

Subject: **Reservoir Committee Meeting**

**1:00 PM – 4:00 PM**

Location: Maxwell Project Office  
122 Old Highway 99W, Maxwell, CA 95955

Call in: **1-844-531-9388**  
Code: **738 675 471**

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Chair: Thad Bettner (Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District)

Vice Chair: Jeff Davis (San Geronio Pass Water Agency)

Treasurer: Jamie Traynham (Davis Water District)

## **MINUTES**

### **CALL TO ORDER:**

10 min

Chairman Bettner called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

General Manager Watson stated due to the Coronavirus situation the Reservoir Committee and Authority Board meetings will be held remotely, now and in the future and spoke to same.

Mr. Robinette spoke to the process and probable issues that could occur by going remote. Brief discussion followed with no action taken.

### **ROLL CALL:**

Roll was called (See Attachment A), which resulted in 17 eligible representatives. This equated to 68.2 of the current participation percentage being in attendance, which is greater than the 50% need to have a quorum of the Reservoir Committee. By 1:10 p.m., 3 additional members were seated bring the total participation percentage to 97.5%.

### **INTRODUCTIONS:**

The Sites Reservoir Committee members, staff and members of the public introduced themselves.

### **ATTENDANCE:**

See Attachment B.

### **AGENDA APPROVAL:**

**Action:** It was moved by Azevedo, seconded by Traynham to approve the March 19, 2020 Reservoir Committee Agenda, as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

### **MINUTES APPROVAL:**

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**Action:** It was moved by Traynham, seconded by Carter to approve the February 21, 2020 Phase 2 Reservoir Committee Meeting Minutes, as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION:**

Counsel Kunej announced the Board would consider a Closed Session matter as follows:

Public Employee Appointment (Gov. Code, § 54957)  
Title: Executive Director

**PERIOD OF PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Chairman Bettner called for public comment. Hearing none, he closed the period of public comment.

**1. Member's Reports:**

1.1 Chairpersons' Report: Bettner, Davis

This time is set aside to allow the Chair/Co-Chair an opportunity to disclose/discuss items related to the Sites Project.

General Manager Watson provided a brief update on Elections of Chair, Vice-chair and Treasurer.

Chairman Bettner expressed his appreciation to staff for all their hard work in keeping things going during this time.

Chairman Bettner provided an update on the following:

- Workgroup assignments. Brief discussion followed with no action taken.

1.2 Reservoir Committee Participant Reports: Representatives

This time is set aside to allow Representatives or their Alternates an opportunity to disclose/discuss items related to the Sites Project.

None.

**2. Consent Agenda:** Watson

None.

**3. Manager's Report:** Watson

3.1 Discussion and possible direction to staff regarding the Sites Project's monthly status report. **(Attachment 3-1A)**

General Manager Watson provided an overview of project activities performed in the months of February and March 2020 as follows:

- Continued to work on advancement of Value Planning and Affordability Analyses.
- Continued to support Reclamation on completion of their Feasibility Report.
- Continued efforts to advance a work plan through December 2021.
- Delayed approval of Engineering contracts for Conveyance and Reservoir until April.

3.2 Discussion and possible direction to staff regarding Proposition 1, WSIP activities and WIIN Act Funding.

General Manager Watson provided a review of Proposition 1, WSIP activities and WIIN Act Funding as follows:

Proposition 1:

- Submitting next Invoice to CWC by end of week in the amount of \$1.9m.
- Submitting next Quarterly Report in April.
- California Water Commission did not hold their meeting March 18, 2020 and will not reconvene again until May 20, 2020.

USDA:

Nothing to report.

Federal Appropriations:

Responded to questions from Senator Feinstein in advance of Appropriations Hearing with the questions focused on the schedule and cost to complete Feasibility Study and EIS

Mr. Davis provided a brief update on the progress/schedule of their Feasibility Report.

Brief discussion followed with no action taken.

**4. 2020 Ad Hoc Budget & Finance Workgroup:**

Traynham

4.1 Consider accepting the Sites Project Authority Treasurer's Report. **(Attachment 4-1 A)**

**Action:** It was moved by Kunde, seconded by Cheng to accept the Sites Project Authority Treasurer's Report, as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

4.2 Consider approval of the Reservoir Committee's portion of the monthly Payment of Claims. **(Attachments 4-2 A & B)**

**Action:** It was moved by Azevedo, seconded by Carter to approve the Reservoir Committee's portion of the monthly Payment of Claims, as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

5. **2020 Ad Hoc Environmental & Permitting Workgroup:** Bettner

Discussion and possible direction to staff regarding the ongoing activities of the Environmental and Permitting Workgroup.

Ms. Forsythe stated the Workgroup met on March 18, 2020 and discussed the completion of the Reclamation's geotechnical activities, Value Planning and the Organizational Assessment.

Brief discussion followed with no action taken.

6. **2020 Ad Hoc Reservoir Ops & Engineering Workgroup:** Kunde/Azevedo

6.1 Discussion and possible direction to staff regarding value planning efforts and the next steps to develop an updated project description.

Mr. Kunde provided an overview of the Value Planning process and stated on March 2, 2020 the Value Planning Workgroup identified a recommended project and two options that would provide the ability to complete the Project as circumstances evolved. He spoke to the following:

- Project objectives.
  - Primary and Secondary Objectives.
- Key Components and Approach for Reducing Costs.
  - Diversion Facilities for filling.
  - Conveyance for Releases.
  - Storage.
  - Road and Bridges.
  - Elimination of Unsupported Components.
- Sites Reservoir Release under Varying Storage and Release Capacities.
- Annual Repayment Costs per Acre-Foot of Release.
  - Options VP1; VP2; VP3; VP4; VP5; VP6 and VP7.
- Value Planning Group Recommended Project and Options.
  - Options: VP5-Option 1 and VP6-Option 2.
  - Recommended: VP7.

Lengthy discussion followed. Following discussion, Mr. Kunde stated the Value Planning Workgroup recommended the Project proceed as Alternative VP7 based on higher deliveries at a comparable cost and improved operational flexibility with a 1.5 MAF reservoir. He further stated the Workgroup also recommended subsequent analyses of the Project include options for a 1.3

MAF reservoir (per VP5) and a Dunnigan to Sacramento River 1000 cfs release pipeline (per VP6) in order to provide flexibility to respond to any future condition changes that might result in such facilities becoming preferable.

Mr. Kunde also expressed his appreciation to all key staff, consultants and Representatives/Members on doing an outstanding job in getting this completed.

**7. Updated Work Plan:**

- 7.1 Discussion and possible direction to staff regarding the development of the work plan for the period of performance starting September 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2021 in accordance with a proposed Amendment 2 to the current Participation Agreement.

Mr. Robinette provided an overview of the proposed process for developing a Work Plan and an overall schedule of work to be completed for September 2020 through December 2021 and spoke to the following:

- Process and schedule to execute Amendment 2 Agreement.
- Goals and objectives through end of 2021.
- Status of Work Plan schedule.
- Status of Work Plan budget.
- Preliminary scope by subject and deferred work.
- Revenue Assumptions.
- Preliminary Cash Call Invoice Schedule.
- Preliminary Cash Flow for Reservoir Committee and Authority Board.
- Preliminary Key Consultant Cost Allocation by Subject (Reservoir Committee Funded).
- Environmental Planning Lead and Support (Draft and Final EIR/EIS, Prop 1 Feasibility Report, Public benefit agreements-Prop 1).
- Permitting Lead and Support.

General Manager Watson stated reimbursement of contributed credits were not included in the budget and inquired whether there was an interest by the participants to include funds in the budget for refunds.

General Manager Watson conducted a roll call of those participants present as to whether to include funds in the budget for refund of contributed credits.

Roll was called:

- American Canyon - No
- Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency - Absent
- Carter Mutual Water Company - No

- Coachella Valley Water District - No
- Colusa County - No
- Colusa County Water District - No
- Cortina Water District - No
- Davis Water District - No
- Desert Water Agency - No
- Dunnigan Water District - No
- Glen-Colusa Irrigation District - No
- LaGrande Water District - No
- Metropolitan Water District - No
- Reclamation District 108 - No
- San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District - No
- San Geronio Pass Water Agency - No
- Santa Clara Valley Water Agency - No
- Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency - No
- Westside Water District - No
- Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District - No
- Zone 7 Water Agency - No

General Manager Watson stated it was unanimous to not include funds in the budget for refunds for contributed credits.

Lengthy discussion followed regarding Home Board information needed for Home Board packet, Go/No-Go decision points, Cash Calls, credit reimbursements and approval of Participation Agreements, with no action taken.

## **8. Extending to Current Participation Agreement:**

- 8.1 Discussion and possible direction to staff regarding the proposed amendment to the current participation agreement and supporting documents.

General Manager Watson provided an update of supporting documents to be included in the home board package as follows:

- Amended Phase 2 Participation Agreement with updated work plan.
- Value Planning Report.
- Draft Storage Policy storage.
- 2019 Annual Report.

- A four-page prospectus.
- A template PowerPoint for presentation to respective home boards.

Lengthy discussion followed with no action taken at this time.

**RECESS:**

Chairman Bettner declared a recess at 3:40 p.m. and convened into Closed Session at 3:45 p.m. to consider the following matter:

**9. Closed Session:**

- 9.1 Public Employee Appointment (Gov. Code, § 54957)  
Title: Executive Director

Chairman Bettner adjourned Closed Session at 4:13 p.m. and reconvened into Open Session.

**10. Report from Closed Session:**

Kuney

Counsel Kuney announced as to Closed Session regarding Public Employee Appointment (Gov. Code, Section 54957, Title: Executive Director, there was no reportable action taken.

**11. Recap:**

Watson

- 11.1 Agenda topics for next meeting?

- Presentation: Statewide water management actions: Department of Water Resources' perspective on Delta Conveyance, tabled.
- Partnership Agreements, 2021.
- Work Plan.
- Value Planning Study
- Advance Project Description.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Report for 2019.
- Draft Storage Policy.
- Restarting recirculation of the EIR.

- 11.2 Upcoming Reservoir Committee meeting:

**Workshop:**

**Monday, March 30, 2020 1:00 PM**

Maxwell Project Office (& by Teleconference)  
122 Old Highway 99W, Maxwell, CA 95955

**Monthly Meeting:**

**Friday, April 17, 2020 9:00 AM**

Maxwell Project Office (& by Teleconference)

122 Old Highway 99W, Maxwell, CA 95955

Chairman Bettner adjourned the meeting at 4:20 p.m.

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Chairman  
Thad Bettner

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General Manager  
Jim Watson



## Attachment A to Meeting Minutes - Roll Call

**Current Voting Committee Participants (21):**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Pct	Participant		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Pct	Participant	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3.42	American Canyon, City	◆	<input type="checkbox"/>	2.64	LaGrande WD	(1)
<input type="checkbox"/>	2.51	Antelope Valley-East Kern WA			15.34	Metropolitan WD	◆
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2.46	Carter MWC	◆	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3.42	Reclamation District 108	◆
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4.97	Coachella Valley WD	◆		7.93	San Bernardino Valley MWD	◆
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4.97	Colusa County			6.01	San Geronio Pass WA	◆
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5.49	Colusa Co. WD	◆	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	6.53	Santa Clara Valley WD	◆
<input type="checkbox"/>	2.50	Cortina WD	(1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3.67	Santa Clarita Valley WA	◆
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2.90	Davis WD		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	6.27	Westside WD	◆
<b>P</b>	0.00	Department of Water Resources (non-voting)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3.17	Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa WSD	◆
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4.06	Desert WA	◆	<b>P</b>	0.00	US Bureau of Reclamation (non-voting)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3.09	Dunnigan WD	◆	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4.97	Zone 7 WA	◆
					100.00	Total	

**17. Voting members represented at Meeting start**  with those able to vote remotely being identified by ◆ (See Note 1)

**68.2 %** Represented participation percentage

**20. Represented by 1:10 pm** (See Note 1)  with those able to vote remotely being identified by ◆ (See Note 1)

**97.5 %** Represented participation percentage

Representation has been delegated as follows:

◆ Participating from a remote location that was either posted on the agenda or in accordance with the Governor’s Executive Orders [N-25-20](#) & [N-29-20](#) (COVID-19) (1) To Jamie Traynham, Davis WD

**P** Participation by phone *in a non-voting capacity*

**NOTE 1:** Participation by phone is not counted in quorum or voting unless their meeting location was included in the agenda or their participation is designated by ◆.

**Attachment B to Meeting Minutes - Attendance**

**Current Voting Reservoir Committee Participants (21):**

<i>Participant</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Representative</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Alternate</i>	<i>Others</i>
American Canyon, City	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rick Kaufman	<input type="checkbox"/> Felix Hernandez III <input type="checkbox"/> Jason Holley	_____
AVEK WA	<input type="checkbox"/> Dwayne Chisam	<input type="checkbox"/> Dan Flory	_____
Carter MWC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ben Carter	<input type="checkbox"/> Ann Carter	_____
Coachella Valley WD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robert Cheng	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ivory Reyburn	_____
Colusa County.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Azevedo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gary Evans	_____
Colusa Co. WD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shelley Murphy	<input type="checkbox"/> Joe Marsh	_____
Cortina WD	<input type="checkbox"/> Jim Peterson	<input type="checkbox"/> Chuck Grimmer	_____
Davis WD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jamie Traynham	<input type="checkbox"/> Tom Charter	_____
Desert WA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mark Krause	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steve Johnson	_____
Dunnigan WD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bill Vanderwaal	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Glenn-Colusa ID	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Thad Bettner	<input type="checkbox"/> Don Bransford	_____
LaGrande WD	<input type="checkbox"/> Zach Dennis	<input type="checkbox"/> Ken LaGrande	_____
Metropolitan WD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Randall Neudeck	<input type="checkbox"/> Chandra Chilmakuri	_____
RD 108	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bill Vanderwaal	<input type="checkbox"/> Blair Lewis	_____
San Bernardino V MWD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bob Tincher	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Heather Dyer	_____
San Gorgonio Pass WA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jeff Davis	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Santa Clara Valley WD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cindy Kao	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eric Litterman	_____
Santa Clarita Valley WA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dirk Marks	<input type="checkbox"/> Steve Cole	_____
Westside WD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Allan Myers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dan Ruiz	_____
Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa WSD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rob Kunde	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
		<input type="checkbox"/> Carol Mahoney	_____
		<input type="checkbox"/> Jarnail Chahal	_____
Zone 7 WA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amparo Flores	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wes Mercado	_____
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Valerie Pryor	_____

**NOTE 1:** Unless an alternative location has been noticed, participation by phone is not counted in quorum or voting

**NOTE 2:** Additional participants were on the phone but did not identify themselves.

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**Non-Voting Committee Participants (2):**

<i>Participant</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Representative/Other</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Alternate/Other</i>
Dept of Water Resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rob Cooke	<input type="checkbox"/>	David Sandino
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ajay Goyal	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jim Wieking
	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	Dave Arrate
Bureau of Reclamation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Richard Welsh	<input type="checkbox"/>	Don Bader
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kellye Kennedy	<input type="checkbox"/>	Derya Sumer
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ryan Davis	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mike Dietl
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Natalie Wolder	<input type="checkbox"/>	David Van Rijn
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mike Mosley
			<input type="checkbox"/>	Shana Kaplan

**Pending Reservoir Committee Participants (0):**

<i>Participant</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Representative</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Alternate</i>
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**Authority, Non-Signatory (6):**

<i>Participant</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Representative</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Alternate</i>
Glenn County	<input type="checkbox"/>	John Viegas	<input type="checkbox"/>	
PCWA	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ed Horton	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ben Barker
			<input type="checkbox"/>	Darin Reintjes
Roseville	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sean Bigley	<input type="checkbox"/>	Trevor Joseph
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jason Marks
Sacramento, City of	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jeff Harris	<input type="checkbox"/>	Anne Sanger
Sacramento County WA	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kerry Schmitz	<input type="checkbox"/>	Michael Peterson
Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jeff Sutton	<input type="checkbox"/>	

**Staff:**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Representing</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Forsythe, Ali	Sites Project Authority
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Frederiksen, Lee	Sites Project Authority
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Spesert, Kevin	Sites Project Authority
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Trapasso, Joe	Sites Project Authority

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Representing</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tirado, Yolanda	Sites Project Authority
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Watson, Jim	Sites Project Authority
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**Consultants:**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Representing</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Alexander, Jeriann	Fugro
<input type="checkbox"/>	Barnes, Joe	AECOM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Boling, Robert	HDR
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Briard, Monique	ICF
<input type="checkbox"/>	Brown, Doug	Stradling
<input type="checkbox"/>	Brown, Scott	LWA
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bruner, Marc	Perkins Coie
<input type="checkbox"/>	Campbell, Jeff	Project Controls Cubed
<input type="checkbox"/>	Durbin, Gary	Brown & Caldwell
<input type="checkbox"/>	Forrest, Mike	AECOM
<input type="checkbox"/>	Floyd, Kim	Floyd
<input type="checkbox"/>	Herrin, Jeff	AECOM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Heydinger, Erin	HDR
<input type="checkbox"/>	Johns, Jerry	Johns
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Katz, Sara	Katz & Associates

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Representing</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kivett, Marcia	Sites Project Authority
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kuney, Scott	Young Wooldridge
<input type="checkbox"/>	Montague, Doug	Montague DeRose Assoc.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Motamed, Farid	Fugro
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Robinette, JP	Brown & Caldwell
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rossetto, Sarah	Katz & Associates
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rude, Peter	Ch2m
<input type="checkbox"/>	Spranza, John	HDR
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tull, Rob	Ch2m
<input type="checkbox"/>	Van Camp, Marc	MBK
<input type="checkbox"/>	Warner Herson, Laurie	Phenix
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Westcot, Cathy	HDR

**Other Attendees:** *(Check box to have email address added to the distribution list)*

<i>Name</i>	<i>Representing</i>	<i>Contact (Phone &amp; E-mail)</i>
Peter Wiseman		<input type="checkbox"/>
Gary Darling	Darling H2O	<input type="checkbox"/>
Juleah Cordi	Office of Assemblyman James Gallagher	<input type="checkbox"/>
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