BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, June 18, 2026
1:30 p.m.
(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

1. CALL TO ORDER
The regular meeting of the Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority (DCA) Board of Directors was called to order in person, by teleconference, and remotely - Conference Access Information: Phone Number: (669) 444-9171, Code: 83890980485#, https://dcdca-org.zoom.us/j/83890980485?from=addon at 1:30 pm.

2. ROLL CALL
Board members in attendance from the BMO Tower Conference Center were President Martin Milobar, Director John Weed, and Director Juan Garza. Director Tony Estremera, Director Gary Martin, Alternate Director Michael Plinski, sitting in for Director Robert Cheng, and Alternate Director Dennis LaMoreaux, sitting in for Director Adnan Anabtawi, participated from remote meeting locations.

Alternate Directors in attendance remotely were Mark Gilkey, Sarah Palmer, and Shiloh Ballard. The Board Clerk captured their attendance for the record.

DCA staff members in attendance were Graham Bradner, Josh Nelson, Adrian Brown, Jessyca Sheehan.

Department of Water Resources (DWR) staff members in attendance was Katherine Marquez.

3. CLOSED SESSIONS
No public comment requests were received for this item.

4. OPEN REGULAR MEETING & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
President Milobar opened the regular session at approximately 2:00 p.m. and asked Josh Nelson, DCA General Counsel, to report out on the closed session.

There were no reportable actions.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT
No public comment requests were received for this item. President Milobar closed the public comment item.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

a) Adopt Resolution Adopting Findings as a Responsible Agency Concerning the First and Second Addendum to Final Environmental Impact Report for the Delta Conveyance Project

Adopt Resolution

Mr. Nelson informed the Board that the written report was included in the meeting packet.

No comments or questions were received from the Board, nor were any public comment requests received.

Recommendation: Adopt Resolution Adopting Findings as Responsible Agency Concerning the First and Second Addendum to Final Environmental Impact Report for the Delta Conveyance Project

Motion to Adopt Resolution Making Responsible Agency Findings for First and Second Addendum to Final Environmental Impact Report for the Delta Conveyance Project, as

Noted:	Weed
Second:	Garza
Yeas:	Milobar, Martin, Garza, Estremera, Plinski, LaMoreaux, Weed
Nays:	None
Abstains:	None
Recusals:	None
Absent:	None
Summary:	7 Yeas; 0 Nays; 0 Abstain; 0 Absent. (Motion passed as Resolution 26-06).

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: May 21, 2026, Regular Board Meeting

Recommendation: Approve the May 21, 2026, Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Motion to Approve Minutes from May 21, 2026, as

Noted:	Estremera
Second:	Weed
Yeas:	Milobar, Martin, Garza, Estremera, Plinski, LaMoreaux, Weed
Nays:	None
Abstains:	None
Recusals:	None
Absent:	None
Summary:	7 Yeas; 0 Nays; 0 Abstain; 0 Absent. (Motion passed as MO 26-06-01).

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a) June Monthly Board Report

Informational Item

DCA Executive Director, Graham Bradner, presented the Monthly Report for May 2026 activities to the Board. Mr. Bradner stated that DCA continues to provide engineering and environmental support to DWR, and DWR is currently engaged in Change in Point of Diversion (CPOD) hearings with the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB). Engineering studies are being conducted to advance the overall project design and consider potential innovations. The team is also preparing to update the cost estimate and Basis of Design Report (BODR) planned for early 2027, as well as working on the development of internal management plans, procedures, and workflows for transitioning to the delivery phase in 2027. Lastly, there is an ongoing procurement: Programmatic Geotechnical Services. The proposals from qualified vendors are due June 29, 2026.

Regarding the budget overview, the Board of Directors approved the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025/26 budget of $65M. DCA has committed a total of $62.2M through task orders and contracts, leaving approximately $2.8M in uncommitted funds. To date, the DCA has incurred $46.1M and the Estimate at Completion (EAC) is $57.3M. The work progress for vendors that have deliverables is 85% complete with 82% of the estimated budget spent – some of this variance is attributable to the prior preliminary fieldwork injunction. Small Business Enterprise/Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (SBE/DVBE) committed contracts participation is nine (9) percent, and of that, eight (8) percent has been invoiced.

President Milobar asked if the underspend in relation to field work was expected.

Mr. Bradner stated that the underspend was expected and he clarified that the top line was allocated conservatively to account for the potential to resume the field work.

President Milobar requested a cursory review of the progressed field work.

Mr. Bradner proposed the update be presented at the August meeting by the Field Exploration Manager to allow for a report on the current activities.

Director Garza requested clarification regarding the land acquisition and whether the cost includes purchasing properties, or if it only includes services.

Mr. Bradner explained that at this moment, the program is not acquiring any land in permanent form. He outlined the primary areas of focus for the land acquisition team which includes working on title research, temporary entry permits (TEP's), and supporting court-ordered entry process.

Director Weed asked if the program has started its fund reserve for long-time land acquisition.

Mr. Bradner stated that the completion of the implementation votes among all the Public Water Agencies (PWA's) is necessary to engage in permanent acquisition. He explained that property acquisition would quickly exceed the current budget and the program will need to collaborate with all the PWA's to articulate a work plan, an update of benefit-cost analysis and representations of the property acquisition timeline to secure funding.

Director Weed inquired about the status of the building closure, and the magnitude of the damage.

Mr. Bradner clarified that the DCA has abated rent per the provisions of the lease. In terms of cost associated with repairs, the program is currently collecting bids and indicated that an in-depth update will be available in the coming months.

No further comments or questions were received from the Board, nor were any public comment requests received.

b) Adopt Resolution Approving the Investment Policy

Adopt Resolution

Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) Treasury and Debt Manager, Sam Smalls, informed the Board that the Investment Policy is brought to the Board annually for their approval. Additionally, MWD is seeking Board approval for the delegation of authority to the Treasurer to invest DCA's funds for FY26/27, pursuant to the California Government Code (Government Code). He noted that there was one (1) update to the Investment Policy reflecting an extension in the Government Code for commercial paper investment terms to a maximum of 397 days.

Director Garza asked who the delegated person on behalf of DCA Treasurer is, if Katano Kasaine is on leave.

Mr. Smalls stated that Adam Benson, MWD Group Manager of Finance and Administration, serves as Acting Treasurer on behalf of Ms. Kasaine during her absence.

Director Martin thanked Mr. Smalls, noting the conciseness and clear presentation.

No further comments or questions were received from the Board, nor were any public comment requested received.

Recommendation: Approve Passing Resolution Approving the Investment Policy

Motion to Adopt Passing Resolution Approving the Investment Policy, as

Noted:	Martin
Second:	Garza
Yeas:	Milobar, Martin, Garza, Estremera, Plinski, LaMoreaux, Weed
Nays:	None
Abstains:	None
Recusals:	None
Absent:	None
Summary:	7 Yeas; 0 Nays; 0 Abstain; 0 Absent. (Motion passed as Resolution 26-07).

c) Consider Passing Resolution Approving Amended DCA Travel Policy

Adopt Resolution

Mr. Bradner reminded the Board that in June 2025, the Board adopted a revised Travel Policy that modified the rate approach to allow vendors to be reimbursed for direct travel expenses, rather than an all-in multiplier approach. Staff recommended that beginning in FY 26/27, the Board consider approving continuation with the current direct reimbursement approach inclusive of the proposed amendments. A red-line and clean version of the amended Policy was provided in the Board packet for more specific changes.

President Milobar inquired if the amended Policy is in compliance with the Department and if it had been reviewed by the DCA General Counsel.

Mr. Nelson reiterated that the Policy is concurred by DWR and he has collaborated with them closely to incorporate their feedback and edits.

Director Garza thanked Mr. Bradner for the detailed information and sought clarification regarding any anticipated cost savings by this amendment.

Mr. Bradner confirmed that by complying with the GSA rates when available, it will result in cost savings. However, it is difficult to quantify the amount of savings because it is all circumstantial.

Recommendation: Approve Passing Resolution Approving Amended DCA Travel Policy

Motion to Approve Passing Resolution Amended DCA Travel Policy, as

Noted:	Garza
Second:	Weed
Yeas:	Milobar, Martin, Garza, Estremera, Plinski, LaMoreaux, Weed
Nays:	None
Abstains:	None

Recusals: None
Absent: None
Summary: 7 Yeas; 0 Nays; 0 Abstain; 0 Absent. (Motion passed as Resolution 26-08).

d) **Adopt Resolution Approving the Continued Use of Gwendolyn Buchholz, Permit Engineering, Inc. Agreement and its First Amendment**

Adopt Resolution

DCA's Chief Contracting Officer, Adrian Brown, presented a request to amend the Gwendolyn Buccholz, Permit Engineer, Inc., for On-Call Environmental Planning and Support Consulting Services contract and to issue its task orders above $250,000. He explained that the agreement was originally rewarded with a not-to-exceed amount of $250,000. He added that Ms. Buchholz currently serves as the Environmental Division Manager for DCA and provides input, key background knowledge and historical information. In regard to the amendment, he noted that given inflation and expected increases in workload, future task orders will likely exceed $250,000 per fiscal year. He noted that the resolution would allow the program to continue to contract with Permit Engineering and would permit the issuance of annual task orders over $250,000 consistent with approved budgets.

Director LaMoreaux inquired about the net balance of the maximum compensation of $1,050,000.

Mr. Bradner informed the Board that the task orders range from $200,000 to $250,000 per fiscal year since the establishment of this contract in 2022. The contract is approaching the maximum compensation, however DCA is not proposing to increase it with this amendment. Once it reaches the maximum, an amendment be presented to the Board.

No further comments or questions were received from the Board, nor were any public comment requests received.

Recommendation: Approve Resolution Approving the Continued Use of the Gwendolyn Buchholz, Permit Engineer, Inc. Agreement and its 1st Amendment for On-Call Environmental Planning and Support Consulting Services

Motion to Approve Passing Resolution Approving the Continued Use of the Gwendolyn Buchholz, Permit Engineer, Inc. Agreement and its 1st Amendment for On-Call Environmental Planning and Support Consulting Services, as

Noted: Plinski
Second: Garza

Yeas:	Milobar, Martin, Garza, Estremera, Plinski, LaMoreaux, Weed
Nays:	None
Abstains:	None
Recusals:	None
Absent:	None
Summary:	7 Yeas; 0 Nays; 0 Abstain; 0 Absent. (Motion passed as Resolution 26-09).

e) **Conduct Public Hearing on FY 2026/27 Budget, Including Discussion of Vacancies and Related Matters, and Consider Passing Resolution Approving FY 2026/27 Budget**

Adopt Resolution

Mr. Bradner informed the Board that the proposed FY 26/27 budget is $65M, including an unallocated reserve amount of $1.06M. There is an additional $3.5M in contingency built into the Fieldwork, Geotechnical and Boundary Surveying, and Executive Support Services budget lines that will be released to the vendor should scope or budget changes arise. At the June 11, 2026, DCA Finance Committee Meeting, the Committee voted by minute order to recommend that the DCA Board of Directors approve the FY 26/27 Budget.

He outlined the planned priorities for the upcoming year, including the completion of the BODR and Class 3 (three) Cost Estimate. He then reviewed the purpose and structure of the Work Breakdown Structure (WBS), noting that it serves as the framework for organizing and tracking all budgeted program activities and is designed to evolve while maintaining consistency in cost allocation.

Director Martin requested clarification on the procedure for this agenda item, asking if the Board comments and motions must take place before closing the public hearing.

Mr. Nelson outlined the process as follows: the Board discusses the item, obtains public comments, closes the public hearing, then lastly, requests a motion.

Director Martin thanked the Finance Committee for their time and effort. The committee received information and details of the budget and on behalf of the Finance Committee, he would like to make a motion to adopt the final budget for FY 26/27.

Mr. Nelson informed the Board that, pursuant to AB 2561, local agencies are now required to hold a public hearing prior to budget adoption to discuss the status of vacancies and recruitment and retention efforts. The DCA does not have any employees, so this requirement is somewhat inapplicable. However, the DCA will comply with the requirement, and this item serves as both the hearing on the annual budget as well as under AB 2561.

No further comments or questions were received from the Board, nor were any public comment requests received.

Recommendation: Approve Passing Resolution Approving FY 2026/27 Budget

Motion to Approve Passing Resolution Approving FY 2026/27 Budget, as

Noted:	Martin
Second:	Garza
Yeas:	Milobar, Martin, Garza, Estremera, Plinsky, LaMoreaux, Weed
Nays:	None
Abstains:	None
Recusals:	None
Absent:	None
Summary:	7 Yeas; 0 Nays; 0 Abstain; 0 Absent. (Motion passed as Resolution 26-10).

f) Adoption of Resolution Commending and Thanking Jacquelyn McMillan for Her Service on the Board

Adopt Resolution
DCA Executive Director, Graham Bradner stated to the Board that Director Jacquelyn McMillan has served on the DCA's Board of Directors since March 2025 as an Alternate Director representative of MWD and transitioned into the Director role upon Miguel Luna's retirement from the DCA Board in November 2025. Staff was recently informed that Director McMillan has stepped down from the MWD and therefore, the DCA Board of Directors.

Mr. Bradner stated that this item is an opportunity to recognize and thank Director McMillan for her service on the Board of Directors and role as the Board's Legislative Liaison. He recognized Director McMillan as an instrumental member in the continued growth and development of the DCA. He thanked Ms. McMillan for all her efforts and wished her well in her future endeavors.

Board members and staff expressed gratitude for her dedication, contribution to the program, and extended best wishes on her future endeavors.

No further comments or questions were received from the Board, nor were any public comment requests received.

Recommendation: Approve Passing Resolution Commending and Thanking Jacquelyn McMillan for Her Service on the Board

Motion to Approve Passing Resolution Commending and Thanking Jacquelyn McMillan for her Service on the Board, as

Noted:	Milobar
Second:	Weed
Yeas:	Milobar, Martin, Garza, Estremera, Plinsky, LaMoreaux, Weed
Nays:	None
Abstains:	None
Recusals:	None
Absent:	None
Summary:	7 Yeas; 0 Nays; 0 Abstain; 0 Absent. (Motion passed as Resolution 26-11).

9. STAFF REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Milobar mentioned that members of the public may address the Authority on matters pertaining to the Staff Reports at this time.

No public comment requests were received for any of the staff reports.

a. General Counsel’s Report

Mr. Nelson reported that his written update was included in the meeting packet. He provided a reminder on the election of Board Officers. Officers are elected for a two (2) year term that nominally ends in June 2026, and elections for the next term will be agendized for the August Board meeting.

No comments or questions were received from the Board.

b. Treasurer’s Report

Mr. Benson presented the Monthly Treasurer’s Report for April-May 2026 on behalf of Treasurer Katano Kasaine. Mr. Benson informed the Board that the written report was included in the meeting packet. He reported an opening cash balance of $3.6M as of April 1. The DCA received a total of $6.8M in contributions and had disbursements totaling $9.7M, resulting in an ending cash balance of $739,000 as of May 31, 2026.

No comments or questions were received from the Board.

c. DCP Communications Report

Ms. Sheehan provided an update on recent Communications activities, noting that a major focus in May was supporting the ACWA Spring Conference in Sacramento, where the team engaged with PWAs and Board members. She also reported participation in recent outreach events, including Palmdale Water District tour, Construction Network panel in Anaheim, and the North America Tunneling Conference. Currently, the team is working on refreshing all the tour materials, including updated Tour MapBook, posters and fact sheets to enhance the tour experience. Additionally, translation for the fact sheets are in progress and will soon be available in Spanish and Chinese on the DCA Website.

President Milobar thanked Ms. Sheehan for her comprehensive report.

No further comments or questions were received from the Board.

d. DWR Environmental Report
DWR Environmental Manager, Katherine Marquez, provided an update on ongoing planning and permitting activities to the Board. A written report was included in the Board Packet covering updates regarding the Endangered Species Act (ESA), Water Rights, and Delta Plan Consistency.

President Milobar inquired on the timeline for the SWRCB hearing decision.

Ms. Marquez responded that while she is not aware of any additional hearings after the August timeframe, the hearings are expected to be completed in 2026.

No further comments or questions were received from the Board.

e. Verbal Reports, if any
Director Weed and Director Palmer relayed that Zone 7 and Alameda County Water District shared a seat in the Board and they have a two (2) year cycle. Director Sarah Palmer will become the Director starting July 1, 2026, and Director Weed will serve as the Alternate Director.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:
None.

11. ADJOURNMENT:
President Milobar adjourned the meeting at 3:21 p.m., remotely-Conference Access Information: Phone Number: (669) 444-9171, Code: 83890980485#, https://dcdca-org.zoom.us/j/83890980485?from=addon