

**SAN LUIS & DELTA – MENDOTA WATER AUTHORITY
MINUTES- GRASSLAND BASIN STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
September 20, 2019**

The Grassland Basin Drainage Steering Committee (GBDSC) met at 9:30a.m. at 842 6th Street, Los Banos, California with Mike Stearns presiding.

Directors and Alternate Directors in Attendance

Camp 13 Drainage District

David Cory, Member

Charleston Drainage District

Absent

Firebaugh Canal Water District

Kevin Hurd, Member - Jeff Bryant, Alternate

Pacheco Water District

David Parreira, Member

Panoche Drainage District

Mike Stearns, Member - Mike Linneman, Alternate

SLDMWA Staff Present

Joe McGahan, Drainage Coordinator

Gabriel Delgado, Legal Counsel

Diane Rathmann, Legal Counsel

Rebecca Akroyd, General Counsel (via teleconference)

Eric Buescher, Special Counsel (via teleconference)

Others Present

Ara Azhderian, PDD

1. Opportunity for Public Comment

No public comments were made.

2. Committee to Consider Approval of July 19, 2019 Meeting Minutes.

After review of the Meeting Minutes of the July 19, 2019 Grassland Basin Drainage Steering Committee (GBDSC), Committee Member Hurd moved to approve the July 19, 2019 Meeting Minutes as presented, the motion was seconded by Committee Member Cory and passed unanimously.

AYES: Cory, Hurd, Parreira, Stearns

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

3. Committee to Consider Acceptance of Financial Expenditures Report.

Drainage Coordinator Joe McGahan presented the Financial Report for the period ending 9/19/19. Following McGahan's report, Committee Member Hurd moved to accept the Financial Report as presented, the motion was seconded by Committee Member Parreria and passed unanimously.

AYES: Cory, Hurd, Parreira, Stearns
NAYS: None
ABSTENTIONS: None

4. Committee to Consider Recommending that Board of Directors Approve Resolution Adopting CEQA Findings of Fact and Approving Addendum to 2009 Final EIS/EIR for the Grassland Bypass Project for the Long-Term Storm Water Management Plan 2020-2045, and Authorizing Related Actions.

Drainage Coordinator Joe McGahan explained the Committee must meet for a Special Meeting before the October 10, 2019 San Luis and Delta Mendota Water Authority (SLDMWA) Meeting to Recommend that the Board of Directors Approve Resolution Adopting CEQA Findings of Fact and Approving Addendum to 2009 Final EIS/EIR for the Grassland Bypass Project for the Long-Term Storm Water Management Plan 2020-2045, and Authorizing Related Actions. After a brief discussion, a Special Meeting of the Grassland Basin Drainage Steering Committee was calendared for 10:00 a.m. on October 9, 2019.

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

- a. Outreach Meetings - Drainage Coordinator Joe McGahan presented a tentative schedule for Outreach by SLDMWA, Regional Board and Bureau of Reclamation for the Long-Term Storm Water Management Plan (LTSWMP). McGahan noted 10 comments were received and he was in the process of responding to them.
- b. Waste Discharge Requirements Status – The Committee discussed the issues associated with the permit expiring on 12/31/2019.
- c. New Use Agreement Status - Drainage Coordinator Joe McGahan discussed interaction with agencies and the process / protocol in order to have the agreement in place by the end of the year.
- d. Schedule- Reported on in item A.
- e. Sump Shutoff – A discussion ensued since it's in the addendum to the 2009 Final

EIS/EIR for the Grassland Bypass Project how will the sump shutoff be accomplished? Following a long discussion, a policy will be discussed at the next Grassland Basin Drainers meeting.

- f. Sediment Removal – No committal for any sediment removal for this year.

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

Ara Azhderian reported he is working on easements to access his grower's tile drain sumps and noted the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the sump automation is due to be out for proposals next week.

7. Committee to Receive Report and Provide Feedback on the Operation and Ongoing Expenses of the SJRIP.

Ara Azhderian reported issues in reference to the SJRIP will be discussed at next week at the Grassland Basin Authority Meeting.

9. Grassland Bypass Project Updates

- a. Operations Report – Drainage Coordinator Joe McGahan reported today's flow at Site B is 15 c.f.s. Site A has 0 flow; with a projected 10 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 237 pounds of selenium is estimated through September 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 51 and 52 for the month June and July 2019 in today's meeting packet. The reports reflected no toxicity in the samples. Committee Member Cory moved to release the Toxicity data. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Parreira and passed unanimously. The vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES: Cory, Hurd, Parreira, Stearns

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

- d. Provision of 2019 Mitigation Water – A Chart of water delivery needs by entity and

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payment schedule and fees was reviewed.

- e. Status of Newman Land Company Amendment and Facility Replacement - Drainage Coordinator Joe McGahan reported the replacement of facilities will need a survey to determine the extent of the repair / replacement needs. McGahan concluded by stating the need for many permits are necessary due to the facilities being on State Land.
- f. Status of State Fish & Wildlife Agreement for China Island – Same report as Newman Land Facility Replacement.

10. Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharge to Surface Water

Drainage Coordinator Joe McGahan referred to a map of the well network along with sample results included in today's meeting packet.

11. Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharge to Groundwater Water

- a. Notification of members of results of trend monitoring program- No Report

12. Update on the Westside Regional Drainage Plan.

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

13. 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

14. Drainage Coordinator's Report.

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

15. Reports from District Representatives.

No Reports given.

16. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting is October 18, 2019 at 9:30 a.m.

17. Closed Session

At approximately 10:35 a.m., the Steering Committee adjourned to closed session for the pending and anticipated Items of litigation listed on the Closed Session Agenda.

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

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Upon return from closed session at 11:23 a.m., Counsel Diane Rathmann reported that the Steering Committee met in closed session to receive advice from counsel on items listed under Agenda Item 16. The Steering Committee took action to recommend that the SLDMWA Board authorize counsel to file a petition for rehearing in PCFFA v. Glaser. The vote on the matter was as follows:

AYES: Cory, Hurd, Parreira, Stearns
NAYS: None
ABSTENTIONS: None

The Steering Committee took further action to authorize extension of the engagement of Tess Dunham from Somach, Simmons & Dunn for additional work under the GBD Activity Agreement. The vote on the matter was as follows:

AYES: Cory, Hurd, Parreira, Stearns
NAYS: None
ABSTENTIONS: None

The Steering Committee received advice on other matters listed on the Agenda but took no further action.

19. Reports Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2

No Report given.

20. Adjournment

Chairman Mike Stearns adjourned the meeting of the Grassland Basin Drainers Steering Committee at 11:26 a.m.