

**SAN LUIS & DELTA – MENDOTA WATER AUTHORITY
MINUTES- GRASSLAND BASIN STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
November 15, 2019**

The Grassland Basin Drainage Steering Committee (GBDSC) met at 9:30a.m. at 8426th Street, Los Banos, California with Mike Stearns presiding.

Directors and Alternate Directors in Attendance

Camp 13 Drainage District

David Cory, Member

Charleston Drainage District

Tom Teixeira, Member

Firebaugh Canal Water District

Jeff Bryant, Alternate for Kevin Hurd

Pacheco Water District

Absent

Panoche Drainage District

Mike Stearns, Member

SLDMWA Staff Present

Joe McGahan, Drainage Coordinator

Gabriel Delgado, Legal Counsel

Diane Rathmann, Legal Counsel

Federico Barajas, Executive Director

Joyce Machado, Director of Finance

Others Present

Ara Azhderian, Panoche Drainage District

Chris Linneman, Summers Engineering (via teleconference)

Paul Minasian, (via teleconference)

1. Opportunity for Public Comment

No public comments were made.

2. Committee to Consider Approval of September 20, 2019 Meeting Minutes.

After review of the Meeting Minutes of September 20, 2019 Grassland Basin Drainage Steering Committee (GBDSC), Committee Member Tom Teixeira moved to approve the September 20, 2019 Meeting Minutes as presented, the motion was seconded by Committee Member David Cory and passed unanimously.

AYES: Cory, Teixeira, Bryant, Stearns

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NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

3. Committee to Consider Acceptance of Financial Expenditures Report.

Director of Finance Joyce Machado presented the Financial Report for the period ending 11/14/19. Committee Member David Cory moved to accept the Financial Expenditures Report as presented, the motion was seconded by Committee Member Tom Teixeira and passed unanimously.

AYES: Cory, Teixeira, Bryant, Stearns

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

4. Committee to Review and Consider Approval of Proposal(s) to Complete Design and Permitting for Mud Slough Modifications per Agreements with Newman Land Company and State Division of Fish and Wildlife and Recommending that the Board of Directors Approve Budget Amendment, if Needed, to Fund the Proposal(s).

Drainage Coordinator Joe McGahan presented a map with the location of the Newman Gun Club structure on Mud Slough and noted and noted three areas of need for attention. McGahan continued by stating the need to repair the areas back to the way they were pre project. Since this area is in Wetlands and refuges, numerous permits will be required and budget augmentation will be necessary to facilitate these costs. Following a long conversation and questions addressed, Committee Member David Cory moved to approve the Proposal(s) to Complete Design and Permitting for Mud Slough Modifications, the motion was seconded by Alternate Committee member Jeff Bryant and passed unanimously.

AYES: Cory, Teixeira, Bryant, Stearns

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

5. Review and Consider Approval of Sump Shutoff Policy Related to the Long-Term Storm Water Management Plan and Prop 84.

Drainage Coordinator Joe McGahan presented a Draft copy of the Grassland Basin Drainers Tile Sump Shut-off Policy that includes; Purpose, Background Conditions required to shut sumps off and Implementation of policy and a memo detailing the triggers for the potential triggers for discharge into the San Luis Drain Following a long discussion and review of Sump Shutoff Policy Related to the Long-Term Storm Water Management Plan and Prop 84, Committee Member Tom Teixeira moved to approve Sump Shutoff Policy, the motion was seconded by Alternate Committee

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member Jeff Bryant and passed unanimously.

AYES: Cory, Teixeira, Bryant, Stearns

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

6. Committee to Receive Update on Outreach on Long Term Storm Water Management Plan.

- a. Tentative Waste Discharge Requirements – To be before the Regional Board on December 5, 2019.
- b. USBR NEPA Process – Continue to work with Reclamation. A response from letter written by Federico Barajas to Reclamation requesting a designated representative from Reclamation for the Storm water Plan.
- c. Stakeholder Meetings - Drainage Coordinator Joe McGahan reported outreach and stakeholder meetings continue.

7. Committee to Receive Report on the Status of the Prop 84 Grant Application.

Ara Azhderian reported bids for the sump automation should be out next week and in district pond work continues.

8. Committee to Receive Report and Provide Feedback on the Operation and Ongoing Expenses of the SJRIP. – No Report

9. Grassland Bypass Project Updates

- a. Operations Report – Operations Report – Drainage Coordinator Joe McGahan reported today's flow at Site B is 21 c.f.s. Site A has 0 flow; with a projected 7 pound discharge for the month. Flows at the San Joaquin River Water Quality Project for the past 7 and one-half years was reviewed in graphic form.
- b. Volumes and Loads Report/2018 Use Agreement Provisions - Drainage Coordinator Joe McGahan reported 242 pounds of selenium is estimated through September October 2019. Salt Load at Site A is under Target. Discharges from the Grassland Drainage Area for the past three years was reviewed in graphic form.
- c. Monitoring Program and Toxicity Data Report – Drainage Coordinator Joe McGahan referred to the Evaluation of the Toxicity of Grassland Bypass Project Ambient Water Sample: Event 53 and 54 for the months of August and September 2019 in today's meeting packet. The reports reflected no toxicity in the samples.

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Committee Member David Cory moved to release the Toxicity data. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Tom Teixeira and passed unanimously. The vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES: Cory, Teixeira, Bryant and Stearns
NAYS: None
ABSTENTIONS: None

10. Update on Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharge to Groundwater Water, Grassland Drainage Area Coalition - Drainage Coordinator Joe McGahan reported on nitrate monitoring and some edits to the program by the Regional Board.

11. Update on the Westside Regional Drainage Plan.

- a. Update on Grants – No Report
- b. Update on Treatment Pilot Studies – No Report

12. Review Status of Salt/Boron TMDL & Basin Plan Amendment/CV-SALTS

- a. Framework for Real Time Management Program Update – No Report
- b. CV-SALTS Update – No Report

13. Drainage Coordinator’s Report.

Drainage Coordinator Joe McGahan stated he had nothing more to report.

14. Reports from District Representatives.

No Reports from District Representatives.

15. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting is December 20, 2019 at 9:30 a.m.

16. Closed Session

The Steering Committee adjourned to closed session at approximately 11:05 a.m. to receive an update from counsel on pending litigation in Agenda Item 16, and to consider an item of anticipated litigation pursuant to Subdivision (a) and Paragraphs 2 or 3 of Subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9 or Paragraph 4 of Subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9.

17. Return from Closed Session, if Required by Government Code Section 54957.1

The Steering Committee returned to open session at approximately 11:30 a.m. Counsel Diane Rathmann reported that the Steering Committee met to receive advice from counsel on the items listed on Agenda Item 16, but that no reportable action was taken.

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18. Reports Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2

No Report given.

19. Adjournment

Chairman Mike Stearns adjourned the meeting of the Grassland Basin Drainers Steering Committee at 11:30 a.m.