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SAN LUIS & DELTA – MENDOTA WATER AUTHORITY MINUTES-GRASSLAND BASIN
STEERING COMMITTEE TELEPHONIC MEETING
JUNE 21, 2024

The Board of Directors of the Grassland Basin Drainage Steering Committee (GBDSC) met at 9:30 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

Panoche Drainage District
Patrick McGowan, Alternate

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

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 March 15, 2024 Meeting Minutes**
After review of the March 15, 2024 Grassland Basin Drainage Steering Committee (GBDSC) meeting minutes, Committee Member Kevin Hurd moved to accept the March 15, 2024 minutes as presented, the motion was seconded by Alternate Committee Member Patrick McGowen and passed unanimously.

AYES: Cory, Hurd, McGowen
NAYS: None
ABSTENTIONS: None

5. Committee to Consider Acceptance of Financial Expenditures Report.

Staff Accountant III Lauren Viers presented the Financial Report in detail. Committee Member Kevin Hurd moved for acceptance of the Financial Expenditures Report as presented, the motion was seconded by Alternate Committee Member Patrick McGowen and passed unanimously.

AYES: Cory, Hurd, McGowen

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

6. Committee to Receive Report on Mud Slough Restoration Project

Drainage Coordinator Chris Linneman reported there had been no change on this project and a meeting with California Department of Fish and Wildlife is still pending. Linnemann concluded by stating there is still some work on the Mud Slough Refuge that must be completed.

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). As to the basin project: it's in the final stage of completion with others still in the design phase. Linnemann noted, approximately \$17.5 million has been spent with \$16.7 remaining.

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 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.

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9. **Update on Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharge to Groundwater Water for the Grassland Drainage Area Coalition** – Drainage Coordinator Chris Linneman noted the GBD has joined the Westside Coalition’s efforts to develop the Early Action Plan but will be added as a separate section so that the GBD could break off into a different path in the future if necessary.

10. **Reports from District Representatives** – Palmer McCoy discussed the possibilities of combining the Grassland Basin Drainers with the Grassland Basin Authority. Kevin Hurd reported the Silver Creek Drainage District and Firebaugh Canal Water District Boards participated in a tour of the Panoche-Silver Creek watershed.

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 September.

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 9:52 a.m.