



Meeting of the Northern Delta-Mendota Region Management Committee

Wednesday, August 6, 2025, 1:00 PM

IN PERSON

Patterson City Council Chambers, 1 Plaza Circle, Patterson, CA

Members and public may also join this meeting at the Zoom link below

<https://zoom.us/j/93407294213>

Meeting ID: 934 0729 4213

August 6, 2025

TO: Northern Delta-Mendota Region Management Committee and Interested Parties

FROM: Bobby Pierce, Committee Chair

**RE: MEETING OF THE NORTHERN DELTA-MENDOTA REGION MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
Wednesday, August 6, 2025, 1:00 PM**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Meeting of the Northern Delta-Mendota Region Management Committee has been called for **Wednesday, August 6, 2025, 1:00 PM**, on items listed on the attached agenda, which is incorporated by reference and made a part hereof.



Special Meeting of the Northern Delta-Mendota Region Management Committee

Wednesday, August 6, 2025, 1:00 PM

AGENDA

1. Call to Order/Roll Call (Pierce)
2. Opportunity for Public Comment (Pierce)

Open Session

Consent Calendar

3. Committee to Review and Take Action on the Consent Calendar (Pierce)
 - a. Minutes of the June 4, 2025 Special Joint Meeting
 - b. Minutes of the June 23, 2025 Special Meeting
 - c. Budget to Actual Report

Report Items

4. Committee to discuss SGMA Round 1 Grant Implementation Activities (Dumas/Cochran)
5. Committee to discuss next steps for exceedance policy reporting implementation via Pumping Reduction Program (PRP) dashboard (Dutton/Mani)
6. Committee to discuss update on establishing SMCs for new RMS wells (Dutton/Mani)
7. Committee to Discuss August Groundwater Level and Quality Monitoring (Dumas/Cochran)
8. Committee to discuss activity agreement signature (Johnson/Palys)
9. Review of Previous Meetings Action Items (Palys/Others Listed)
 - a. Scheduling Technical Group Meeting with USBR/USGS to Discuss CVHM2 Model for the San Joaquin Valley (Dutton/Mani)
 - b. EKI coordination with Houston Engineering on PRP and DMS integration (Dutton/Mani)
 - c. W&C coordination with DWR regarding Merced County EIF lead agency change (Dumas/Cochran)
 - d. W&C to confirm if PID's grant reimbursement information was included in latest package to DWR (Dumas/Cochran)
 - e. City of Patterson to send EKI proposed locations for Subsidence Benchmark Data Gap project. (Encinas/Mani)

Note: Item b may be addressed in report item 5 above. Items c-d may be addressed in report item 4 above.

Action Items

10. Committee to identify and name the Secretary for the Northern Delta-Mendota Region Management Committee (Pierce)

Report Items (Continued)

11. Reports Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(a)(3) (Johnson)

12. ADJOURNMENT (Pierce)



**Special Joint Meeting of the Delta-Mendota Subbasin Coordination Committee,
Northern Delta-Mendota Region Management Committee, and the
Central Delta-Mendota Region Management Committee**

Wednesday, June 4, 2025 at 1:00pm

Patterson City Council Chambers, 1 Plaza Circle, Patterson, CA

Teleconference Locations:

27480 S. Bennett Rd., Firebaugh, CA 93622

Widren Water District, 259 I Street, Los Banos, CA 93635

8211 N. Fresno Street, Fresno, CA 93720

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT:

Coordination Committee Members

Joe Hopkins, Aliso WD (Chair)
Vince Lucchesi, Northern DM Region
Jarrett Martin, San Joaquin Exchange Contractors
Ric Ortega, Grasslands WD
Augustine Ramirez, Fresno County A&B
Jim Stillwell, Farmers WD – *Remote*
John Wiersma, San Joaquin Exchange Contractors

Northern Committee Members

Adam Scheuber, DPWD
Anthea Hansen, DPWD / Oak Flat WD
Bobby Pierce, WSID
Christy McKinnon, Stanislaus County
Greg Reichmuth, PID
Jeanne Zolezzi, WSID
Joel Andrews, City of Patterson
John Beltran, Oak Flat WD
Lacey McBride, Merced County
Maria Encinas, City of Patterson
Robert Kostlivy, Stanislaus County
Tiffany Ho, Merced County
Vince Lucchesi, PID

Central Committee Members

Hugh Bennett, Eagle Field WD
Randall Miles, Eagle Field WD
Augustine Ramirez, Fresno County
F C Supervisor 1 (Brian Pacheco), Fresno County
Liz Reeves, Fresno County
Danny Wade, Fresno Slough WD/TQID
Lacey McBride, Merced County
Tiffany Ho, Merced County
Juan Cadena, Mercy Springs WD
Palmer McCoy, Mercy Springs WD
Don Devine, Oro Loma WD
Steve Sloan, Oro Loma WD
Aaron Barcellos, Pacheco WD
Chase Hurley, Pacheco WD
John Bennett, Panoche WD
Michael Linneman, Panoche WD
Lon Martin, San Luis WD
Mike Wood, San Luis WD
Steve Stadler, San Luis WD
Amy Montgomery, SNCWD
Debra Matos, SNCWD
Jerry Salvador, TQID
Damian Aragona, Widren WD
Jean Sagouspe, Widren WD

Others Present

Lauren Layne, Baker Manock & Jensen
Kait Palys, INTERA
Scott Petersen, San Luis Delta Mendota Water Authority
Aaron Barcellos, Pacheco WD
Emily McCoy, Mercy Spring WD
Patrick McGowan, Panoche WD

Others Present Via Zoom

Adam Scheuber, Del Puerto WD
Amir Mani, EKI
Andrew Francis, LSCE
Anona Dutton, EKI
Anthea Hansen
Chase Hurley, Land & Water Solutions
Christy McKinnon, Stanislaus County
Debbie Gavaghan
Don Davis

Ellen Wehr
Ethan Andrews
JAFO
Jason Dean
John Brodie, Water & Land Solutions
Juan Cadena
Kiti Campbell
Kristen Manzano, Hallmark Group
Lacey McBride, Merced County
Leslie Dumas, W&C
Lisa Beutler, Stantec
Manny, James ID
Rick Iger, Provost & Pritchard
Steve
Steve Fausone
Taylor Blakslee, Hallmark Group

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Chair Joe Hopkins called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Hopkins led the pledge of allegiance.

3. Opportunity for Public Comment

Chair Hopkins opened the floor for public comment and there was none.

Closed Session

4. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation

The Committee entered closed session at 1:10 p.m. and concluded at 2:50 p.m.

Open Session

5. Report from Closed Session

No reportable action.

6. Reports Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(a)(3)

There were no reports.

7. Adjourn

Chair Hopkins adjourned the meeting at 2:55 p.m.



Northern Delta-Mendota Region Management Committee
DRAFT Special Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 23, 2025, 10:00 AM
Patterson City Council Chambers, 1 Plaza Circle, Patterson, CA

Northern Delta-Mendota Region Management Committee Members and Alternates Present

Adam Scheuber, Alternate – Del Puerto Water District (DPWD)

Bobby Pierce, Member – West Stanislaus Irrigation District (WSID)

Vince Lucchesi, Member – Patterson Irrigation District (PID)

Lacey McBride, Member – Merced County

Maria Encinas, Member – City of Patterson

Joel Andrews, Alternate – City of Patterson

San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority (SLDMWA) Representative Present

Kait Palys (INTERA) on behalf of Scott Petersen, Water Policy Director

Others Present

Matt Caccia – Del Puerto Water District

Lauren Layne – Baker Manock & Jensen (BMJ)

Kait Palys – INTERA

Others Present via Zoom

Margaret Caligaris – Trihydro (on behalf of Stanislaus County)

Anona Dutton – EKI

Amir Mani - EKI

Natalie Cochran – Woodard & Curran (W&C)

Taylor Blacksee – Hallmark Group

Kristen Manzano– Hallmark Group

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Bobby Pierce of WSID called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM.

2. Committee to Consider Corrections or Additions to the Agenda of Items, as Authorized by Government Code Section 54950 et seq.

There were no corrections or additions to the agenda of items.

3. Opportunity for Public Comment

No public comment was provided.

Consent Calendar

4. Committee to Review and Take Action on the Consent Calendar

- a. Minutes of the May 07, 2025 Meeting**
- b. Budget to Actual Report**

Vince Lucchesi/PID provided the motion to approve the consent calendar and Maria Encinas/City of Patterson seconded. The motion was passed unanimously by those present.

Report Items

4. Committee to view a demo of the Pumping Reduction Program dashboard (Dutton)

Anona Dutton (EKI) introduced the Pumping Reduction Program (PRP) dashboard functional purpose, as a dynamic tracking tool for the PRP implementation. Dutton explained the multi-faceted use, with the capacity to track monitoring results, stakeholder engagement activities, project updates. Integration with the Document Management System (DMS) is planned, pending coordination with Houston Engineering.

Amir Mani (EKI) followed with an interactive demo of the dashboard, which had previously undergone beta testing with Panoche Water District. The demonstration highlighted the tool's ability to automatically generate data for internal monthly PRP reporting, track action items, and compile summaries for future Annual Reports.

A discussion on data privacy and accuracy ensued, with Leslie Dumas (W&C) noting that monitoring data from the representative network is also shared in Annual Reports and the Department of Water Resources (DWR) SGMA Portal. Concerns were raised about the risks of prematurely sharing draft data across agencies or publicly. Mani clarified that sustainability indicator data auto-populated into the dashboard would be pre-vetted and finalized, as it is pulled directly from the agency's DMS. He also confirmed that EKI would receive notifications for new information uploads, allowing them to verify accuracy before it goes live on the dashboard.

5. Committee to Discuss SGMA Round 1 Grant Implementation Activities (Dumas)

Leslie Dumas (W&C) provided an update on SGMA Round 1 Grant Implementation, noting that DWR is evaluating whether a refile is necessary due to a change in lead agency. Natalie Cochran

(W&C) reminded attendees of the impending deadline to utilize grant funds. Regarding the Subsidence Data Gap project, Dumas shared that Jarrett (SJREC) is exploring the replacement of certain components with benchmarks, and DWR has confirmed its approval of this revision.

Lacey McBride (Merced County) informed the committee that the county has released a bid for an interconnected surface water monitoring well and clarified a recent change in lead agency for the project's environmental documentation. McBride inquired whether this change would invalidate the project under DWR's grant requirements. Dumas responded that DWR allows each agency discretion in determining the sufficiency of a Notice of Exemption for grant compliance. It was agreed that McBride would provide W&C with a copy of the Environmental Impact Filing (EIF) for DWR's records to ensure transparency.

Maria Encinas (City of Patterson) raised the need for additional details on potential subsidence benchmark locations, noting that Jarrett and EKI require further information. Encinas committed to forwarding the proposed locations to EKI for review.

Vince Lucchessi (PID) inquired about the reimbursement schedule and whether PID's submission was included in the latest package sent to DWR. W&C clarified that the next reimbursement round is anticipated in August and confirmed they would verify PID's inclusion in the submission.

Closed Session

5. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation (1 case)

The Committee met in closed session at 10:36 AM to confer with legal counsel on significant exposure to anticipated litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9: (1 case).

Open Session

6. Report out of Closed Session

The committee came out of closed session at 10:55 AM with no reportable action.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Bobby Pierce adjourned the meeting at 10:57 AM.

SAN LUIS & DELTA-MENDOTA WATER AUTHORITY
MARCH 1, 2025 - FEBRUARY 28, 2026
SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT SERVICES AGREEMENT
ACTIVITY AGREEMENTS BUDGET TO ACTUAL
NORTHERN DELTA-MENDOTA REGION (FUND 64)
Report Period 3/1/25 - 05/31/25

EXPENDITURES	Annual Budget	Paid/ Expense	Amount Remaining	% of Amt Remaining	Expenses Through
<u>Legal:</u>					
Baker Manock & Jensen	\$ 35,000	\$ 1,573	\$ 33,428	96%	4/2/25
<u>Other Professional Services:</u>					
Contracts	\$ 363,028	\$ 9,876	\$ 353,152	97%	5/14/25
<u>Other:</u>					
Executive Director	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ 500	100%	
General Counsel	\$ 1,500	\$ -	\$ 1,500	100%	
Water Policy Director	\$ 20,000	\$ 7,276	\$ 12,724	64%	5/30/25
In-House Staff	\$ 2,500	\$ 649	\$ 1,851	74%	5/30/25
Hydrotech 3	\$ 24,423	\$ -	\$ 24,423	100%	
Conferences & Training	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000	100%	
Travel/Mileage	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ 2,000	100%	
Group Meetings	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000	100%	
Telephone	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ 500	100%	
Total Expenditures	\$ 451,451	\$ 19,374	\$ 432,077	96%	