

DRAFT

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

November 18, 2022

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 pro-tem David Parreira presiding.

Directors and Alternate Directors in Attendance

Camp 13 Drainage District
(Absent)

Charleston Drainage District
Tom Teixeira, Member

Firebaugh Canal Water District
Kevin Hurd Member - Via Telephonic (participated from a non-noticed location and not counted towards a quorum)

Pacheco Water District
David Parreira, Member

Panoche Drainage District
Mike Linneman, Member

SLDMWA Staff Present

Joe McGahan, Drainage Coordinator

Lauren Neves, Staff Accountant – Via Telephonic

Raymond Tarka, Director of Finance

Others Present

Ara Azhderian, Panoche Water and Drainage District – Via Telephonic

Gabriel Delgado, Baker, Manock and Jensen

Chris Linneman, Summers Engineering

Palmer McCoy, Grassland Basin Authority

Diane Rathmann, Linneman Law Firm– Via Telephonic

Tess Dunham, Kahn Soares & Conway

Andrea Matarazzo, Pioneer Law Group

I. Call to Order / Roll Call

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

DRAFT

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 August 19, 2022 Meeting Minutes**
After review of the August 19, 2022 Grassland Basin Drainage Steering Committee (GBDSC) meeting minutes, Committee Member Tom Teixeira moved to approve the August 19, 2022 minutes as presented, the motion was seconded by Committee Member Mike Linneman and passed unanimously.

AYES: Teixeira, Parreira and Linneman
NAYS: None
ABSTENTIONS: None

5. **Committee to Consider Acceptance of Financial Expenditures Report.**
Staff Accountant Lauren Neves presented the Financial Report, report date 11/16/22 and noted the expenditures were trending under budget. Committee Member Mike Linneman moved to approve the Financial Expenditures Report as presented, the motion was seconded by Committee Member Tom Teixeira and passed unanimously.

AYES: Teixeira, Parreira and Linneman
NAYS: None
ABSTENTIONS: None

6. **Committee to Receive Report on Mud Slough Restoration Project**
Chris Linneman provided a summary of the Grassland Basin Drainers obligation to return Mud Slough to its original state and updated the committee on the project status. Progress has not changes since the previous meeting and we are still attempting to schedule a follow up meeting with California Department of Fish & Wildlife. In the short term we will continue to pay power costs for Newman Gun Club water acquisition. Both Joe McGahan and Chris Linneman responded to questions.

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

Chris Linneman reported on the construction status of the Short Term Storage Basins project and the design work for Westside Conveyance Project. Ara Azhderian reported work completed on some of Proposition 84 Grant project components and noted that DWR did approve the extension request. Linneman addressed questions.

8. Grassland Bypass Project Updates

- a. Operations Report – Chris Linneman referred to a map 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 October 2021 – October 2022 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 concentration.
- b. **Monitoring Program and Toxicity Data Report** – The Committee reviewed events 88, 89 and 90 for samples collected in July, August and September of 2022. The reports reflected no aquatic or sediment toxicity. Linneman responded to questions. Committee Member Tom Teixeira moved to release the Toxicity data. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Mike Linneman and passed unanimously. The vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES:	Teixeira, Parreira and Linneman
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS:	None
- c. **January 2023 Stakeholder Workshop** – Drainage Coordinator Joe McGahan noted that the Waste Discharge Requirements require an annual stakeholder meeting, organized and scheduled by the Regional Board. The next stakeholder meeting will be held via Zoom on January 13, 2023. A call was held with Contra Cost Water District and other interested parties on November 15 to provide them a preview of the material that will be presented in January.

9. Update on Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharge to Groundwater Water, Grassland Drainage Area Coalition – Drainage Coordinator Joe McGahan explained the process for submittals to the Regional Board on behalf of the growers in the GBP area. McGahan noted the Annual Report has been submitted. McGahan also reported on the Nitrate Control Program included with the Irrigation Lands Program. McGahan discussed permitting approaches and the likely need for implementation of a Management Zone to comply with the program. Tess Dunham further explained the timeline for compliance once a Notice to Comply has been received.

10. Reports from District Representatives – None of the District Representatives had anything to report.

DRAFT

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 December 16, 2022 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 10:20 a.m.
14. **Return to Open Session**
The Committee returned to Open Session at 10:40 a.m.
15. **Report from Closed Session, if Required by Government Code Section 54957.1**
Upon return to open session; General Counsel Gabriel Delgado reported the Steering Committee met in closed session to receive advice from Legal Counsel, but took no reportable action.
16. **Adjournment**
Acting Chairman David Parreira adjourned the meeting of the Grassland Basin Drainers Steering Committee at 10:41 a.m.

DRAFT