



Meeting Minutes

Date & Time: 6/19/2026 | 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

Authority Representatives Present

Chris Linneman, Drainage Coordinator

Lauren Viers, Accounting Manager

Others Present

Palmer McCoy, Grassland Basin Authority

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 April 17, 2026 Meeting Minutes - M/S - On a motion made by Member Kevin Hurd, seconded by Member Patrick McGowan the Committee approved the April 17, 2026 meeting minutes. Vote: Ayes – Cory, Hurd, Hurley, McGowan; Nays – 0; Abstentions – 0.	Cory

5. **Committee to Consider Acceptance of Financial Expenditures Report** Viers
– **Accounting Manager Lauren Viers** presented the Financial Report for the period: 3/1/2026 – 4/30/2026 Budget to Actual and receivables through 6/15/26 and noted 88 % of the budget remains. Following Ms. Viers presentation, Drainage Coordinator Chris Linneman reported on the meeting with the Water Authority in reference to the move to the Grassland Basin Drainers and the end of this fiscal year.
M/S - On a motion made by Member Chase Hurly, seconded by Member Kevin Hurd the Committee accepted the Financial Expenditures Report. Vote: Ayes – Cory, Hurd, Hurley, McGowan; Nays – 0; Abstentions – 0.
6. **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 the history of flows from Mud Slough into Newman Lake.
- 7 **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.
8. **Grassland Bypass Project Updates –** Linneman
 - 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 June 14, 2026 was reviewed. Mud Slough selenium, flow, goals and averages for January 1, 2026– May 21, 2026 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 and discussions with Regional Board Staff on daily sampling with no discharge.
 - b. **Monitoring Program and Toxicity Data Report** – Drainage Coordinator Chris Linneman presented and the Committee reviewed: toxicity data for March 2026, April 2026 and May 2026 and noted no toxicity.
9. **Update on Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharge to Groundwater Water for the Grassland Drainage Area Coalition** Linneman
 - a. **Nitrogen Management Zone Plan - Valley Water Collaborative; Delta – Mendota Advisory Committee** - Drainage Coordinator Chris Linneman discussed the nitrogen management zone issues and discussed reports due at end of year.
 - b. **2nd Expert Panel Report Comment Period** - Drainage Coordinator Chris Linneman reported he finalized June 5 report and presented

to the State Board on June 16. State Board is planning workshops with Regional Board for early 2027. This might alter existing WDR's, but not sure exactly what that might mean.

- c. **AB 2447 Status Report** – Chairman David Cory reported this bill did not make it through the appropriations Committee.

- 10. **Reports from District Representatives** – Patrick McGowan inquired on comments to LAFCO from the Grasslands Water District; in reference to lands being annexed in the Panoche Drainage District. Chris Linneman responded.
- 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 July 17, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.
- 13. **Closed Session** - The Committee did not have a Closed Session.
- 14. **Return to Open Session – No Closed Session**
- 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 9:56 a.m.