



Meeting Minutes

Date & Time: 7/17/2026 | 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

Panoche Drainage District:

Patrick McGowan, Member

Chris Linneman, Drainage Coordinator

Lauren Viers, Accounting Manager

Others Present

Ali Stevens, 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 June 19, 2026 Meeting Minutes - M/S - On a motion made by Member Patrick McGowan, seconded by Member Kevin Hurd the Committee approved the June 19, 2026 meeting minutes. Vote: Ayes – Cory, Hurd, 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 – 5/31/2026 Budget to Actual and receivables through 7/10/26 and noted 83 % of the budget remains. Ms. Viers noted as too the receivables report; Panoche has paid its invoice earlier in the wee. M/S - On a motion made by Member Kevin Hurd, seconded by Member Patrick McGowan the Committee accepted the Financial Expenditures Report. Vote: Ayes – Cory, Hurd, McGowan; Nays – 0; Abstentions – 0.

6. **Recommendation to Adopt Certain Actions in Furtherance of Transitioning Committee to the Grassland Basin Authority (“GBA”)**
A. Transition the Water Authority’s status as a “Discharger” under Order R5-2019-0077 to the GBA.
B. Transition the Water Authority Status as a “Third-Party representative” under Order R5-2019-0077 to the GBA.
C. Transition the Water Authorities Rights and responsibilities under its Agreement with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation.

Drainage Coordinator Chris Linneman referred to his 17 July, 2026 Memorandum detailing the issues and timeline related to the transition to activities from the San Luis and Delta Mendota Water Authority (SLDMWA) and reviewed the memo in detail which included a precise timeline.

Deputy General Counsel Rebecca Harms discussed a “Two-Step” process in the direction to move the GBA with Regional Board and working with Reclamation on an additional agreement. Harms noted the timing is uncertain. Following Linneman and Harms responding to questions, Kevin Hurd moved to recommend the said Resolution Authorizing Certain Actions in Furtherance of Transitioning Committee to the Grassland Basin Authority (“GBA”). seconded by Member Patrick McGowan.

Vote: Ayes – Cory, Hurd, McGowan; Nays – 0; Abstentions – 0.

7. **Committee to Receive Report on Mud Slough Restoration Project -** Harms
Deputy General Counsel Rebecca Harms reported she is actively working on the 2010 MOU to remove structures and formally wrap up MOU. Harms noted she has sent a draft written determination and California Department of Fish and Wildlife has acknowledged receipt of the document.

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 the Prop 84 funding to the GBA was included in the State Budget and anticipates progress on construction should resume shortly.

9. **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 28, 2026 was reviewed. Mud Slough selenium, flow, goals and averages for January 1, 2026– June 18, 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 June 2026 and noted no toxicity.
10. **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 written and submitted.
11. **Reports from District Representatives** – No reports given.
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 August 21, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.
14. **Closed Session** - The Committee convened to Closed Session at 10:07 a.m.
15. **Return to Open Session** – The committee returned to Open Session at 10:31 a.m.
16. **Report from Closed Session, if Required by Government Code Section 54957.1** – Chairman Cory reported the Committee received an update on existing litigation but took no action.

17. **Adjournment** - Chairman David Cory adjourned the meeting of the Grassland Basin Drainers Steering Committee at 10:33 a.m.