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

**February 17, 2023**

The Board of Directors of the Grassland Basin Drainage Steering Committee (GBDSC) met at 9:38 a.m. at 842 6<sup>th</sup> 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 - Jeff Bryant, Alternate Member

**Panoche Drainage District**  
Mike Linneman, Member

**SLDMWA Staff Present**

Joe McGahan, Drainage Coordinator

Lauren Viers, Staff Accountant

**Others Present**

Ara Azhderian, Panoche Water and Drainage District

Chris Linneman, Summers Engineering

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 Approval of December 16, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

After review of the December 16, 2022 Grassland Basin Drainage Steering Committee (GBDSC) meeting minutes, with one minor edit: Raymond Tarka's title with the San Luis and Delta Mendota Water Authority is Director of Finance. Committee Member Kevin Hurd moved to approve the December 16, 2022 minutes as corrected, the motion was seconded by Committee Member Michael Linneman and passed unanimously.

AYES: Cory, Hurd and Linneman

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NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

**5. Committee to Consider Acceptance of Financial Expenditures Report.**

Staff Accountant 3 Lauren Viers presented the Financial Report through 2/17/23 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 Kevin Hurd and passed unanimously.

AYES: Cory, Hurd, 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 project. McGahan noted he has reached out to California Fish and Wildlife for direction on a few issues associated with the restoration project. Both Joe McGahan and Chris Linnemen responded to questions.

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

Ara Azhderian reported on construction work for storm water regulation ponds has been slowed by rainfall.

**8. Grassland Bypass Project Updates**

- a. Operations Report – Drainage Coordinator Joe McGahan referred to the forecast for the San Joaquin Valley Water Year Type Index 60-20-20 (SJI) in today’s meeting packet. McGahan explained the 75 percent probability of Exceedance indicates a 4.2 million acre-foot forecasted runoff on the San Joaquin River and noted this forecast was once used to determine an allowable Selenium load for the Grassland Basin Drainers.

Chris Linneman then referred to maps 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 December 2022– January 2023 Storm events 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 then reported on Site B Monthly Salt Load and Site R Selenium concentration and concluded by discussing

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December - January storm water flows and noted water quality objectives were attained.

- b. **Monitoring Program and Toxicity Data Report** – Chris Linneman presented and the Committee reviewed event 93; samples collected December 8, 2022. The report reflected no toxicity. 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 Joe McGahan reported he is in the process of coordinating information from the membership that is due by April 1, 2023.
10. **Reports from District Representatives** – Chairman David Cory thanked Chris Linneman and Palmer McCoy for their due diligence in managing discharges during the past few months storm events.
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 March 17, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.
13. **Closed Session**  
The Committee convened to a Closed Session at 10:00 a.m.
14. **Return to Open Session**  
The Committee returned to Open Session at 10:25 a.m.
15. **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 but took no action.
16. **Adjournment**  
Chairman David Cory adjourned the meeting of the Grassland Basin Drainers Steering Committee at 10:27 a.m.