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SAN LUIS & DELTA – MENDOTA WATER AUTHORITY MINUTES-GRASSLAND
BASIN STEERING COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 19, 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 David Cory presiding.

Directors and Alternate Directors in Attendance

Camp 13 Drainage District
David Cory, Chairman

Charleston Drainage District
Tom Teixeira, Member Via Telephonic

Firebaugh Canal Water District
Kevin Hurd Member - Jeff Bryant, Alternate Member Both Telephonic

Pacheco Water District
David Parreira, Member

Panoche Drainage District
Mike Linneman, Member

SLDMWA Staff Present

Joe McGahan, Drainage Coordinator

Lauren Neves, Staff Accountant

Raymond Tarka, Director of Finance

Others Present

Ara Azhderian, Panoche Water and Drainage District

Gabriel Delgado, Baker, Manock and Jensen

Chris Linneman, Summers Engineering

Palmer McCoy, Grassland Basin Authority

Diane Rathmann, Linneman Law Firm– 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 Approval of May 20, 2022 Meeting Minutes**
After review of the May 20, 2022 Grassland Basin Drainage Steering Committee (GBDSC)

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meeting minutes, Vice Chairman David Parreira moved to approve the May 20, 2022 minutes as presented, the motion was seconded by Committee Member Mike Linnemann and passed unanimously.

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

5. Committee to Consider Acceptance of Financial Expenditures Report.

Staff Accountant Lauren Neves presented the Financial Report dated 6/30/22, 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 Vice Chairman David Parreira and passed unanimously.

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

6. Committee to Receive Report on Mud Slough Restoration Project

Drainage Coordinator Joe McGahan explained the Grassland Basin Drainers have an obligation to return Mud Slough to its original state- hence the need for restoration. We are working on an MOU with California State Fish and Wildlife, numerous permits and some mitigation land with on-going monitoring. McGahan noted permits are on hold due to concern by Fish and Wildlife. In the short term we will continue to pay power costs for Newman Gun Club water acquisition. Both Joe McGahan and Chris Linnemen responded to questions.

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

Chris Linnemen reported on design work for storm water regulation ponds, pump station rehabilitation and San Luis Drain Inlet replacement. Ara Azhderian reported work being complete on some of the new land acquired for the project and the need for new gates at the inlet to the San Luis Drain. Linnemen 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 June 2021 – July 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

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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 85, 86 and 87; samples collected April 18, 2022, May 26, 2022 and June 23, 2022. The reports reflected no toxicity. A memo on Sediment Toxicity at Site D was presented by Chris Linneman and reviewed in detail. Linnemen responded to questions. Vice Chairman David Parreira moved to release the Toxicity data. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Mike Linnemen and passed unanimously. The vote on the motion was as follows:

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

- 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.

- 10. **Reports from District Representatives** – Ara Azhderian reported Mike Stearns has retired from the Panoche Water and Drainage District Boards and was replaced by Wayne Western

- 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 June 17, 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

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met in closed session to receive advice from Legal Counsel, but took no recordable action.

16. Adjournment

Chairman David Cory adjourned the meeting of the Grassland Basin Drainers Steering Committee at 10:41 a.m.