

Reservoir Committee & Authority Board

April 17, 2026

Authority Board Chair:	Fritz Durst (Reclamation District 108)
Authority Board Vice Chair:	Jeff Sutton (Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority)
Reservoir Committee Chair:	Mike Urkov (Westside Water District)
Reservoir Committee Vice Chair:	Robert Cheng (Coachella Valley 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 9:00 a.m., followed by Roll Call and the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL/ATTENDANCE:

Authority Board: 8 members were present, constituting a quorum.

Reservoir Committee: 17 representatives (85.95%) were present, constituting a quorum.

INTRODUCTIONS:

Members of the Authority Board, Reservoir Committee and public introduced themselves.

Vice Chair Sutton joined the meeting at 9:08 a.m.

AGENDA APPROVAL:

ACTION RC: Moved by Ms. Saenz, seconded by Ms. Roccucci, to approve the April 17, 2026, meeting agenda. **Motion carried unanimously.**

ACTION AB: Moved by Director Kaplan, seconded by Director Vanderwaal, to approve the April 17, 2026, 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 Items 5.1 and 5.2.

PERIOD FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

Chair Durst opened the period for public comment and stated that public comments related to Item 3.1 would be held until that item was discussed later in the meeting.

One comment was heard regarding longstanding drainage problems in the Colusa Basin, referring to historical efforts to address drainage and stating that those issues remain unresolved. The commenter discussed concerns that current project elements could further impact drainage and urged consideration of local wetlands and drainage conditions in project planning.

Hearing no further comment, Chair Durst closed the period for public comment.

1. CONSENT AGENDA:

ACTION RC: Moved by Ms. Pryor, seconded by Ms. Traynham to approve all items on consent agenda. **Motion carried unanimously.**

ACTION AB: It was moved by Director Vanderwaal, seconded by Director Kaplan, to approve the consent agenda. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- 1.1 Reservoir Committee and Authority Board consider approval of March 20, 2026, Reservoir Committee and Authority Board Meeting Minutes.
- 1.2 Reservoir Committee and Authority Board consider approval of April 2, 2026, Special Reservoir Committee and Authority Board meeting Minutes.
- 1.3 Reservoir Committee and Authority Board consider acceptance of the Sites Project Authority Treasurer's Report.
- 1.4 Reservoir Committee and Authority Board consider approval of the Sites Project Authority Payment of Claims.
- 1.5 Reservoir Committee and Authority Board consider adjusting the meeting schedule by moving the previously scheduled July 17, 2026, board meeting to July 24, 2026.

2. ACTION ITEMS:

- 2.1 Reservoir Committee and Authority Board consider approval of Exchange Agreement between the Sites Project Authority and the California Department of Water Resources governing voluntary exchanges of water between the Sites Project and the State Water Project, subject to final legal review and approval, with direction to the Executive Director to finalize the agreement accordingly.

Executive Director (ED) Brown introduced the item, describing the proposed exchange agreement with the Department of Water Resources (DWR). He explained that the agreement facilitates exchanges of Sites water with State Water Project water at Lake Oroville to facilitate more efficient operations, consistent with prior environmental review and operational planning. ED Brown noted that the agreement had been previously presented and updated following Board comments, including discussion regarding whether additional State Water Project facilities should be included. He stated that DWR preferred those matters to be addressed directly with State Water Project contractors. He also noted that a cost-related exhibit was still under development and would be finalized prior to execution, consistent with criteria outlined in the staff report.

Board members asked clarifying questions regarding the agreement. Mr. Weghorst asked whether participation in exchanges would be voluntary or on a year-to-year basis, and staff confirmed that participation is voluntary. Ms. Saenz asked whether a “true-up” mechanism would be included to ensure that other State Water Project participants are not burdened and ED Brown stated that such considerations are being contemplated. Vice Chair Sutton raised concerns regarding cost responsibilities.

Additional questions were raised regarding liability provisions. Ms. Saenz asked whether language assigning risk and damages to the Sites Authority was overly broad given other potential agreements with DWR. ED Brown responded that liability provisions are consistent with those used in similar agreements, including contracts for public benefits, and are appropriate for this agreement.

ACTION RC: It was moved by Mr. Cheng, seconded by Ms. Saenz, to recommend approval of agenda item 2.1 to the Authority Board. **Motion carried unanimously.**

ACTION AB: It was moved by Director Vanderwaal, seconded by Director Kaplan, to approve agenda item 2.1. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- 2.2 Reservoir Committee and Authority Board consider authorizing the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with Reclamation related to accepting and conveying Incremental Level 4 refuge water as part of the Sites Project's Proposition 1 ecosystem benefits, conditioned upon no substantial changes from the terms described in this staff report.

ED Brown introduced the item and noted that it had been continued to allow for additional discussion. He stated that staff met with interested parties to walk through questions in more detail and believed the issues had been addressed sufficiently to proceed with the agreement.

Ms. Saenz expressed appreciation for the additional meeting and noted that it provided greater clarity on the item.

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

ACTION AB: It was moved by Director Vanderwaal, seconded by Director Evans, to approve agenda item 2.2. Vice Chair Sutton opposed. **Motion carried.**

3. DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION ITEMS:

- 3.1 Review and comment on possible revisions to the Sites Project Authority Construction Workforce Policy to:

1. Contractor approach for alternative project delivery Project Labor Agreements (PLA) to strengthen labor harmony and workforce stability with union labor based on lessons learned from the Reservoir Construction Manager At Risk procurement.
2. Add Solano County within the Local Area definition.
3. Implement local hauling as non-covered work as reflected in the Reservoir PLA.

ED Brown introduced the item, stating that staff is preparing to release the next Construction Manager At Risk (CMAR) procurement for conveyance and is seeking Board input on potential revisions to the Construction Workforce Policy (CWP) based on lessons learned from the Reservoir PLA process. He noted that no action was being taken at this time and that staff would return with a recommendation.

Mr. Robinette then presented the item, describing two potential approaches:

- Option 1: use the executed reservoir PLA as a template for future projects, with limited exceptions.
- Option 2: continue the current approach but require contractors to submit a labor harmony plan addressing workforce availability, compliance, and avoidance of work disruptions.

Mr. Robinette also described the proposed updates to the policy, including adding Solano County to the local area definition, clarifying covered vs. non-covered work, and outlining how off-site and on-site hauling work would be treated. He stated that these updates were reviewed with the Local Community Working Group and that the goal is to align policy with project needs and upcoming procurements.

Board members asked questions regarding the two options and their implications.

Chair Durst opened the period for public comment.

Multiple speakers provided comments regarding the PLA and workforce policy.

Speakers associated with the North Coast States Carpenters Union stated that they had not signed the PLA, asserted that labor harmony would not be achieved, and raised concerns about contractor capacity and workforce connections.

Speakers representing the State Building Trades expressed support for the existing PLA, stating that it was negotiated in good faith and included participation from multiple trades. They emphasized that work had been shared among unions, that the PLA reflected agreed-upon terms, and that it should be used as a template for future procurements.

Additional speakers reiterated support for maintaining the PLA structure moving forward and stated that it provides clarity, stability, and a consistent framework for project labor.

Hearing no further comment, Chair Durst closed the period for public comment.

Following public comment, Board members continued discussion about the two options presented. Discussion included comments emphasizing the

importance of maintaining project schedule and recognizing that most labor organizations support the project.

Director Kaplan provided context that disagreements between labor organizations are not uncommon and stated that it is not the Board's role to resolve those disputes.

Ms. Traynham noted that prior concerns included lack of a template and questioned moving away from that approach.

3.2 Receive and comment on the status update of the Conveyance Package Construction Manager at Risk procurement process for the Sites Project.

Mr. Natoli introduced item 3.2, referencing a prior presentation and reiterating the need to proceed with the CMAR procurement for the conveyance package, emphasizing the urgency of initiating the process. He stated that staff have advanced key preparatory steps, including development and refinement of the contract documents, evaluation criteria, bonding limits, and identification of key scope responsibilities for the conveyance CMAR contractor. He noted that lessons learned from the reservoir CMAR procurement were incorporated to improve clarity and structure.

Mr. Natoli explained that the procurement will follow a two-step process, with an emphasis on contractor experience, CMAR capability, and team qualifications. He also noted coordination with stakeholders and described requirements for the prime conveyance CMAR contractor to perform key elements of the work, including pumping and generating facilities, while identifying major subcontractors for pipelines, tunneling, and electrical components. He stated that the remaining step is alignment with the Construction Workforce Policy and PLA approach, after which staff intends to return to the Board seeking authorization to proceed.

Chair Durst opened the period for public comment.

One comment was received from a representative of the State Building Trades, which emphasized that adopting the existing PLA for future CMAR procurements would provide clarity and a consistent framework for all contractors and noted that it establishes a level playing field and reflects terms already negotiated and agreed upon by multiple trades.

Hearing no further comment, Chair Durst closed the period for public comment.

- 3.3 Receive information on upcoming negotiations with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation on an Excess Capacity Agreement which is expected to proceed consistent with existing federal law and policy regarding guaranteeing physical capacity in federal facilities for conveyance of Sites water.

ED Brown presented the item, explaining that staff is preparing to enter into negotiations with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation for an excess capacity agreement. He stated that under the Warren Act, such agreements allow use of excess capacity in federal facilities but do not guarantee capacity. ED Brown stated that the federal government cannot commit to guaranteed delivery and that use of capacity would be subject to availability.

Mr. Plinski asked whether Reclamation recognizes the project's needs and expected capacity and whether there are concerns with meeting those expectations.

Mr. Weghorst asked whether the expected capacity could be included as part of the agreement documentation. ED Brown stated that such provisions are not typical but could be discussed during negotiations.

- 3.4 Receive and comment on the updated conditions precedent quarterly status report.

ED Brown presented the quarterly conditions precedent report and noted that the project schedule had been updated to reflect the draft water right order timeline, including a July 15, 2026 date associated with the order. He stated that staff intends to return in July seeking Board approval to proceed into the investor commitment period, which is anticipated to begin August 1, 2026 and conclude in December 2026. He explained that the updated schedule still allows time following the anticipated water right decision while maintaining the goal of proceeding toward construction activities in 2026.

4. Reports:

4.1 Chairpersons' Reports:

Reservoir Committee Chair Urkov stated that he had no reports.

Chair Durst reported that he and ED Brown met with California Natural Resources Secretary Wade Crowfoot, representatives from CalEPA, the California Water Commission, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and Department of Water Resources to discuss concerns identified in the draft water right permit analysis. Chair Durst stated that the meeting

focused on explaining issues the Authority has identified with the draft order and noted that the meeting was productive.

4.2 Committee & Workgroup Chairpersons' Reports:

Mr. Kunde reported that the Operations and Engineering Workgroup met and discussed updated CalSim modeling and evaluation of operational scenarios using the terms reflected in the draft incidental take permit and draft water right order conditions. He stated that modeling focused on identifying opportunities for north-of-Delta and south-of-Delta water deliveries under different operational assumptions, including baseline and top speed operating conditions.

Vice Chair Sutton deferred to Mr. Spesert for information on the upcoming Washington, D.C. legislative trip. Mr. Spesert encouraged participation from Board members interested in attending the upcoming meetings.

4.3 Authority Board & Reservoir Committee Participant Reports:

Director Kaplan stated that she would be meeting with legislators and asked for talking points related to the project, particularly regarding flood management.

Ms. Saenz stated that she would be in Washington, D.C. during the week of May 27 and agreed that talking points would be useful in discussions regarding the project.

4.4 Executive Director's Reports:

ED Brown reported that staff had distributed guidance to the Board regarding Brown Act requirements and procedures for virtual attendance and agenda practices following discussion at the prior meeting.

ED Brown also provided an update on the upcoming Benefits and Obligations (B&O) Workshop scheduled for May 8. He stated that the workshop would be conducted as a public meeting consistent with Brown Act requirements and would focus on resolving remaining outstanding B&O issues identified through comments received on the December draft materials. ED Brown encouraged staff to attend in person and explained that staff had organized the remaining issues into topic areas to structure workshop discussions.

5. **CLOSED SESSION: 10:54 AM**

5.1 Water Right Application 25517X01 (Govt. Code §54956.9(c) and §54956.9(d)(1)).

5.2 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

6. **REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION: 12:22 PM**

Counsel Doud reported that no action was taken in closed session.

7. **RECAP:**

None.

7.1. **Suggested Future Agenda Items:**

None.

7.2 **Upcoming Meetings:**

Reservoir Committee & Authority Board

May 22, 2026 (9:00 a.m. – noon)

Maxwell Project Office & Virtual

Chair Durst adjourned the Reservoir Committee and Authority Board Meeting at 12:23PM.

Fritz Durst, Authority Board Chair

Mike Urkov, Reservoir Committee Chair

Wendy Ambriz, Board Clerk

Current Voting Committee Participants (22):

	%	<i>Participant</i>		%	<i>Participant</i>
☒	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

85.95% Represented participation percentage.

Representation has been delegated as follows:

(1) Proxy to Jamie Traynham, Davis WD

(+) Not present after _____

Current Voting Authority Board (9)		Primary		Alternate
Colusa County	☒	Gary Evans	☒	Randy Wilson
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/City of Roseville	☒	Pauline Rocucci	☐	TBD
Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority	☒	Bill Vanderwaal	☐	Jim Jones Zack Dennis
City of Sacramento/Sacramento County	☒	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 Jenny Scheer
Zone 3	☒	Mike Urkov	☐	Jamie Traynham

Non-Voting Committee Participants (2)		Primary		Alternate/Other
Department of Water Resources	☒	David Gordon	☐	Lincoln King
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	☒	Mike Azevedo	☐	Daurice Kalfsbeek Smith
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	☒	Esther Saenz	☒	David Tate

Meeting Attendance

April 17, 2026

Agenda Item 1.1, Attachment B

9:00AM– 12:00PM

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	☐ ☐	Jennifer Ustation Emmett Campbell
Santa Clara Valley Water District	☒	Katherine Maher	☒	Cindy Kao
Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency	☒	Steve Cole	☒	Ali Elhassan
Westside Water District	☐	Allen Myers	☒	Mike Urkov
Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District	☒	Rob Kunde	☐ ☐	Sheridan Nicholas Eric McDaris
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	☒ Wendy Ambriz	☒ Alan Doud
☒ Marcia Kivett	☒ Kyle Hughes	☒ Rob Natoli	☒ Mario Manzo	☒ Conner McDonald		

Members of the Public

Name	Representing	Name	Representing
Edward Valencia	DC 16	Stephen Peterson	City of Roseville
Link To	HDR	Adrian Inguanzo	Teamsters 137
Paul Bews	Ghiradelli Assoc.	Ayoub Autabeul	MWH

Members of the Public

Name	Representing	Name	Representing
Sean Kelly	Barnard	Randy Rojas	DC 16
Chuck Adamson	OE3	Christy Scofield	Public
Krystel Bell	Westervelt Eco Services	Ben King	King Farms
Onalee Elsberry-Crabtree	Vanir	Nathan Monroe	Atlas
Aaron Prchlik	Atlas	Bill Suttev	Barnard
Jesse Johnson	OE3	John Tweedt	DC 16
Randall Newton	DC 16	Mike Fuller	Barnard
Masood Mesbah	Kleinfelder	John Hanula	Stantec
Sujan Punyamurthula	Stantec	Jamie Kolkey	Black & Veatch

Virtual Attendance

Virtual Attendance	86	
Marcia Kivett	read.ai meeting notes (Unverified)	Duval, David (External)
Wendy Ambriz	Foss, Elizabeth (External)	Desi Dikova (External)
Jerry Brown	Esther Saenz (External)	john dal poggetto
15304546811 (Unverified)	Andrew Berselli (External)	Ali Elhassan (External)
Conference	Peterson, Stephen	Jacobson, Allison M (External)
Fritz Durst	Fireflies.ai Notetaker Ricky Kahlon (Unverified)	Marcus Maltby (External)
Ken Bohannon	Jim Halloran	Spranza, John (External)
Gobel, Jordan (External)	Marcie Skelton (External)	Rivera, Itzia@DWR (External)
Anthony.Middleton	Cooke, Robert@DWR (External)	Young, Amy@DWR (External)
Jillian Smith	Patrick Brown	Davis-Fadtke, Kristal@Wildlife
Robert Huang (External)	Kanetis, Nick	Brian Herrera (External)
C McD	Stephanie Parsons (External)	Rocklin Office War Room (External)
Steve Cole (External)	Neudeck,Randall D (External)	Cheyenne Butcher (External)
Gordon, David@DWR (External)	Sikora, Jessica L (External)	Robert Cheng
Xzandrea Fowler	Michael Plinski (External)	Joseph Sullivan (External)
Jim Edwards (External)	Brian.Gardner	Nathan Rinaldi
Shelly Murphy (Unverified)	15303939695 (Unverified)	Vincent Gin (External)
Grace Lui	Smalls,Samuel L (External)	Trent Taylor (External)
Pamela Katleba-Jenkins Westside Water	Ryan Shaw	Stout, Holly@DWR (External)
Cindy Kao (External)	Brian Bunch	Krystel Bell (External)
David Tate (External)	Takata, Lynn@Wildlife	Cronin,Jack (External)
Louis Jarvis (External)	Ohlin, Wayne	Mariel Attento Rhorer (External)
Nelson, Jeff [NN-US]	Barrett, Leslie (External)	
Jarod's Notetaker (Otter.ai) (Unverified)	Pryor, Valerie (External)	
Taylor, Scott D (External)	Tom Jacoubowsky	
Lance Eckhart Pass Agency (External)	Micko,Steve (External)	
Sara M. Katz (External)	Ayoub Antabeel	
Brian Thomas (External)	Joe Feeney (External)	
Luu, Henry (External)	Ian Garland	
Phil Brun (External)	Donna Phelan	
Mickey Nixon (External)	Sam Smalls (Unverified)	
Ashur Yoseph (External)	Summer Shadley (External)	