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SAN LUIS & DELTA – MENDOTA WATER AUTHORITY-GRASSLAND BASIN STEERING
COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 20, 2025

The Board of Directors of the Grassland Basin Drainage Steering Committee (GBDSC) met at 9:38 a.m. at 842 6th 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
Jeff Bryant, Alternate

Pacheco Water District
Chase Hurley, Member

Panoche Drainage District
Patrick McGowan, Alternate

SLDMWA Staff Present
Rebecca Akroyd, General Counsel– Via Telephonic
Chris Linneman, Drainage Coordinator
Darlene Neves, Staff Accountant
Ray Tarka, Director of Finance

Others Present
Palmer McCoy, Grassland Basin Authority – Via Telephonic

1. Call to Order / Roll Call

Chairmen David Cory called the meeting to order and requested self-introductions. Following the self-introductions, a roster update for the Steering Committee was introduced.

2. Corrections or Additions to the Agenda – No additions or corrections.

3. Opportunity for Public Comment – No public comments.

4. Committee to Consider Acceptance of February 21, 2025 Meeting Minutes

After review of the February 21, 2025 Grassland Basin Drainage Steering Committee (GBDSC)

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meeting minutes, it was noted McGowen is spelled with an “a” McGowan. Committee Member Patrick McGowan moved to accept the February 21, 2025 minutes as corrected, the motion was seconded by Committee Member Jake Barcellos and passed unanimously.

AYES:	Cory, Barcellos, Bryant, Hurley, McGowan
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS:	None

5. Committee to Consider Acceptance of Financial Expenditures Report.

Darlene Neves presented the Financial Report for the period: 3/1/2025 – 5/31/25 (receivables) and the period 3/1/25 – 4/30/25 for (Budget to Actual) and noted 89 % of the budget remains. Committee Member Chase Hurley moved for acceptance of the Financial Expenditures Report as presented; the motion was seconded by Committee Member Patrick McGowen and passed unanimously.

AYES:	Cory, Barcellos, Bryant, Hurley, McGowan
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS:	None

6. Committee to Receive Report on Mud Slough Restoration Project

Drainage Coordinator Chris Linneman reported work has commenced on removal of the diversion structures with an estimated completion date of Mid-July and noted diversion of water to the Newman Lake is still an issue.

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 bids for pump station and pipelines received. Linneman concluded by stating; some of the left-over funds could be utilized for other projects.

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 May 21, 2025 was reviewed. Mud Slough selenium, flow, goals and averages for January 1, 2025– May 21, 2025 was reviewed. Next the Site D Mud Slough (North) Downstream San Luis Drain – selenium concentration ₂ on a daily, 7-day average and monthly average

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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 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 January, February, March and April 2025. Linneman noted no toxicity in the events. The Committee gave direction to release the Toxicity data.
- c. **Summary of June 11, 2025 Growers Workshop** - Drainage Coordinator Chris Linneman reported the workshop was well attended and noted for compliance purposes; a video will be available for those who were unable to attend.

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 a meeting of the Valley Water Collaborative had occurred with nothing notable to report. David Cory reported on the process they are following and Chase Hurley noted the GSA is referring to the project.

10. **Reports from District Representatives** – No Reports given.

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 September 19, 2025, 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 9:58 a.m.