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SAN LUIS & DELTA – MENDOTA WATER AUTHORITY MINUTES-GRASSLAND BASIN
STEERING COMMITTEE TELEPHONIC MEETING
MARCH 15, 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

Kevin Hurd, Member, Jeff Bryant, Alternate Member

Pacheco Water District

David Parreira, Member

Panoche Drainage District

Mike Linneman, Member

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

Patrick McGowan, Panoche Water District

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 December 15, 2023 Meeting Minutes

After review of the December 15, 2023 Grassland Basin Drainage Steering Committee (GBDSC) meeting minutes, Committee Member David Parreira moved to accept the December 15, 2023 minutes as presented, the motion was seconded by Committee Member Michael Linneman and

passed unanimously.

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

5. Committee to Consider Acceptance of Financial Expenditures Report.

Staff Accountant III Lauren Viers presented the Financial Report and explained 92 percent of the year complete and noted the budget was trending positive with 44 percent of the budget remaining. Committee Member Kevin Hurd moved for acceptance of the Financial Expenditures Report as presented, the motion was seconded by Committee Member David Parreira and passed unanimously.

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

6. Committee to Receive Report on Mud Slough Restoration Project

Drainage Coordinator Chris Linneman referred to a January 24, 2024 letter in today's meeting packet from California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) in reference to their concerns as to the Mud Slough Restoration Project. A short discussion ensued and Linneman responded to a few questions.

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. Linnemen noted most work by McElvany has paused due to weather. Linnemann continued by stating control building is complete and switch gear has arrived with and estimated operation time of 2 to 3 months. Pump station and conveyance facilities were discussed.

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 February 28, 2024 was reviewed. Mud Slough selenium, flow, goals and averages for November, 2023–March 2024 was reviewed. Next the Site D Mud Slough (North) Downstream San

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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. Linneman concluded by reviewing his March 4, 2024 Mud Slough Selenium Exceedance that occurred over the past two months. Following Linneman’s presentation, questions were addressed.

- b. **Monitoring Program and Toxicity Data Report** – Drainage Coordinator Chris Linneman presented and the Committee reviewed events 105 and 106; samples collected December 12, 2023 and January 26 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** – David Cory updated the Committee on WDR’s to Ground Water, grower reports, program to discharges to ground water that extends compliance time. Drainage Coordinator Chris Linneman discussed the opportunity to join forced with other coalitions on an Interim Proposal Report.

10. **Reports from District Representatives** – Palmer McCoy discussed the possibilities of combining the Grassland Basin Drainers with the Grassland Basin Authority. Jeff Bryant reported the Silver Creek Drainage District has reassembled with a functioning Board of Directors, in order to address the constant flooding from the Panoche-Silver Creek watershed on low-lying agricultural lands.

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**

The next regularly scheduled meeting is April 19, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.

13. **Closed Session**

The Committee convened to Closed Session at 10:25 a.m. to discuss items on the Closed Session Agenda.

14. **Return to Open Session**

The Committee returned to Open Session at 10:50 a.m.

15. Report from Closed Session, if Required by Government Code Section 54957.1

Chairman David Cory reported the Committee discussed items on the Closed Session Agenda but the Committee took no action.

16. Adjournment

Chairman David Cory adjourned the meeting of the Grassland Basin Drainers Steering Committee at 10:51 a.m.