather than globally, now. Mr. Cheng asked if individual actions would impact others, and ED Brown said they would. There was discussion of maximizing benefits individually and the global impacts of individual actions.

Ms. Maher asked about plans for climate change hydrology within the CalSim 3 model. ED Brown said CalSim 3 does not have a climate change platform, but staff are trying to figure out how to integrate various scenarios into the CalSim 2 baseline model staff have previously used.

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4. REPORTS:

4.1 Chairpersons' Reports:

Chair Kunde noted that Mr. Mike Azevedo has left employment with Colusa County, thus vacating his appointment role with the project, and stated Mr. Azevedo has been an excellent advocate and person to work with.

4.2 Committee & Workgroup Chairs' Reports:

Value Planning Subcommittee: Chair Kunde said there have been three meetings of the subcommittee; the focus was on dams and roads, and the design and costs of conveyance.

Finance Subcommittee: Ms. Traynham said there was a meeting of the subcommittee with a focus on the audit.

Governance Committee: ED Brown said the group is active and having continued discussions.

Legislative and Outreach: There is a potential trip planned in the spring in Washington DC, and it's anticipated that tour groups will visit the project in the spring. Vice Chair Sutton said there are some planned legislative tours in the Sacramento Valley and he would like to see the Sites Project included in those.

Land Management: Director Evans pointed out that good communication within the community is very important to future land acquisition efforts.

4.3 Authority Board & Reservoir Committee Participant Reports:

None.

4.4 Executive Director's Reports:

ED Brown reported:

- The Authority signed two Coalition letters. One is related to how Los Vaqueros Reservoir Joint Powers Authority funds could be reallocated; it appears that a decision will be made in March. The other letter advocated for potentially working with other North State agencies covered under the Healthy Rivers and Landscape Program.
- The Project's participant portal now includes a message platform that could be used during the Washington DC visits.
- CMAR Statements of Qualifications are due March 10.

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- Staff are considering coordinating a field trip to some of the land that has been purchased, potentially in Redding or Red Bluff. Home Boards may invite their own Board members. The field trip is projected to be on April 17 or 18.
- ED Brown said he hopes to organize a gathering of all participants at the upcoming ACWA conference.

5. CLOSED SESSION: 10:40 am

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

5.2 Conference with Real Property Negotiators (Gov. Code § 54956.8)

Property: [Colusa County] APNs 011-150-022-000, 011-150-021-000

Agency negotiators: Jerry Brown, Kevin Spesert

Negotiating parties: Banyan Transportation

Under negotiation: Price and terms of payment

6. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION: 11:36 am

Attorney Doud reported there was no action taken in Closed Session.

There was nothing further to report.

7. RECAP: None.

7.1 Suggested Future Agenda Items. None

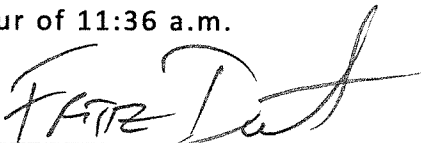
7.2 Upcoming Meetings:

Reservoir Committee & Authority Board

Day of Friday, March 21, 2024 (9:00 a.m. – noon)

Maxwell Project Office & Virtual

Chair Durst adjourned the Reservoir Committee and Authority Board Meeting at the hour of 11:36 a.m.


Fritz Durst, Authority Board Chair


Rob Kunde, Reservoir Committee Chair

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MJ Brown, Board Clerk

Reservoir Committee's Roll Call**February 21, 2025****Agenda Item 1.1, Attachment A****9:00 AM – Noon****Current Voting Committee Participants (22):**

	%	Participant		%	Participant
☐	3.47	American Canyon, City	☐	2.57	LaGrande WD
☐	2.42	Antelope Valley-East Kern WA	☒	17.29	Metropolitan WD
☒	5.28	Coachella Valley WD	☒	3.47	Reclamation District 108
☒	5.28	Colusa County	☐	2.42	Rosedale-Rio Bravo WSD
☒	5.05	Colusa County WD	☒	8.70	San Bernardino Valley MWD
☒	2.41	Cortina WD (1)	☐	6.48	San Geronio Pass WA
☒	2.87	Davis WD	☒	2.42	Santa Clara Valley WD
☒	4.22	Desert WA	☒	3.77	Santa Clarita Valley WA
☒	3.17	Dunnigan WD	☒	3.89	Westside WD
☒	3.77	Glenn-Colusa ID	☒	3.19	Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa WSD
☒	2.57	Irvine Ranch WD	☒	5.28	Zone 7 WA
				100.00	Total

17 Voting members represented at the start of the meeting-☒**82.64%** Represented participation percentage.

Representation has been delegated as follows:

(1) Proxy to Jamie Traynham, Davis WD

(+) Not present after _____

Meeting Attendance**February 21, 2025****Agenda Item 1.1, Attachment B****9:00 AM- Noon**

Current Voting Authority Board (9)		Primary		Alternate
Colusa County	☐	TBD	☒	Gary Evans
Colusa County Water District	☐	Joe Marsh	☐ ☒	Hal Charter Shelly Murphy
Glenn County	☒	Tony Arendt	☐	Jim Yoder
Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District	☒	Jeff Sutton	☒	Logan Dennis
Reclamation District 108	☒	Fritz Durst	☐ ☐	Sean Doherty Hilary Reinhard
Placer County Water Agency	☒	Gray Allen	☐	Scott Alvord
Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority	☒	Bill Vanderwaal	☐	Jim Jones Zack Dennis
City of Sacramento	☒	Lisa Kaplan	☐ ☐	Anne Sangar Brett Ewart
Westside Water District	☐	Doug Parker	☐ ☒	Zach Dennis Allen Myers

Associate Members (non-voting)		Primary		Alternate
Western Canal Water District	☐	Greg Johnson	☒	Ted Trimble
Zone 3	☒	Mike Urkov	☐	Wendy Tyler

Non-Voting Committee Participants (2)		Primary		Alternate/Other
Department of Water Resources	☒	Rob Cooke	☐	
Bureau of Reclamation	☐ ☒	Adam Nickels Allison Jacobson	☒ ☐	Natalie Taylor Jesse Sikora

Current Voting Reservoir Committee (22)		Primary		Alternate
American Canyon, City	☐	Jason Holley	☐	
Antelope Valley-East Kern WA	☐	Matt Knudson	☐	
Coachella Valley Water District	☒	Robert Cheng	☒	Petya Vasileva
Colusa County	☐	TBD	☐	Randy Wilson
Colusa County Water District	☐	Halbert Charter	☒	Shelly Murphy
Cortina Water District	☐	Jim Peterson	☐ ☒	Chuck Grimmer Jamie Traynham
Davis Water District	☒	Jamie Traynham	☐	Tom Charter
Desert Water Agency	☐	Steve Johnson	☒ ☒	David Tate Esther Saenz

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Dunnigan Water District	☒	Jordon Navarrot	☐	
RD 108	☒	Jordon Navarrot	☐	Lewis Bair
Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District	☒	Logan Dennis	☒	Louis Jarvis
Irvine Ranch Water District	☐	Paul Weghorst	☒	Robert Huang
LaGrande Water District	☐	Zach Dennis	☐	
Metropolitan Water District	☒	Randall Neudeck	☐ ☒	Nina Hawk Sam Smalls
Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water District	☐	Trent Taylor	☐	Dan Bartel
San Bernardino Valley Water District	☒	Michael Plinski	☐	Heather Dyer
San Geronio Pass Water Agency	☐	Lance Eckhart	☐ ☐	Thomas Todd Emmett Campbell
Santa Clara Valley Water District	☐	Cindy Kao	☒	Katherine Maher
Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency	☒	Steve Cole	☒	Ali Elhassan
Westside Water District	☒	Allen Myers	☐	
Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District	☒	Rob Kunde	☐	Sheridan Nicholas
Zone 7 Water Agency	☒	Valerie Pryor	☒	Lillian Xie

Authority Shared Seats		Primary		Alternate
Roseville	☐ ☐	George Hanson Joshua Alpine	☐ ☐	Sean Bigley Darin Reintjes
Sacramento County	☐	Kerry Schmitz	☐	

Sites Project Authority:

☒ Jerry Brown
 ☒ Ali Forsythe
 ☒ Kevin Spesert
 ☒ JP Robinette
 ☒ Shayleen O'Connell
 ☒ MJ Brown
 ☒ Alan Doud

Members of the Public

<i>Name</i>	<i>Representing</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Representing</i>
Nancy Moricz	Kleinfelder	Ken Bohannon	Kleinfelder
Kyle Hughes	Public	Casey Tull	OE3
Nathan Monroe	Atlas	Christy Scofield	Public
Jordan Gobel	Dewberry	Chuck Adamson	OE3

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Members of the Public

Name	Representing	Name	Representing
Richard Cruz	NCCRC		

Virtual Attendance

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Marcia Kivett
Wendy Ambriz
JP Robinette
Conference
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Alexis Simon (External)
MJ Brown
Sikora, Jessica L (External)
SC Irvine Lake Conference Room (External)
Taylor, Natalie L (External)
Petya Vasileva
jerry brown (External)
Gainey, Janice
Kanetis, Nick
Cooke, Robert@DWR (External)
Jeff Kivett (External)
Steve Cole (External)
David Tate (External)
Luu, Henry (External)
Spranza, John (External)
Pryor, Valerie (External)
Fritz Durst
Xie, Lillian (External)
Shad Bowman
Davis-Fadtke, Kristal@Wildlife
Jim Bowley
O'Donnell, Daniel@Wildlife

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Douglas Montague (External)
Robert Cheng
Rude, Pete
Louis Jarvis (External)
Marcus Maltby (External)
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Eric Kreutzberg
Michael Plinski
Esther Saenz (External)
Eric.Patterson1
Brian Kirwan (External)
Sara M. Katz (External)
Logan Dennis
Young, Amy@DWR (she/her) (External)
Brian Thomas
Gobel, Jordan (External)
Stanley, Robert@Wildlife
Desi Dikova (External)
Jason Holley (External)
Nicholas Turner (External)
Hentz, Chris (External)
Michael Plinski (External)
Douglas McDonald (External)
Xzandrea Fowler - Colusa County Community Development Dept. (Unverified)
Ankur Talwar (External)