



**Northern Delta-Mendota Region Management Committee
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 1, 2025, 1:00 PM
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)
Vince Lucchesi, Member – Patterson Irrigation District (PID)
Lacey McBride, Member – Merced County
Christy McKinnon, Member – Stanislaus County
Maria Encinas, Member – City of Patterson

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

Scott Petersen, Water Policy Director

Others Present

Caleb Stearns
Edith Martinez, City of Patterson
Kait Palys, INTERA
Larrisa Camara, City of Patterson
Matt Garcia, Del Puerto Water District

Others Present via Zoom

Joel Andrews, City of Patterson
John Brodie, Water & Land Solutions
Lauren Layne, Baker Manock & Jensen (BMJ)
Leslie Dumas, Woodard & Curran
Liam's Iphone
Karlee Liddy, Hallmark Group
Susan Xie, EKI
Taylor Blakslee, Hallmark Group

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Committee Member Lucchesi called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Committee Member Lucchesi led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. 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.

4. Opportunity for Public Comment

No public comment was provided.

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Consent Calendar

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

- a. Minutes of the September 3, 2025 Northern Delta-Mendota Region Management Committee Meeting

A minor revision will be made where Kait Palys (INTERA) made a comment, rather than Committee Member Scheuber. Staff will make the revision before posting the September 3, 2025 Meeting Minutes to the website.

- b. Budget to Actual Report

Motion

Committee Member Maria Encinas provided the motion to approve the September 3, 2025 meeting minutes and the budget to actual report. Committee Member Adam Schreuber seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Action Items

6. Committee to Review and Consider Support for WSID Petition for Water Right Change to the State Water Resources Control Board

Member Lucchesi gave background on the petition before the State Water Resources Control Board. West Stanislaus right post 1914 boundaries for surface water supply delivery. Petition to SWRCB to change place of use for surface water rights.

Committee Member Adam Schreuber provided background on historical use and deliveries, which have recently decreased to below 80,000 acre-feet. He stated there is room in the water right to increase their deliveries for the benefit of the Northern Regional Management Group to reduce groundwater pumping and meet GSA goals. He also stated

that an area of the City of Patterson is part of West Stanislaus, and the petition asked to include deliveries to those areas. He asked the committee to consider a letter of support for the petition.

Committee Member Lucchesi mentioned that at the approval or direction of Chair Pierce (not present at the meeting), that staff may draft a letter of support on Northern Delta Mendota letter head and have him, or member Scheuber, or Chair Pierce revise the document before sending.

Motion

Committee Member Scheuber provided the motion that the Committee would exercise support of the WSID Petition for Water Right Change to the State Water Resources Control Board, in a format (e.g. letter) that will be determined at a later date. Committee Member Christy McKinnon seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Report Items

7. SGMA Round 1 Grant Implementation Activities

a. Current Status

Leslie Dumas, with Woodard & Curran, gave a summary of the key grant dates and status of deliverables. She highlighted a few requests including (1) please send deliverables as they are completed. (2) If you do not remember the deliverable type, please reach out. (3) If the GSA is working on a construction project, the GSA must complete a monitoring plan. Please reach out for details. (4) If the GSA completes project components before the end of the year, let her know so she can send out a component completion form.

b. Final Project Changes- Amendment 5

Leslie Dumas covered this item in her updates and reminders to the Committee.

8. Outreach & Engagement

a. Update on Status of Meetings with Adjoining Subbasins Regarding Comment Letters on Periodic Evaluations

Ms. Palys stated that the committee can move past this if no one has further updates and Committee Member Lucchesi agreed. Member Scheuber mentioned that the Turlock scheduling is underway, still.

b. Well Mitigation Policy Implementation Outreach Commitments

Ms. Palys provided an overview of the outreach strategy and commitments outlined in the Well Mitigation Policy.

9. Delta-Mendota Subbasin Budget

Mr. Blakslee provided an overview of the subbasin budget for FY2026, including the two parallel pathways of the Authority developing budget components to present to the Coordination Committee during the October 13 meeting.

Scott Petersen, SLDWA, confirmed Authority as a backstop. Question is still Northern Management Region structure moving forward into the JPA transition.

Member Lucchesi thought that current structure for Northern would work, as they make decisions based on their seat in the Coordination Committee.

Mr. Petersen stated that there is the ability to create activity agreements for direct fee collection and could duplicate that legal framework.

Lauren Layne, with Baker Manock & Jensen, stated that the Northern Committee would essentially be a standing committee of the JPA, under a special project agreement and sub-fund of the JPA. She stated she can prepare a new document of the special project agreement, before elevating to the JPA for redistribution. Could occur at the same time as the amendment to the MOA (November, December).

10. DWR Draft Subsidence Best Management Practices

a. Final Comment Letter

Ms. Layne provided an overview of the final comment letter sent to DWR on behalf of the Subbasin Coordination Committee regarding the Draft Subsidence BMP. The letter was drafted by EKI and reviewed and revised by the ad hoc committee, whose members included Joe Hopkins, Jarrett Martin, Chase Hurley, Rick Iger and Will Halligan. She also provided the ACWA comment letter for awareness. Ms. Palys stated she will distribute the comment letters to Committee Members directly after the meeting. Staff will also distribute the letters to all Coordination Committee Members before the October 13 meeting.

11. Upcoming Requests for Proposals

Mr. Blakslee provided an overview of the timeline for future RFPs for Technical Services and Project Management, as the Coordination Committee works towards JPA transition.

12. JPA Status

Ms. Layne provided an update on the status of the JPA adoption, including the reminder to get it on GSA Board meeting agendas for October or November.

13. GSP Implementation Updates

- a. Update on August Groundwater Level Monitoring and Groundwater Quality Sampling

Ms. Dumas provided an update on the August Groundwater Level Monitoring data, including it being uploaded to the Data Management System. She also reminded GSA representatives to indicate the method of data collection (metered or otherwise) for their pumping by the end of the month.

- b. Update on Pumping Reduction Plan and GSP Implementation Tracking and Exceedance Reporting

Susan Xie, with EKI, gave an update on the upcoming Dashboard Walkthrough sessions to be held this month, and stated a user guide to the DMS will be sent to GSA representatives beforehand.

Committee Member McKinnon asked if GSA representatives will be able to access all GSA data in the DMS.

Ms. Xie confirmed that folks in their region will be able to see only the GSA data for those within their region, not all GSAs within California.

14. Program Management Report

- a. Review of Previous Meeting Action Items

Ms. Palys reminded GSA representatives to have their boards sign or adopt the following: Well Mitigation Policy Adoption, JPA Adoption, and the NDM Region Management Committee Cost Share Agreement.

Ms. Layne clarified that the Northwestern signature block has been removed from the Well Mitigation Policy adoption, as it has already been signed by the two counties that make up the GSA: Merced and Stanislaus.

- b. Tasking Matrix

Mr. Blakslee provided background on the purpose of the task matrix and invited folks to continue providing feedback to staff to incorporate into the budget and matrix.

- c. Schedule of Key Milestones

Ms. Palys asked if there were any questions regarding the schedule of milestone. There were no comments or questions.

CLOSED SESSION

15. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation

The Committee will meet in closed session to confer with legal counsel on significant exposure to anticipated litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9: (0 cases)

There were no items to be presented under closed session and it was therefore not held.

OPEN SESSION

16. Report from Closed Session

Nothing to report.

17. Next Steps

Ms. Palys to send out in an email outlining next steps.

18. Reports Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(a)(3) No reports were

discussed under this item.

19. Next Meeting

Next meetings are November 5, 2025 and December 10, 2025.

20. Adjourn

Committee Member Lucchesi adjourned the meeting at 2:03 p.m.