

**NORTHERN DELTA-MENDOTA REGION
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR APRIL 20, 2017**

The Management Committee of the Northern Delta-Mendota Region GSAs convened at approximately 10:00 a.m. at 17840 Ward Avenue, in Patterson, California for its first regular monthly meeting.

Management Committee Members and Alternate Members in Attendance

Anthea Hansen, Oak Flat Water District, Alternate
Adam Scheuber, Del Puerto Water District, Alternate
Bobby Pierce, West Stanislaus Irrigation District
Lacey Kiriakou, Merced County
Maria Encinas, City of Patterson
Marc Vanden, Patterson Irrigation District
Walt Ward, Stanislaus County

Authority Representatives Present

Gabriel Delgado, Legal Counsel
Andrew Garcia, Associate Civil Engineer
Frances Mizuno, Assistant Executive Director

1. Call to Order

Frances Mizuno called the meeting to order at 10:07 AM.

2. Opportunity for Public Comment

Frances Mizuno allowed opportunity for public comment, and noted that no members of the public were present at the meeting.

3. Management Committee to select Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary

On motion by Walt Ward, seconded by Anthea Hansen, the Committee unanimously selected Bobby Pierce to be the Chairman of the Management Committee of the Northern Delta-Mendota Region SGMA Services Activity Agreement. The vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES: Hansen, Scheuber, Kiriakou, Encinas, Vanden, Ward
NAYS: None
ABSTENTATIONS: Pierce

On motion of Bobby Pierce, seconded by Marc Vanden, the Committee unanimously selected Anthea Hansen as Vice-Chair of the Committee. The vote on the motion was

as follows:

AYES: Pierce, Scheuber, Kiriakou, Encinas, Vanden, Ward

NAYS: None

ABSTENTATIONS: Hansen

On motion by Anthea Hansen, seconded by Lacey Kiriakou, the Committee unanimously selected Andrew Garcia as Secretary of the Committee. The vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES: Hansen, Pierce, Scheuber, Kiriakou, Encinas, Vanden, Ward

NAYS: None

ABSTENTATIONS: None

Mr. Pierce took over presiding over the meeting.

4. Description of Management Committee Voting

Gabriel Delgado gave a brief explanation of how each GSA appointed representative is entitled to one vote, with public input through specific outreach efforts and via the opportunity to attend and participate at all meetings. Mr. Delgado outlined that a majority of a quorum being present is required to vote and that in this case, that is 4 participants. Additionally, some votes require a unanimous voter (per Section 6.4b of the Activity Agreement). Examples of those votes are recommendations on any claim against the authority, participation on any proposed Groundwater Sustainability Plan, modifying Participation Percentages, entering agreements with consultants, and deemed withdrawal of a non-participating member.

Bobby Pierce requested an executed copy of the Activity Agreement be distributed to Committee Members. Andrew Garcia replied that he will be distribute signed copies to Committee Members with copies of the Activity Agreement Amendment.

5. Overview of the Ralph M. Brown Act Regulation

Mr. Delgado informed the Committee Members on key Brown Act considerations.

ACTION ITEMS

6. Activity Agreement Amendment

Gabriel Delgado briefly described the first Amendment to the Activity agreement, which serves the purpose of amending the date of execution of the MOA from February 28, 2017 to April 30, 2017 due to execution dates of MOA participants occurring after the February 28th date. Maria Encinas asked if this document needed to be taken back to the respective boards for signature. Anthea Hansen read the MOA document, which states authority to appointed members to sign any amendments. On motion by Walt Ward, seconded by Lacey Kiriakou, the Committee unanimously voted to remove Eastin Water District and Twin Oaks Water District from the amendment language, and execute the first Amendment to the Activity Agreement. The vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES: Hansen, Pierce, Scheuber, Kiriakou, Encinas, Vanden, Ward

NAYS: None

ABSTENTATIONS: None

7. Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Overview and Approval

Chairman Bobby Pierce requested Andrew Garcia discuss FY 2018 budget as provided in the meeting handouts. Andrew Garcia described the budget as being an equal split of Water Authority operating costs as budgeted of the Northern Delta-Mendota Region SGAM Services Activity Agreement and the Central Delta-Mendota Region SGMA Service Activity Agreement, and an equal split of the estimated contract costs for Fiscal Year 2018 as well, similar to the split of Water Authority operating costs. Anthea Hansen noted that the Committee should consider having the second Associate Engineer in the budget removed from the budget and have those duties appointed to the any future selected engineering consultant. Walt Ward and Andrew Garcia described the level of effort and local discussions that need to occur to understand what path the group should take, and what responsibilities may be delegated to that position. Frances Mizuno noted that if SLDMWA hires an Engineer, the labor would only be allocated and charged to SGMA services as performed, and that the employee could be assigned other responsibilities outside of SGMA Services Activity Agreements, which would not be funded by this Activity Agreement. Lacey Kiriakou asked how grant funding would affect the budget and current invoices as calculated by the FY 2018 estimate. Frances Mizuno replied that any funding would be applied to SGMA activities and account balances could either roll over to the next fiscal year or agencies could request a refund. Anthea Hansen noted that this is how other SLDMWA Activity Agreements and grant

funding is typically handled. Ms. Kiriakou also asked how the SLDMWA planned to account for any benefits the Tracy Subbasin GSAs may receive in the future from funded activities and deliverables in the Delta-Mendota Subbasin. Frances Mizuno replied that SLDMWA or GSAs would have to establish Coordination Agreements and determine equitable cost share responsibilities based on those benefits or deliverables which may be utilized by Agencies in the Tracy Subbasin or others.

On motion by Maria Encinas, seconded by Walt Ward, the Committee approved the FY 2018 Activity Agreement budget. The vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES: Hansen, Pierce, Scheuber, Kiriakou, Encinas, Vanden, Ward

NAYS: None

ABSTENTATIONS: None

REPORT ITEMS

8. Fiscal Year 2017 Activity Agreement ‘Initial Budget’ and Invoices

Andrew Garcia briefly explained the FY 2017 actual expense report calculation of ‘Initial Budget’ costs for each Activity Agreement participant included in the meeting materials. Anthea Hansen asked why the actual expense of Authority costs were not equal between the Northern Region Activity Agreement and Central Region Activity Agreement. Mr. Garcia explained that Diane Rathmann, legal counsel to the Water Authority, provided invoices for her services and that those expenses were slightly higher for the Central Region Activity Agreement, and accounts for the difference between the two ‘Actual Expense’ totals. Andrew Garcia noted that the Water Authority should invoice the ‘Initial Budget’ amounts to Activity Agreement participants within the next 30 days of this meeting.

9. With the Northern Delta-Mendota Region and Central Delta-Mendota Region: SLDMWA recommended approach to Groundwater Sustainability Plan(s) (“GSP or “GSPs”) development

Andrew Garcia initially discussed that the Delta-Mendota Subbasin GSA coordination meeting was postponed and is rescheduled to May 8, 2017. . Mr. Garcia then described the importance of a meeting between the subbasin GSA representatives in this Committees planning efforts. The Water Authority will use the group consensus to provide further direction and to draft a Request for Proposals with a pertinent statement of work for the development of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan. Frances

Mizuno described the concept of having one prime consultant overseeing the development of the GSP with multiple chapters for unique management areas, with that consultant having sub-consultants if required and also responsible for coordination with other GSAs who may prefer to have their own consultant or engineer as their representative. The Committee discussed the preference for one plan to limit the number of legally mandated coordination agreements, although general coordination agreements would be preferred when the subbasin and final GSAs decide to have one or multiple plans. Andrew Garcia noted that this decision being confirmed in writing would ensure that planning and engineer resources are not wasted by an Agency or Agencies, after time and money has been allocated in the development of a GSP or its parts. Bobby Pierce mentioned in the future, having joint Management Committee meetings with the Central Delta-Mendota Region Management Committee to further promote coordination efforts.

10. Adjourn Management Committee Meeting

Bobby Pierce adjourned the Management Committee Meeting at approximately 11:53 AM.