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**SAN LUIS & DELTA – MENDOTA WATER AUTHORITY
MINUTES-GRASSLAND BASIN STEERING COMMITTEE SPECIAL
TELEPHONIC MEETING**

August 21, 2020

The Grassland Basin Drainage Steering Committee (GBDSC) met at 9:30a.m. This meeting was held via teleconference/ZOOM in accordance with the Governor’s Executive Order (N-29-20) and the declared State of Emergency as a result of the threat of COVID-19, with Chair Mike Stearns presiding.

Directors and Alternate Directors in Attendance

Camp 13 Drainage District

David Cory, Member

Firebaugh Canal Water District

Kevin Hurd, Member - Jeff Bryant, Alternate

Pacheco Water District

David Parreira, Member

Panoche Drainage District

Mike Stearns, Member

SLDMWA Staff Present

Joe McGahan, Drainage Coordinator

Joyce Machado, Director of Finance

Others Present

Gabriel Delgado, Linneman Law Firm

Chris Linneman, Summers Engineering

Palmer McCoy, Grasslands Basin Authority

Diane Rathmann, Linneman Law Firm

1. Opportunity for Public Comment

No public comments were made.

2. Committee to Consider Approval of June 19, 2020 Meeting Minutes

After review of the meeting minutes of July 17 and August 5, 2020 Grassland Basin Drainage Steering Committee (GBDSC), **Committee Member** Kevin Hurd moved to approve the Meeting Minutes as presented, the motion was seconded by **Committee Member** David Parreira and passed unanimously.

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AYES: Cory, Hurd, Parreira, Stearns
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 8/17/20. Committee Member David Cory moved to approve the Financial Expenditures Report as presented, the motion was seconded by Committee Member Kevin Hurd and passed unanimously.

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

4. Committee to Receive Report on Pereira Memorandum of Understanding

Drainage Coordinator Joe McGahan presented a map of the Pereira Parcels along with a table of ten years of Grassland Basin Drainage Activity costs for the committee's review. Following some discussion, McGahan recommended requesting Pereira contribute 3 years of dues, the current year and two back years totaling \$38,109.12. The committee agreed and gave McGahan direction on the contents of the Memorandum of Understanding.

5. Committee to Receive Update on Mud Slough Restoration Project

Drainage Coordinator Joe McGahan reported the permits for the project have been submitted and the consultant is working on the water rights issue has finalized its part of the project and continues work on wetlands mitigation. McGahan concluded by stating he is in the process of have CEQA complete by October.

6. Committee to Receive Report on San Joaquin River Improvement Project (SJRIP) Monitoring Wells

Drainage Coordinator Joe McGahan reported he is working on access permits to properties and budgeting issues for next year.

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

- a. **5th Use Agreement**- Drainage Coordinator Joe McGahan stated the final 5th Use Agreement is in place until 2029 and we are operating under the terms of the agreement.
- b. **Drainage Management Plan** – Chris Linnemen reported he has 11 components

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noted in his memo to the committee to address and continues to update the plan with submittal to Regional Board by December.

- c. **Monitoring Program** – Drainage Coordinator Joe McGahan reported monitoring continues and a report of the first six months of the new agreement is due in October.

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

Chris Linnemen reported the SCADA Sump Shut down project is proceeding along with regulating basins, Land development and land acquisition.

9. **Grassland Bypass Project Updates**

- a. Operations Report – Drainage Coordinator Joe McGahan reported a small release to the San Luis Drain occurred earlier this month.
- b. Volumes and Loads Report - Site A and B discharge in CFS and rainfall in inches was reviewed for the period 1 November 2019 thru 14 August 2020. Site D, R Selenium data was reviewed along with Site B Monthly Salt Loads all in graphic form.
- c. Monitoring Program and Toxicity Data Report – The Committee reviewed Events 63 and 64 for the period June 15, 2020 and July 20, 2020. The reports reflected no toxicity in the samples. Committee Member David Cory moved to release the Toxicity data. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Kevin Hurd and passed unanimously. The vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES: Cory, Hurd, Parreira, Stearns

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

- d. **2020 Mitigation Water** - Drainage Coordinator Joe McGahan reported no obligations for the GBD in 2020, however he is sending letters to the State and Federal refuges for notice of no Mitigation water from the Grassland Basin Drainage Authority this year. McGahan noted he is working with A and H investments to supply water to the Fialho property and dollars to the Newman Gun Club for pumped water until we complete the Mud Slough Channel.

10. **Update on Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharge to Groundwater Water,**

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Grassland Drainage Area Coalition – Drainage Coordinator Joe McGahan reported new forms will be circulated for nitrogen reporting throughout the Grassland Basin Service area.

11. **Reports from District Representatives** – No reports given.

12. **Date and Time of Next Meeting**

The next regularly scheduled meeting is September 18, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.

13. **Closed Session**

The Committee convened to a Closed Session to address Items listed on the Closed Session Agenda at 10:25 a.m.

14. **Return to Open Session**

The Committee returned to Open Session at 10:35 a.m.

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

Gabriel Delgado reported the Steering Committee adjourned to closed session to discuss items of pending litigation listed on the agenda but took no action.

16. **Reports Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(a)(2)**

No Report given.

17. **Adjournment**

Chairman Mike Stearns adjourned the meeting of the Grassland Basin Drainers Steering Committee at 10:36 a.m.