

**Reservoir Committee/Authority Board
Benefits & Obligations Meeting**

May 8, 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) Benefits & Obligations Meeting to order at 8:33 a.m., followed by Roll Call and the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL/ATTENDANCE:

Authority Board: 6 members were present, constituting a quorum.

Reservoir Committee: 15 representatives (77.81%) were present, constituting a quorum.

INTRODUCTIONS:

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

Vice Chair Sutton joined the meeting at 8:37 a.m.

AGENDA APPROVAL:

ACTION RC: Moved by Mr. Kunde, seconded by Vice Chair Cheng, to approve the May 8, 2026, meeting agenda. **Motion carried unanimously.**

ACTION AB: Moved by Vice Chair Sutton, seconded by Mr. Eckhart, to approve the May 8, 2026, meeting agenda. **Motion Carried: All Directors present voted yes.**

PERIOD FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

1. **DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION ITEMS:**

- 1.1 Review and comment on provisions of the draft Benefits and Obligations Contract, Amendments to the draft of the restated Joint Powers Agreement and Updates to the draft of the Phase 3/4/5 Bylaws to be implemented as part of Phase 3/4/5 of the Sites Project. Staff seeks feedback from the Board to reach consensus on issues and concerns related to topic areas identified in the staff reports and on how those matters should be reflected in the final contract documents.

During the workshop, staff presented Issue Papers 1 through 5 individually for Board review and discussion. Following each presentation, Board Members, legal counsel, and staff engaged in discussion regarding the issues presented, including clarifying questions and general deliberation related to the topics addressed in each issue paper.

Ms. Traynham joined the meeting at 9:45 a.m, after the presentation and discussion of Issue Paper 1.

No formal action was taken by the Board during the workshop. At the conclusion of the discussion on each issue paper, staff summarized the direction provided by the Board regarding the respective topic areas. A summary of the direction received during the workshop discussion is attached as **Attachment C**.

Chair Durst adjourned the Reservoir Committee and Authority Board Benefits & Obligations Meeting at 4:39 p.m.

Fritz Durst, Authority Board Chair

Mike Urkov, Reservoir Committee Chair

Wendy Ambriz, Board Clerk

Direction Received:

This document is a live workshop capture tool used to record participant direction on each discussion item where there is general consensus—either alignment with the staff recommendation as presented, or agreement on an alternate direction. It is intended to provide a clear, contemporaneous record of the group's agreed path forward and the key points underlying that consensus for incorporation into subsequent revisions and next steps.

Issue 1 Governance

Generally ok with blue language previously developed by Governance Ad Hoc, but need to confirm that orange language, after receiving direction from the Governance Ad Hoc as delegated per staff recommendation, is acceptable when all taken together. General agreement on objective to define pathway for maintaining Participant decision-making authority in the event that the delegation is determined to be invalid while preserving the Authority Board's Reserved Powers.

Issue 2 Downstream Capacity

General concurrence with staff recommendation with the following additional direction:

- Edit “~~and divert Sites~~ Water...” in the definition of Downstream Facilities Capacity Interests
- Review definition of new and existing facilities to be consistent with language in Partnership Agreement – e.g. undivided, Sites Owned, Partner Facilities
- Confirm that a Downstream Facilities Capacity Interest owner can “grab back” capacity to move water after initial determination of Available Capacity (see issue paper 5 and discuss existing provisions re priority)
- Consider in either the ops plan or the B&O: scheduling steps and determination of Available Capacity
- Participants to review final agreed FUA's to confirm commitments regarding priority.

Issue 3 Payment Annexes

Section 16, Amendment process for Appendix X: Change text to “written agreement of the ~~Sites Authority~~ Reservoir Management Board, the Acquirer, and at least two thirds of the SWP Participants”.

Clarify in the Bylaws that amending Appendix X is a delegated power from the Sites Authority to the RMB.

Issue 4 Partner Facilities

Add clarity around the obligation of the Authority to protect and control Sites Water. (4.1.2).

Add language that any amendment to Partner Agreements are a shared decision and material change.

Good Industry Practice for the Facility Partners should be consistent with current conditions and practices.

The Reservoir Committee will have an opportunity to review and approve all Partner Agreements (from the conditions precedent list reviewed with the RC/AB) prior to Board execution and prior to the Resolution to Offer Capacity Interest.

Issue 5 Release of Water/Point of Delivery

Propose adding the Sacramento River as an optional Delivery Point (Participants will provide draft language by May 22nd). Participants need an affirmative commitment from the Authority including:

1. A firm obligation to get the water to Funks or TRR (most certainty, engineered facilities, Sites Owned Facilities)
2. A duty to get the water to the Sacramento River confluence subject to the use of facilities not owned or controlled by Sites through agreements and approvals of others (less certainty, combination of agreements and Sites Owned Facilities)
3. Support and coordination to get water to each Participant’s Secondary Point(s) of Delivery to a performance standard (least certainty, coordinating with other parties such as DWR and Reclamation)

These commitments are of equal importance and are sorted by level of service commitment. There is an understanding that all costs and losses are the responsibility of the Participant.

Staff continues to evaluate several implementation and coordination matters, including:

- Lease terms: Participant comments not addressed at workshops.
- Section 4.6.1: Facility Use Agreements (Partner Agreements + Point of Delivery).
- In agreements: Authority's fiduciary duty to maximize benefits and minimize costs.
- Conform B&O + Bylaw treatment of Shared Decisions and Material Changes.

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

15 Voting members represented at the start of the meeting

77.81% 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 Roccucci	☐	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	☐ ☒	Scott Taylor 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

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Agenda Item 1.2, Attachment B

8:30AM- 6:00PM

	☐		☐	
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

Virtual Attendance

Virtual Attendance	50
Marcia Kivett	Robert Cheng
15304546811 (Unverified)	Robert Huang (External)
Wendy Ambriz	15622213604 (Unverified)
JP Robinette	Brannum, Jacob D (External)
Peterson, Stephen	Brian Thomas (External)
Sikora, Jessica L (External)	Cooke, Robert@DWR (External)
Jerry Brown	Grace Lui
Alexis Stevens (External)	19167013226 (Unverified)
Valerie Kincaid	Roccucci, Pauline
Petya Vasileva - CVWD (Unverified)	Tom Bunn
Rebecca Smith (Unverified)	Petya Vasileva - CVWD (Unverified)
Steven Abbott (External)	Brian Thomas
Deaver, Katerina@DWR (External)	Ali Elhassan (External)
Trent Taylor (External)	Cheyenne Butcher (External)
Jeff Ferre	Steven Abbott (Unverified)
Xzandrea Fowler	Thomas S. Bunn (External)
Hanson, George	Neudeck,Randall D (External)
Esther Saenz (External)	Robinson, Eric (External)
Steve Cole (External)	Lance Eckhart (Unverified)
Quin La Capra (External)	Meredith Nikkel (Unverified)
Kyle Hamilton	Sara M. Katz (External)
JF (Unverified)	Elizabeth L. Cousins
Fritz Durst	Michael Plinski (External)
Robert Larkins	Katherine Maher (External)
Steve Torigiani (External)	Jacobson, Allison M (External)