



Meeting Minutes

Date & Time: 4/17/2026 | 9:30 AM

Location: SLDMWA Boardroom
842 6th Street, Los Banos

San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority Grassland Basin Drainage Steering Committee Regular Meeting Minutes

Attendance

Committee Members Present

Camp 13 Drainage District:

David Cory, Chair

Firebaugh Canal Water District:

Kevin Hurd, Member,

Jeff Bryant, Alternate

Pacheco Water District:

Chase Hurley, Member

Panoche Drainage District:

Patrick McGowan, Member

Chris Linneman, Drainage Coordinator

Lauren Viers, Staff Accountant

Others Present

Palmer McCoy, Grassland Basin Authority

Authority Representatives Present

Rebecca Harms, Deputy General Counsel -
Telephonic

Agenda

Item	Topic	Lead
1.	Call to Order/Roll Call – The meeting was called to order by Committee Chair David Cory at approximately 9:30 a.m. and roll was called.	
2.	Additions or Corrections to the Agenda of Items, as authorized by Government Code Section 54950 et seq. – No additions or corrections.	
3.	Opportunity for Public Comment – No public comment.	
4.	Grassland Basin Drainage Steering Committee to Consider Approval of the December 12, 2025 Meeting Minutes - M/S - On a motion made by Member Patrick McGowan, seconded by Member Kevin Hurd the Committee approved the December 12, 2025 meeting minutes. Vote: Ayes – Cory, Hurd, Hurley, McGowan; Nays – 0; Abstentions – 0.	Cory

5. **Committee to Consider Acceptance of Financial Expenditures Report – Staff Accountant Lauren Viers** Viers
– Staff Accountant Lauren Viers presented the Financial Report for the period: 3/1/2025 – 2/28/2026 receivables and Budget to Actual and noted 36 % of the budget remains. Following Ms. Viers presentation, Drainage Coordinator Chris Linneman responded to questions on; collections and carryover figures.
M/S - On a motion made by Member Kevin Hurd, seconded by Member Parick McGowan the Committee accepted the Financial Expenditures Report. Vote: Ayes – Cory, Hurd, Hurley, McGowan; Nays – 0; Abstentions – 0.
6. **Committee to Consider Approval of Quarterly Meeting Schedule** Linneman
Drainage Coordinator Chris Linneman explained that monthly meetings were no longer necessary however, quarterly meeting would be scheduled. Linneman noted that only during budget preparation and approval, would monthly meeting be scheduled. This item was informational.
7. **Committee to Receive Report on Mud Slough Restoration Project -** Linneman
Drainage Coordinator Chris Linneman reported he continues to work with California State Fish and Wildlife on restoration. Linneman then discussed options to restore water flow to Newman Lake.
8. **Committee to Receive Report on the Status of the Prop 84 Grant Program –** Linneman
Drainage Coordinator Chris Linneman discussed Prop 84 Grant funding issues from the State, and noted a minor shut down for a few months but should be able to resume projects by late July, 2026.
9. **Grassland Bypass Project Updates –** Linneman
 - a. Operations Report – Drainage Coordinator Chris Linneman reported the Stakeholder Meeting with the Regional Board occurred on January 16, 2026 and noted the meeting lasted 45 minutes. Linneman gave a detailed report on the meeting, and then 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 March 28, 2026 was reviewed. Mud Slough selenium, flow, goals and averages for January 1, 2025– December 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. Linneman noted selenium requirements continue to be attained at all sites.
 - b. **Monitoring Program and Toxicity Data Report –** Drainage Coordinator Chris Linneman presented and the Committee

reviewed toxicity data for December 2025, January 21, 2026 and February 17, 2026.

10. **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 discussed the nitrogen management zone issues and noted reports due end of April 2026.
 - b. **2nd Expert Panel Report Comment Period** - Drainage Coordinator Chris Linneman reported on the meeting he had with experts pertinent to the panel report.
 - c. **AB 2447 Status Report** – Chairman David Cory reported this bill focuses on nitrogen application. Cory then discussed lobbyist status on this issue on our behalf.

11. **Reports from District Representatives** – No Report.

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

13. **Date and Time of Next Meeting** - It was noted the next meeting will be May 15, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.

14. **Closed Session** - The Committee assembled to Closed Session at 10:03 a.m.

15. **Return to Open Session** – The Committee returned to Open Session at 10:09 a.m.

16. **Report from Closed Session, if Required by Government Code Section 54957.1** – Chairman David Cory reported the Committee was given an update on existing litigation and no action was taken.

17. **Adjournment** - Chairman David Cory adjourned the meeting of the Grassland Basin Drainers Steering Committee at 10:10 a.m.