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SAN LUIS & DELTA-MENDOTA WATRE AUTHORITY-GRASSLAND BASIN STEERING
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 20, 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

Charleston Drainage District
Tom Teixeira , Member

Firebaugh Canal Water District
Kevin Hurd, Member

Pacheco Water District
David Parreira, Member

SLDMWA Staff Present
Rebeca Harms, Deputy Executive General Counsel– Via Telephonic
Chris Linneman, Drainage Coordinator
Lauren Viers, Staff Accountant III

Others Present
Palmer McCoy, Grassland Basin Authority
Joe McGahan, Summers Engineering – Via Telephonic

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 Acceptance of August 18, 2023 Meeting Minutes**
After review of the August 18, 2023 Grassland Basin Drainage Steering Committee (GBDSC) meeting minutes, with one minor edit: Kevin Hurd was not present at meeting to participating voting. Committee Member David Parreira moved to accept the August 18, 2023 minutes as

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corrected, the motion was seconded by Committee Member Tom Teixeira and passed unanimously.

AYES: Cory, Teixeira, Hurd and Parreira
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 9/30/23 and noted the budget was trending under, with 70 percent remaining half way through the year. Committee Member Tom Teixeira moved to approve the Financial Expenditures Report as presented, the motion was seconded by Committee Member David Parreira and passed unanimously.

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

6. Committee to Review and Consider Approving Fiscal Year 2024-2025 GBD Draft Budget

Drainage Coordinator Chris Linneman presented the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 GBD Draft budget to the Committee for review and approval. Linneman noted we are only halfway through this past year's budget and not ready to finalize next year's budget. Following some discussion on line-item changes and new work to be added to the budget, it was the consensus of the committee no action be taken on the budget at this meeting.

7. Committee to Receive Report on Mud Slough Restoration Project

Drainage Coordinator Chris Linneman explained the Grassland Basin Drainers have an obligation to return Mud Slough to its original state- hence the need for restoration project. Linneman reported on meetings in September with Newman Land Company (NLC) and California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW). Following a brief discussion, Linneman noted no significant action on this project is imminent and details will be discussed in Closed Session.

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

Drainage Coordinator Chris Linneman reported the Prop 84 Grant is still moving forward on the San Joaquin River Water Quality Improvement Project. Linnemen noted the SCADA project should be operational by December. Linneman continued by explaining the storm basin project is moving forward however, payment delays from the Department of Water Resources (DWR) are causing cash flow issues that need to be resolved. Grant dollars spent to date: 11.7 million with 22.4

million remaining.

9. Grassland Bypass Project Updates

- a. **Operations Report – Drainage Coordinator Chris Linneman** 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 September 30, 2023 was reviewed. Site D Mud Slough selenium and flow for March 1, 2020– September 2023 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 and noted a plugged pipe at the end of the drain caused some erroneous flow readings.
- b. **Monitoring Program and Toxicity Data Report – Chris Linneman** presented and the Committee reviewed event 100 and 101; samples collected July 27, 2023 and August 24, 2023. The reports reflected no toxicity. 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 – Drainage Coordinator Chris Linneman reported he is following up on the information from the 2021 membership requirements (Farm Evaluation Forms) that were collected in 2021 and the new set will be mailed soon. INMPSR were mailed out earlier this year and all but three have been received. David Cory reported the need to begin work on the Nitrogen Management Zone issue and noted it will be costly.

11. Reports from District Representatives – No reports.

12. Reports on Other Items Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2 (a)(3) – No other items were presented or discussed.

13. Date and Time of Next Meeting

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

14. Closed Session

The Committee convened to a Closed Session at 10:05 a.m.

15. Return to Open Session

The Committee returned to Open Session at 10:26 a.m.

16. 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- received updates from legal counsel, and took no action.

17. Adjournment

Chairman David Cory adjourned the meeting of the Grassland Basin Drainers Steering Committee at 10:27 a.m.