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

September 20, 2024

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
Jeff Bryant, Alternate

Pacheco Water District
Alec Smith, Alternate

Panoche Drainage District
Patrick McGowan, Alternate

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

Others Present
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**
It was noted on today's Agenda, the date for acceptance of meeting minutes should reflect June 21, 2024 not June 21, 2023.
3. **Opportunity for Public Comment**
No public comments were made.
4. **Committee to Consider Acceptance of June 21, 2024, 2024 Meeting Minutes**
After review of the June 21, 2024 Grassland Basin Drainage Steering Committee (GBDSC) meeting minutes, Alternate Committee Member Patrick McGowan moved to accept the June 21, 2024 minutes as presented, the motion was seconded by Alternate Committee Member Alec Smith

and passed unanimously.

AYES: Cory, Bryant, Smith, McGowan
NAYS: None
ABSTENTIONS: None

5. Committee to Consider Acceptance of Financial Expenditures Report.

Drainage Coordinator Chris Linneman presented the Financial Report for the period: 1/31/24 – 8/31/24 (receivables) and the period 3/1/24 – 7/31/24 for (Budget to Actual). Alternate Committee Member Patrick McGowan moved for acceptance of the Financial Expenditures Report as presented, the motion was seconded by Alternate Committee Member Alec Smith and passed unanimously.

AYES: Cory, Bryant, Smith, McGowan
NAYS: None
ABSTENTIONS: None

6. Committee to Receive Report on Mud Slough Restoration Project

Drainage Coordinator Chris Linneman reported on a couple of things; Linnemann reported there is still some work on the Mud Slough Refuge (removal of water control risers) that will be completed next year and concluded by stating there has been no movement on the Newman Lake issue.

7. 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 (SJRWQIP), with pump tests being performed on newly installed stations. Linneman took a moment to give a brief history of the Prop 84 Grant to the Committee.

8. 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 July 21, 2024 was reviewed. Mud Slough selenium, flow, goals and averages for January, 2024– August 2024 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 with Mud Slough Selenium levels

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below 1 part per billion. Linneman concluded by reporting on Site B Monthly Salt Load and Site R Selenium concentrations. Linnemann noted selenium requirements have been met at all sites.

- b. **Monitoring Program and Toxicity Data Report** – Drainage Coordinator Chris Linneman presented and the Committee reviewed events 111 and 112; samples collected June 18, 2024 and July 23, 2024 and noted no toxicity in the events. 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 Chris Linneman explained the Nitrogen Zone Management Plan is in place and the GBD continues to work with the Westside Coalition.

10. **Reports from District Representatives** – Jeff Bryant reported the Panoche-Silver Creek Drainage District has completed its Prop 218 Election and had a 69 Percent (69%) approval rate for a \$5.00 per acre Special Benefit Assessment / Standby Charge.

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

12. **Date and Time of Next Meeting**
It was noted the next meeting will likely be in November.

13. **Closed Session**
No Closed Session

14. **Return to Open Session**
No Closed Session

15. **Report from Closed Session, if Required by Government Code Section 54957.1**
No Report

16. **Adjournment**

Chairman David Cory adjourned the meeting of the Grassland Basin Drainers Steering Committee at 9:55 a.m.