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**SAN LUIS & DELTA – MENDOTA WATER AUTHORITY MINUTES-
GRASSLAND BASIN STEERING COMMITTEE TELEPHONIC MEETING
May 19, 2023**

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

Firebaugh Canal Water District

Kevin Hurd Member - Jeff Bryant, Alternate Member

Pacheco Water District

David Parreira, Member

Panoche Drainage District

Mike Linneman, Member

SLDMWA Staff Present

Rebeca Harms, Deputy Executive General Counsel

Joe McGahan, Drainage Coordinator

Lauren Viers, Staff Accountant III

Others Present

Chris Linneman, Summers Engineering

Palmer McCoy, Grassland Basin Authority

1. Call to Order / Roll Call

Chairmen David Cory called the meeting to order and requested self-introductions.

2. Corrections or Additions to the Agenda

No corrections or additions were made to the agenda.

3. Opportunity for Public Comment

No public comments were made.

4. Committee to Consider Approval of December 16, 2022 Meeting Minutes

After review of the February 17, 2023 Grassland Basin Drainage Steering Committee (GBDSC) meeting minutes, with one minor edit: Lauren Viers title with the San Luis and Delta Mendota Water Authority is Staff Accountant III. Committee Member Mike Linneman moved to approve the February 17, 2023 minutes as corrected, the motion was seconded by Committee Member David Parreira and passed unanimously.

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AYES: Cory, Hurd, Parreira and Linneman
NAYS: None
ABSTENTIONS: None

5. Committee to Consider Acceptance of Financial Expenditures Report.

Staff Accountant III Lauren Viers presented the Financial Report with a baseline through 3/31/23. Committee Member Kevin Hurd moved to approve the Financial Expenditures Report as presented, the motion was seconded by Committee Member David Parreira and passed unanimously.

AYES: Cory, Hurd, Parreira and Linneman
NAYS: None
ABSTENTIONS: None

6. Committee to Receive Report on Mud Slough Restoration Project

Chris Linnemann explained the Grassland Basin Drainers have an obligation to return Mud Slough to its original state- hence the need for restoration project. Linneman noted he has reached out to California Fish and Wildlife for direction on a few issues and noted he has a meeting with them scheduled for next week. Chris Linnemen responded to questions.

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

Chris Linneman reported two pump stations are in the design phase and the SCADA tower permit was approved by the County of Fresno.

8. Grassland Bypass Project Updates

- a. Operations Report – Chris Linneman referred to maps detailing all the discharge points for the project. A graph of Sites A and B discharge amounts and rainfall events was reviewed. Site D Mud Slough selenium and flow for March 1, 2022– April 2023 Storm events 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, Linneman concluded by reporting on Site B Monthly Salt Load and Site R Selenium concentrations.
- b. Monitoring Program and Toxicity Data Report – Chris Linneman presented and the Committee reviewed event 94, 95 and 96; samples collected January 26, 2023, February 22, 2023 and March 7, 2023. The reports reflected no toxicity. The Committee gave direction to release the Toxicity data.

9. Update on Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharge to Groundwater Water for the Grassland Drainage Area Coalition – Drainage Coordinator Joe McGahan reported he is

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following up on the information from the membership requirements and discussed the Nitrate Control Program requirements which are “time sensitive - 6 months” on wells in the GBD area.

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 or discussed.

12. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting is June 17, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

13. Closed Session

The Committee convened to a Closed Session at 9:50 a.m.

14. Return to Open Session

The Committee returned to Open Session at 10:00 a.m.

15. Report from Closed Session, if Required by Government Code Section 54957.1

Chairman David Cory reported the Committee discussed items posted on the Closed Session Agenda and received updates from legal counsel and took no action.

16. Adjournment

Chairman David Cory adjourned the meeting of the Grassland Basin Drainers Steering Committee at 10:01 a.m.