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Reservoir Committee/Authority Board Meeting

August 21, 2026

Authority Board Chair:	Fritz Durst (Reclamation District 108)
Authority Board Vice Chair:	Jeff Sutton (Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District)
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 9:04 a.m., followed by Roll Call and the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL/ATTENDANCE:

Authority Board: 7 members were present, constituting a quorum.

Reservoir Committee: 19 representatives (89.96%) were present, constituting a quorum.

INTRODUCTIONS:

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

Vice Chair Sutton joined the meeting at 9:10 a.m.

Director Roccucci joined the meeting at 9:20 a.m.

AGENDA APPROVAL:

ACTION RC: It was moved by Ms. Traynham, seconded by Ms. Pryor, to approve the August 21, 2026, meeting agenda. **Motion carried unanimously.**

ACTION AB: It was moved by Vice Chair Sutton, seconded by Director Vanderwaal, to approve the August 21, 2026, meeting agenda. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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

1. CONSENT AGENDA:

ACTION RC: It was moved by Ms. Pryor, seconded by Mr. Navarrot, to approve all items on the consent agenda. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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

1.1 Reservoir Committee and Authority Board consider approval of July 24, 2026 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 Sites Project Authority Payment of Claims.

1.4 Reservoir Committee and Authority Board consider acceptance of the Sites Project Authority Second Quarter 2026 Budget Financial Report.

2. ACTION ITEMS:

2.1 Reservoir Committee and Authority Board accept the Mid-Year 2026 Budget Review and Work Plan status update and authorize a new task order for limited geotechnical work, funded primarily through the reprioritization of previously budgeted funds.

Executive Director (ED) Brown introduced the 2026 mid-year budget review and explained that staff was seeking authorization for limited adjustments within the existing FY 2026 budget. Ms. O'Connell reported that expenditures remained within the $30 million budget adopted in

October 2025, with no significant changes anticipated other than the proposed task order for limited geotechnical work.
Ms. O'Connell reported that additional federal funding, anticipated savings, and other revenues were expected to result in approximately $11.7 million to $12 million in carryover funding to support project activities through the first half of 2027. She explained that additional Bureau of Reclamation funding was anticipated as a result of partnership negotiations allowing in-kind recognition to be deferred to later project phases, as well as federal cost sharing associated with the previously acquired land. Additional revenue was also anticipated from interest earnings and rental income from Authority-owned property.

Staff estimated FY 2026 expenditures at approximately $28.8 million, reflecting anticipated savings, underruns, and efficiencies. Ms. O'Connell noted that approximately $1 million in interim and permanent financing program expenditures would be deferred to 2027, when the Authority anticipates its first short-term financing.

Staff recommended reallocating identified savings and underruns within the existing budget to fund limited geotechnical work through task orders with project consultants. Ms. O'Connell emphasized that the proposed reallocations would not increase the overall $30 million FY 2026 budget. Staff anticipated returning in November with an updated work plan, proposed 2027 budget, and related contract authority increases.

In response to a clarification question asked by Chair Durst, staff clarified that the proposed adjustments included approximately $1.2 million in additional work associated with the right abutment of Golden Gate Dam and explained the terminology used to identify the dam abutments.

Board members expressed support for the proposed reallocations and thanked staff for identifying savings that would provide funding through June 2027 while allowing resources to be directed toward priority project activities.

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

ACTION AB: It was moved by Vice Chair Sutton, seconded by Director Evans, to approve agenda item 2.1. **Motion carried unanimously.**

2.2 Reservoir Committee and Authority Board authorize issuance of the Request for Proposals for underwriting services for the proposed Short-

Term Notes to the 13 firms in the Authority's underwriting pool to be secured in 2027 after initiation of Phase 3/4/5.

Ms. O'Connell presented the request to authorize issuance of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for underwriting services for the Authority's anticipated first short-term financing. She explained that the Authority conducted a Request for Qualifications in October 2025 and established a financing pool from the 14 responding firms, 13 of which offered underwriting services. The proposed RFP would be issued to those 13 firms to select underwriting services for the initial short-term notes anticipated to be secured in 2027 following the initiation of Phases 3, 4, and 5.

Ms. O'Connell emphasized that issuance of the RFP would allow the Authority to prepare for financing but would not create a financial or contractual commitment to issue the notes. If initiation of Phases 3, 4, and 5 are delayed, the financing process would likewise be delayed. She stated that staff would return to the Board for the necessary approvals before proceeding with the short-term financing.

Board members discussed how the interest rate for the short-term notes would ultimately be determined. Staff explained that the Plan of Finance includes an estimated interest rate, but the actual rate would depend on market conditions and the Authority's creditworthiness at the time the notes are offered. The Board would have an opportunity to evaluate market conditions and determine whether to proceed before the notes are issued.

Mr. Smalls asked whether the notes would be publicly offered or directly placed and staff explained that the financing structure would be further evaluated through the RFP process and that the financing team was beginning preparations for the required disclosure documents. Board members noted that preparation of the Authority's initial disclosure documents for a public offering could require additional time, and staff indicated that the procurement was being initiated early to allow sufficient time for those preparations.

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

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

2.3 Reservoir Committee and Authority Board consider approval of the updated Project Schedule and associated current dollar spend plan, which will be used to support development of the Project Baseline Report and inform the Plan of Finance.

ED Brown introduced the updated Project Schedule, explaining that staff had reviewed the schedule in greater detail in preparation for investor commitment. He noted that the extended water right process had delayed the anticipated project start and affected the overall schedule because the water right remains a critical path activity.

Mr. Robinette presented the updated schedule and reported that the schedule assumes financing proceeds will be available by March 2027, which is critical to beginning construction enabling activities within required seasonal work windows. Based on the updated schedule and spend curve, the Resolution to Construct contemplated under the Benefits & Obligations Contract (B&O) is currently anticipated in late 2028 to mid-2029.

Mr. Robinette further explained that the updated schedule and associated spend plan will support development of the Project Baseline Report and inform the Plan of Finance, including participant cost and cash flow projections.

Board members discussed opportunities to expedite the schedule, including whether value engineering or other efficiencies could shorten project delivery. Mr. Robinette explained that the schedule reflects the best current understanding of construction sequencing and duration but does not assume that all potential schedule saving opportunities will be realized. Opportunities to accelerate portions of the work will continue to be evaluated.

The Board also discussed weather and seasonal risks to field activities. Mr. Robinette explained that the schedule accounts for normal seasonality and that some near-term activities, including land acquisition and certain surveys, can proceed despite wet conditions. However, field work will be necessary to improve cost certainty and support upcoming Board decisions, and missing critical seasonal work could result in additional schedule delays.

Board members asked whether approval of the schedule would limit the Authority's ability to adjust future financing or expenditures. Staff clarified that the schedule and spend plan provide a forecast for the Baseline Report and Plan of Finance and do not constitute a project budget.

The Board also discussed when participants would need to select their financing approach. Staff explained that participants would have opportunities to elect pay-as-you-go financing options in advance of each financing, with those elections affecting the amount ultimately taken to market.

ACTION RC: It was moved by Ms. Pryor, seconded by Mr. Kunde, to recommend approval of agenda item 2.3 to the Authority Board. **Motion carried unanimously.**

ACTION AB: It was moved by Director Kaplan, seconded by Vice Chair Sutton, to approve agenda item 2.3. **Motion carried unanimously.**

3. DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION ITEMS:

3.1 Review and comment on August 2026 Plan of Finance Update.

Ms. O'Connell presented the August 2026 Plan of Finance Update, noting that the underlying $7.5 billion project cost estimate in 2024 dollars remains unchanged. She identified three primary changes since the January 2026 update: incorporation of the updated construction schedule, actual escalation through 2026, and an increase in State funding from approximately $1 billion to $1.363 billion.

Ms. O'Connell reported that the updated escalated project cost increased from approximately $9.4 billion in January to $9.9 billion, reflecting the revised schedule and escalation assumptions, partially offset by increased State funding. She reviewed updated financing scenarios and associated participant debt service and noted that interest rates and escalation remain significant variables affecting overall project affordability.

Ms. O'Connell also presented preliminary updated variable operating costs but noted that those costs had not yet been incorporated into the Plan of Finance pending issuance of the water right and updated modeling of project operations. Updated participant-level cost tables would be provided in the participant folders.

Board members discussed the effect of the revised construction schedule and escalation assumptions on the projected project cost. Staff explained that the increase reflects both higher than anticipated escalation through 2026 and the shift in the project schedule, noting that delaying expenditures increases costs as escalation compounds over time. The Board also discussed the importance of evaluating opportunities to compress the schedule where feasible to reduce escalation impacts.

Discussion also addressed interest rate assumptions and financing strategies, including the timing of short-term financing, revenue bonds, and WIFIA financing. Staff emphasized that actual financing decisions would be based on market conditions at the time and encouraged

participants to use consistent assumptions when comparing Sites with other water supply investments.

Staff further clarified the participant financing options and timing for selecting PAYGO or financed participation and confirmed that variable operating costs will be incorporated once the water right and updated operational modeling are available.

3.2 Receive a status update and provide feedback on revised August 2026 draft of the Sites Project Baseline Report.

Mr. Robinette presented the revised August 2026 Project Baseline Report, explaining that the report is intended to provide participants with the information needed to support upcoming investor commitment decisions. He noted that the draft incorporates feedback received at the July Board meeting and updates related to the project schedule, Plan of Finance, governance, cost management, and supporting attachments.

Mr. Robinette reviewed newly developed baseline metrics intended to provide consistent benchmarks for tracking project benefits, costs, financing, operations, and schedule. He noted that several benefit operational metrics remain pending issuance of the water right and updated modeling.

Mr. Robinette reported that remaining work includes incorporating the water right, completing risk discussion and supporting information, and finalizing formatting, definitions, and links. Participants were asked to provide comments by the end of August to support posting an updated report in early September.

Board members expressed appreciation for the breadth of information developed for the Baseline Report and discussed how the summary metrics could be most useful to participants and their governing boards. Members suggested including an additional cost metric that would allow comparison with other projects stated in current dollars incorporating variable operations and maintenance information into the summary metrics when available.

The Board requested additional supporting information regarding project benefits and operational modeling, including a summary of CALSIM modeling assumptions and results, participant delivery information, and one-year and three-year maximum deliveries. Staff agreed that a high-level modeling summary could be included as an attachment with links to more detailed technical information, allowing the Baseline Report itself

to remain manageable while preserving access to supporting documentation.

3.3 Receive and update on the status of the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act loan and the U.S. Department of Agriculture loan. Provide Board concurrence on staff's planned approach with USDA regarding potential revisions to the USDA Letter of Conditions.

Ms. O'Connell provided an update on the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) loans. She reported that the WIFIA loan terms remain generally unchanged since the November 2025 update and that staff continues to work through two outstanding issues related to participants representing 5% or more of the financing: the potential consequences of a material participant bankruptcy and EPA consent requirements for certain sales or transfers of capacity.

Ms. O'Connell also reported that the Authority has a USDA Letter of Conditions for a $449 million loan, but certain terms are more restrictive than the WIFIA terms and could result in additional project costs. Staff sought Board concurrence to engage USDA regarding potential revisions to better align the loan terms with the Authority's overall project financing approach and maintain the USDA loan as a viable financing option.

Board members discussed the WIFIA provisions related to a material potential bankruptcy, including the potential effect on the Authority's ability to continue drawing funds and the possibility of an increased default interest rate. Staff noted that legal counsel is involved in the discussions and that the Authority intends to continue pursuing clarification revisions, particularly because staff understands similar provisions have not been included in other WIFIA loans to California Joint Powers of Authority.

The Board also discussed how WIFIA financing would interact with PAYGO participation and revenue bond financing. Staff explained that participants electing financing would participate in the overall financing pool, with WIFIA expected to provide the lower cost portion of long-term financing and revenue bonds funding the remaining need.

Board members supported staff continuing discussions with USDA regarding revisions to the Letter of Conditions to make the loan terms more workable for the project.

3.4 Review and provide input on guiding principles and priority areas for negotiations with the California Water Commission on the Water Storage Investment Program Final Funding Agreement.

ED Brown presented proposed guiding principles and priority areas for negotiations with the California Water Commission (CWC) regarding the Water Storage Investment Program Final Funding Agreement. He explained that the Final Funding Agreement governs disbursement of State funding and will not be executed until the CWC makes its final funding award, which is dependent upon the execution of the public benefit contracts. Staff identified potential areas of conflict between the CWC's template funding agreement and the Authority's Benefits & Obligations Contract and requested Board input on the proposed priorities for discussions with CWC.

ED Brown explained that staff and legal counsel had identified approximately 20 issues and prioritized those presenting the greatest potential risk or inconsistency with the Authority's governance and contractual framework. Staff intends to work with CWC over the coming months to clarify or, where possible, revise those provisions before the final funding award.

CWC Executive Officer Laura Jensen stated that the Commission has conditionally committed approximately $1.3 billion to the Sites Reservoir Project and is committed to working with the Authority staff and legal counsel to address identified concerns where possible. She emphasized that the Commission's role is to ensure appropriate stewardship of public funds rather than to supersede the Authority's governance, while noting that some provisions are standard State terms and may have limited flexibility.

Board members expressed general support for staff's proposed guiding principles and prioritization of issues. Discussion included the State's retention provisions, with staff explaining that similar provisions have been administered under the Authority's early funding agreement without significant difficulty. Board members suggested seeking additional clarity regarding the circumstances and timelines under which retained funds would be released.

The Board also discussed the relationship between the funding agreement and provisions addressing hydrologic and operational risk. Staff clarified that those risks are primarily addressed through the contracts for administration of public benefits and that the Final Funding Agreement is principally focused on the disbursement and oversight of State funds.

Board members expressed the importance of establishing timely CWC review of certain Authority actions, particularly capacity transfers that may be necessary to avoid a participant default.

Ms. Jensen confirmed that the Authority's anticipated schedule could be accommodated by CWC and that Commission staff would coordinate with Authority's staff regarding interim deadlines necessary to support a final funding hearing.

3.5 Receive a status update on discussions related to an agreement with the Colusa Drain Mutual Water Company to address their concerns related to the Sites Project water right and releases of Sites Project water into the Colusa Basin Drain.

Ms. Forsythe provided an update on discussions with the Colusa Drain Mutual Water Company regarding an agreement addressing potential impacts associated with the Sites Project water right and releases of Sites Project water into the Colusa Basin Drain. She explained that discussions have progressed over the past several months and that the proposed agreement would generally parallel the Authority's agreement with Maxwell Irrigation District.

Ms. Forsythe explained that the agreement is intended to protect existing senior water rights held by shareholders along the drain and establish procedures for communication and coordination regarding project operations. The agreement would include development of a Colusa Basin Drain Coordination Plan addressing releases, information sharing, and communication among affected interests. It would also recognize that Sites Project water developed under the Sites water right is not available for diversion by others.

Ms. Forsythe noted that staff will continue coordinating with the Colusa Drain Mutual Water Company and local interests and anticipates returning to the Board with a final agreement for approval.

Board members expressed support for the proposed coordination and communication framework and discussed the importance of including other interests along the Colusa Basin Drain because not all landowners are shareholders of the Colusa Drain Mutual Water Company. Ms. Forsythe acknowledged that additional coordination will be necessary to ensure the broader group of affected interests is appropriately included.

The Board also discussed potential impacts of Sites releases on other water users along the drain and importance of protecting Sties water from unauthorized diversion.

Ms. Forsythe noted that the agreement would include commitments to jointly develop the applicable operating and coordination plans, but that the detailed plans themselves would be developed subsequently in coordination with the affected entities.

4. Reports:

4.1 Chairpersons' Reports:

Reservoir Committee Chair Urkov stated that he had no report. Chair Durst reported on a meeting with representatives from the California Natural Resources Agency regarding the status of the Sites Project. He noted that the Agency expressed its continued interest in seeing the Sites Project receive a final funding award from the California Water Commission and discussed ways the State could help provide information needed to support upcoming decisions.

4.2 Committee & Workgroup Chairpersons' Reports:

Mr. Kunde reported that the Operations and Engineering Workgroup met the prior week and discussed cost management terminology and how different costs would be identified. Mr. Kunde reported that the Workgroup also reviewed the overall project schedule, expenditures, and spending plan. He noted that Mr. Natoli reviewed the Phase 3 goals with the Workgroup and sought feedback. Mr. Kunde stated that the Workgroup also spent time reviewing the pro rata equations contained in the B&O Contract, with consensus that it was appropriate for those equations to be addressed in the Operations Plan. He further noted that Ms. Forsythe provided a brief update on operations modeling and Mr. Robinette discussed geotechnical priorities.

ED brown reported that the Governance Committee met to discuss Zone 3 voting considerations.

Mr. Spesert reported that the Landowner meetings had been postponed until early October to better align with the anticipated revised draft water right.

4.3 Authority Board & Reservoir Committee Participant Reports:

None.

4.4 **Executive Director's Reports**:

ED Brown expressed appreciation to Zone 7 and Placer County Water Agency for independently communicating the importance of the Sites Reservoir Project to California's water supply and encouraged other participants to consider similar outreach.

ED Brown reported that staff had begun developing goals for 2027 and 2028 and anticipated undertaking an update to the Authority's Strategic Plan following the start of investor commitment. He noted that the current Strategic Plan, developed in 2020, has guided the Project through its current phase but will need to be updated to establish Board goals and priorities for the next phase of work.

ED Brown also reported that staff had begun preparing for the organizational changes necessary for the next phase of the Project, including development of policies, procedures, systems, processes, and organizational practices. He noted that this work would ultimately be informed by the Board's strategic direction and would include consideration of appropriate decision-making responsibilities.

CWC Executive Officer Laura Jensen briefly reported that the Commission had received its quarterly Water Storage Investment Program update, which included the Sites Project's recent activities and upcoming milestones, including the pending water right.

5. CLOSED SESSION: 11:45 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)
Contingency Land Acquisition Program
Agency negotiators: Jerry Brown, Kevin Spesert
Under negotiation: Price and terms of payment
Properties and negotiating parties:

Negotiating Parties	[Colusa County] APNs
LaGrande, Sidney J & Paige A	011-160-004 011-160-005 011-160-006 011-160-007

Doherty, Maureen Lady Bug Trust	014-080-010 014-080-012 014-180-003 014-180-007
Edgar, David Wayne Et Al	011-172-002 011-172-003 011-172-004 011-172-005 011-174-001 011-174-011 011-160-003
Nokes, Lloyd J Jr & June E Trust	011-174-006
Nahol, David	011-173-005
Chism, James W & Diane C Trust	011-173-007 011-174-004 011-176-002
Muniozguren, Augustin	011-184-002

6. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION: 12:45 PM

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

7. Discussion Items:

7.1 Receive and comment on the August21 draft of the Benefits & Obligations Contract, updated Bylaws, and amended and restated Joint Powers Agreement, which incorporate the direction provided at the July 24, 2026 board meeting.

Mr. Robinette presented updated drafts of the B&O, Bylaws, and Amended and Restated Joint Powers Agreement (JPA). He explained that the July Board feedback had been incorporated along with targeted cleanup and revisions related to the pro rata equations. No substantive changes had been made to the JPA or Bylaws.

Staff reviewed remaining work, including recommendations from the Project Alignment Ad Hoc Committee, consistency with the CWC funding agreement and facilities use agreements, and final consistency review among the three governance documents. Staff also presented the Governance Ad Hoc Committee's proposed Zone 3 voting structure, which was developed to maintain voting parity following consolidation of several Sacramento Valley participants into Zone 3.

Staff anticipated posting final drafts before the September Board meeting and requested that participants identify any remaining substantive issues as soon as possible.

Board members discussed the proposed Zone 3 voting structure and confirmed that its intent was to preserve the relative voting balance that existed prior to consolidation. Staff explained that Zone 3 would determine representation for its allocated seats and that the proposed revisions would be incorporated into both the B&O Contract and Bylaws, as appropriate.

The Board also discussed provisions related to water dedicated to public benefits, particularly the emergency water supply benefit for municipal and industrial participants. Members emphasized the importance of preserving participants' ability to move and store Sites water south of the Delta in advance of an emergency so that water would be available when needed. Staff explained that discussions with the Department of Water Resources were ongoing regarding language that would preserve the emergency public benefit while providing sufficient flexibility for participants to move and account for the water.

Staff noted that the recommendations from the Project Alignment Ad Hoc Committee could result in additional revisions to the B&O Contract, Bylaws, or JPA and would be brought back to the Board in September.

7.2 Receive a status update on the Facilities Use Agreements with Glenn Colusa Irrigation District and Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority and review draft technical memoranda describing operations, maintenance, and replacement activities.

Prior to the presentation of item 7.2, Vice Chair Sutton and Director Vanderwaal left the meeting room.

Mr. Robinette provided an update on the Facilities Use Agreements with Glenn Colusa Irrigation District (GCID) and Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority (TCCA). Mr. Robinette reviewed the previously adopted Board principles for the agreements, including protection of exiting customers and water rights, level of service, wheeling costs, conveyance operations, and capital improvements, and described how those principles are reflected in the current drafts.

Staff also reviewed technical memoranda developed with the facility partners documenting existing operations and maintenance practices and available conveyance capacity. Staff proposed incorporating the technical memoranda into the agreements as a record of the parties' mutual understanding of current conditions and as a baseline for evaluating future changes.

Board members discussed the proposed conveyance loss assumptions, particularly the initial 12 percent loss factor identified for GCID facilities. Members requested that the agreement more clearly establish a process for determining actual losses based on operating conditions rather than relying on a fixed assumption and suggested documenting the technical basis for significant assumptions.

The Board supported using the technical memoranda to document current facility capacity and operating conditions and discussed incorporating them by reference into the Facilities Use Agreements. Members also suggested moving certain commitments identified in the technical memoranda into the agreements where appropriate.

Discussion also focused on wheeling rates and responsibility for future repair, replacement, and capital improvements. Board members requested additional clarity regarding the capital component included in the GCID wheeling rate and how it would relate to future capital contributions to avoid potential double counting. Staff explained the major future improvements would generally be addressed through separate agreements based on the benefits to Sites and the facility partner.

Mr. Holley left the meeting at 1:50 p.m.

7.3 Receive a status update on the Operations Agreement with Reclamation District 108 and provide feedback on any specific areas of concern.

Prior to the presentation of item 7.3, Chair Durst left the meeting room.

Mr. Robinette provided an update on development of an Operations Agreement with Reclamation District 108 (RD 108) and reviewed the proposed scope of work. Mr. Robinette explained that the Authority has worked with RD 108's local knowledge, proximity to the Lower Colusa Basin Drain, and relationships with affected agencies and landowners.

Mr. Robinette noted that the proposed scope includes stakeholder and agency coordination, support for operation of the Knights Landing Outfall Gates and Wallace Weir, Lower Colusa Basin Drain maintenance and minor improvements, facility operations, and data monitoring and reporting. Mr. Robinette also noted that coordination regarding the operation of the Dunnigan Pipeline remains ongoing.

Board members discussed uncertainty regarding potential water losses in the Lower Colusa Basin Drain and emphasized the importance of using additional monitoring data to better quantify those losses before final operational decisions are made. Staff noted that approximately two years of flow data are

being compiled and that additional time remains to evaluate the drain conveyance approach relative to the alternative pipeline to the river option.

Vice Chair Sutton rejoined the meeting at 2:50 p.m.

Board members also discussed responsibility and authority for maintenance activities within the drain. Staff explained that some activities may require permitting or delegation from other entities and that the Authority is continuing to coordinate with the Colusa Basin Drainage District and other affected interests. Staff confirmed that the proposed agreement does not commit the Authority to using the drain rather than pursuing the pipeline to the river option.

Discussion also addressed whether costs for maintenance or improvements benefiting existing drain users could be shared. Mr. Robinette clarified that the Authority would be the contracting party with RD 108 and would bear costs directly attributable to Sites activities, while opportunities for cost sharing on activities or future improvements providing broader benefits could continue to be explored.

Chair Durst rejoined the meeting at 3:05 p.m.

8. **Recap:**

8.1 Suggested Future Agenda Items.

None.

8.2 Special Meeting, **Thursday, September 10, 2026** (9:00 – 11:00a.m.)
Next Board Meeting, **Friday, September 18, 2026** (9:00am to TBD).

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Chair Durst adjourned the Reservoir Committee and Authority Board Meeting at 3:10 p.m.

Fritz Durst, Authority Board Chair

Mike Urkov, Reservoir Committee Chair

Wendy Ambriz, Board Clerk

Reservoir Committee's Roll Call **August 21, 2026**

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 Gorgonio 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

19 Voting members represented at the start of the meeting
89.96% Represented participation percentage.

Representation has been delegated as follows:

(1) Proxy to Jamie Traynham, Davis WD

(‡) Not present after _____

Meeting Attendance

Agenda Item 1.1, Attachment B

August 21, 2026

9:00AM– 12:00PM

Current Voting Authority Board (8)		Primary		Alternate
Colusa County	☒	Gary Evans	☒	Randy Wilson
Colusa County Water District	☐	Joe Marsh	☐ ☐	Hal Charter Shelly Murphy
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	☐	Karen Alvord
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
Glenn County	☒	Tony Arendt	☒	Jim Yoder
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	☒	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	☐	
Desert Water Agency	☐	Esther Saenz	☒	David Tate

Meeting Attendance **August 21, 2026**

Agenda Item 1.1, Attachment B **9:00AM– 12:00PM**

Dunnigan Water District	☒	Jordon Navarrot	☒	Lewis Bair
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 Gorgonio 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	☐	Ken Minn

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

Sites Project Authority:

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Masood Mesbah	Kleinfelder	David Haywood	GFT
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Meeting Attendance **August 21, 2026**

Agenda Item 1.1, Attachment B **9:00AM– 12:00PM**

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Dina Hunt	GFT	Jamie Kolkey	Black & Veatch

Virtual Attendance

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Sarah Hodge
Wendy Ambriz
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Conference
Tony Arendt (External)
Robert Huang (External)
Jim Yoder (External)
Ryan Eitutis
Peter Nelson
Valentino Constantinou (Unverified)
Pamela Katleba-Jenkins Westside Water
Jerry Brown
Heather Nielsen (Unverified)
Eric McDaris (External)
Steve Cole (External)
Bill Sutter
Peterson, Stephen
Foss, Elizabeth (External)
Lewis Bair (External)
Trent Taylor (External)
Cook, Matt (External)
Steven Abbott (External)
Gabaldon, Michael (External)
Eric.Patterson1
Nathan Chevrefils
Alexander, Jeriann (External)
Logan Dennis (Unverified)
Luu, Henry (External)
Ayoub Antabeel
Petya Vasileva
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Ryan Shaw
Steve Peters (External)
David Tate (External)

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Fritz Durst, RD108 (Unverified)
Sara M. Katz (External)
Brian Thomas
Jacobson, Allison M (External)
Joe Feeney
Don Wright
Douglas Montague (External)
Phil Martin (External)
Katherine Maher (External)
Joseph Sullivan (External)
Paul Weghorst (External)
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Michael Plinski (External)
Lonnie Rejda (External)
Darin Reintjes (External)
Steven Sanchez (External)
Neudeck,Randall D
Steven Sanchez - MARRS Corp. (Unverified)
Mickey Nixon (External)
Alan Boyce (Unverified)
Grace Lui
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Ali Elhassan (External)
Robert Larkins
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