

**SAN LUIS & DELTA – MENDOTA WATER AUTHORITY GRASSLAND BASIN STEERING  
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
February 21, 2025**

The Board of Directors of the Grassland Basin Drainage Steering Committee (GBDSC) met at 9:38 a.m. at 842 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Los Banos, California with Chairman David Cory presiding.

**Directors and Alternate Directors in Attendance**

**Camp 13 Drainage District**  
David Cory, Chairman

**Charleston Drainage District**  
Jake Barcellos, Member

**Firebaugh Canal Water District**  
Kevin Hurd, Member Jeff Bryant, Alternate

**Panoche Drainage District**  
Patrick McGowan, Alternate

**SLDMWA Staff Present**

Rebeca Harms, Deputy General Counsel (Via Telephonic)

Chris Linneman, Drainage Coordinator

Lauren Viers, Accounting Manager

**Others Present**

Chase Hurley, Pacheco Water District

Palmer McCoy, Grassland Basin Authority

1. **Call to Order / Roll Call** - Chairmen David Cory called the meeting to order and requested self-introductions.
2. **Corrections or Additions to the Agenda** - No corrections or additions.
3. **Opportunity for Public Comment** - No public comment.
4. **Committee to Consider Acceptance of November 15, 2024 Meeting Minutes**

After review of the November 15, 2024 Grassland Basin Drainage Steering Committee (GBDSC) meeting minutes, it was noted Chris Linneman not David Cory was to sit on the Nitrogen Management Zone Plan, Valley Water Collaborative; Delta – Mendota Advisory Committee.

Committee Member Kevin Hurd moved to accept the November 15, 2024 minutes as corrected, the motion was seconded by Alternate Committee Member Patrick McGowan and passed unanimously.

AYES: Cory, Barcellos, Hurd, McGowan  
NAYS: None  
ABSTENTIONS: None

**5. Committee to Consider Acceptance of Financial Expenditures Report.**

Drainage Coordinator Chris Linneman discussed the estimated dues for the member agencies in Fiscal Year 25-26. Linneman addressed questions on carryover funds, reserve funds and noted an adjusted cash carryover amount of \$588,097. The Committee requested Linneman use the dues calculations that reflected the cash carryover amount. Linneman then presented the Financial Report for the period: 1/31/24 – 1/31/25 (receivables) and the period 3/1/24 – 12/31/24 for (Budget to Actual) and noted 54 % of the budget remains. Committee Member Kevin Hurd moved for acceptance of the Financial Expenditures Report as presented; the motion was seconded by Committee Member Patrick McGowan and passed unanimously.

AYES: Cory, Barcellos, Hurd, McGowan  
NAYS: None  
ABSTENTIONS: None

**6. Committee to Receive Report on Mud Slough Restoration Project**

Drainage Coordinator Chris Linneman reported no activity on the project.

**7. Committee to Receive Report on the Status of the Prop 84 Grant Program**

Drainage Coordinator Chris Linneman reported the Prop 84 Grant is still moving forward on the San Joaquin River Water Quality Improvement Project (SJRWQIP), with approximately \$16 Million remaining all of which is allocated to a project. Linneman concluded by stating; a new pump station project and field consolidation continue.

**8. Grassland Bypass Project Updates**

- a. Operations Report – Drainage Coordinator Chris Linneman referred to maps detailing all the discharge points for the project in today's meeting packet. A graph of Sites A and B discharge amounts and rainfall events through January 27, 2025 was reviewed. Mud Slough selenium, flow, goals and averages for January 1, 2024– January 27, 2025 was reviewed. Next the Site D Mud Slough (North) Downstream San Luis

Drain – selenium concentration on a daily, 7-day average and monthly average selenium concentrations and goals were presented with Mud Slough Selenium levels below 1 part per billion. Linneman concluded by reporting on Site B Monthly Salt Load and Site R Selenium concentrations. Linnemann noted selenium requirements have been attained at all sites.

- b. **Monitoring Program and Toxicity Data Report** – Drainage Coordinator Chris Linneman presented and the Committee reviewed events 116,117 and 118; samples collected November 4, 2024, December 9, 2024 and January 22, 2025. Linneman noted no toxicity in the events. The Committee gave direction to release the Toxicity data.
- c. **Summary of Annual Stakeholder Meeting** - Drainage Coordinator Chris Linneman noted this meeting was for our Waste Discharge requirements was attended by Regional Board Staff, Reclamation, Contra Costa and others. Linneman noted the meeting went well and was uneventful.

**9. Update on Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharge to Groundwater Water for the Grassland Drainage Area Coalition**

- a. **Nitrogen Management Zone Plan - Valley Water Collaborative; Delta – Mendota Advisory Committee** - Drainage Coordinator Chris Linneman explained all plans have been submitted. David Cory noted the will be assembling next week.

**10. Reports from District Representatives** – Chase Hurly inquired about the consolidation of the Grassland Basin Drainers and the Grassland Basin Authority. It was noted a few legal issues need to be resolved before a consolidation can occur.

**11. Reports on Other Items Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2 (a)(3)** – No other items were presented.

**12. Date and Time of Next Meeting**

It was noted the next meeting will be March 21, at 9:30 a.m.

**13. Closed Session** -No Closed Session occurred.

**14. Return to Open Session** - No Closed Session occurred.

15. Report from Closed Session, if Required by Government Code Section 54957.1

No Report.

16. Adjournment

Chairman David Cory adjourned the meeting of the Grassland Basin Drainers Steering Committee at 10:30 a.m.