



Meeting Minutes

Date & Time: 12/12/2025 | 9:30 AM

Location: SLDMWA Boardroom
842 6th Street, Los Banos

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

Attendance

Committee Members Present

Camp 13 Drainage District: David Cory, Chair
Charleston Drainage District: Branden Teicheira, Member
Firebaugh Canal Water District: Kevin Hurd, Member,
Jeff Bryant, Alternate
Panoche Drainage District: Wayne Western, Alternate Member

Raymond Tarka, Director of Finance

Others Present

Palmer McCoy, Grassland Basin Authority
Mauricio Soriano, Summers Engineering-Telephonic

Authority Representatives Present

Rebecca Harms, Deputy General Counsel - Telephonic
Chris Linneman, Drainage Coordinator

Agenda

Item	Topic	Lead
1.	Call to Order/Roll Call – The meeting was called to order by Committee Chair David Cory at approximately 9:35 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 November 21, 2025 Meeting Minutes - M/S - On a motion made by Chairman David Cory, seconded by Member Kevin Hurd the Committee approved the November 21, 2025 meeting minutes. Vote: Ayes – Cory, Teicheira, Hurd, Western; Nays – 0; Abstentions – 0.	

5. **Committee to Consider Acceptance of Financial Expenditures Report** Tarka
– Drainage Coordinator Chris Linneman presented the Financial Report for the period: 3/1/2025 – 10/31/25 (receivables) and the period 3/1/25 – 10/31/25 for (Budget to Actual) and noted 61 % of the budget remains
M/S - On a motion made by Member Kevin Hurd, seconded by Member Branden Teicheira the Committee accepted the Financial Expenditures Report. Vote: Ayes – Cory, Teicheira, Hurd, Western; Nays – 0; Abstentions – 0.
6. **Committee to Consider Approval of Fiscal Year 2026 – 2027 Budget** Linneman
Drainage Coordinator Chris Linneman reviewed the Draft Fiscal Year 2026 – 2027 Budget and estimated district dues for the Grassland Basin Drainage #3A (Fund 22) to the committee in detail. Linneman highlighted reduction in the budget and discussion ensued in reference to the cleaning of sediment from the drain. Following Linneman addressing questions it was noted an estimated \$350,000 in carryover from last year was in place to offset dues. Linneman concluded his budget presentation with the review of provisional District dues in two forms: one was full dues and the second was adjusted for carryover. The Grassland Bypass Project dues in graphic form for the past nine (9) years was reviewed. On a motion by Member Kevin Hurd to approve the Fiscal Year 2026 – 2027 Budget for the Grassland Basin Drainers, seconded by Alternate Member Wayne Western, the Committee approved the 2026 – 2027 Budget for the Grassland Basin Drainers.
Vote: Ayes – Cory, Teicheira, Hurd, Western; Nays – 0; Abstentions – 0
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.
8. **Committee to Receive Report on the Status of the Prop 84 Grant Program** – Linneman
Drainage Coordinator Chris Linneman reported the Prop 84 Grant is still progressing on the San Joaquin River Water Quality Improvement Project (SJRWQIP), with funded projects moving forward. Linneman concluded by stating; some of the left-over funds could be utilized for other projects.
9. **Grassland Bypass Project Updates –** Linneman
a. Operations Report – Drainage Coordinator Chris Linneman explained no discharges in 2025 have occurred 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 November 19, 2025 was reviewed. Mud Slough selenium, flow, goals and averages for January 1, 2025– November 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 November 2025. The Committee gave direction to release the Toxicity data.

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 explained the Valley Water Collaborative is process is moving forward on priority 2 basins with reports due in the near future.
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 February 20, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.
14. **Closed Session - The Committee did not assemble to Closed Session.**
15. **Return to Open Session** – No Closed Session occurred.
16. **Report from Closed Session, if Required by Government Code Section 54957.1** – No Report.
17. **Adjournment** - Chairman David Cory adjourned the meeting of the Grassland Basin Drainers Steering Committee at 10:07 a.m.