

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

**January 26, 2018**

The Board of Directors of the Grassland Basin Drainage Steering Committee (GBDSC) met at 9:30a.m. at 842 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Los Banos, California with Chair Mike Stearns presiding.

**Directors and Alternate Directors in Attendance**

**Camp 13 Drainage District**

David Cory, Committee Vice-Chair & Member

**Charleston Drainage District**

Tom Teixeira, Member

**Firebaugh Canal Water District**

Jeff Bryant, Alternate for Kevin Hurd

**Pacheco Water District**

Alec Smith, Alternate for David Parreira

**Panoche Drainage District**

Mike Stearns, Member - Mike Linneman, Alternate

**SLDMWA Staff Present**

Gabriel Delgado, Legal Counsel

Joe McGahan, Drainage Coordinator

**Others Present**

Juan Cadena, Panoche Drainage District

Chris Eacock, Bureau of Reclamation

Ric Ortega, Grassland Water District

Ara Azhderian, Panoche Drainage District

Miguel Gonzalez, Panoche Drainage District

Duane Stroup, Bureau of Reclamation

**1. Opportunity for Public Comment**

No public comments were made.

**2. Committee to Consider Approval of October 20, 2017, and December 15, 2017 Meeting Minutes**

After review of the October 20, 2017 and December 15, 2018 Meeting Minutes, with one revision noted; Committee Member Cory moved to approve the October 20, 2017, and December 15, 2017 Meeting Minutes with one revision, the motion was seconded by Committee Teixeira and passed unanimously. The vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES: Cory, Teixeira, Bryant, Smith, Stearns

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

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

Drainage Coordinator Joe McGahan presented the Financial Report for the period ending 1/26/18. Committee Member Teixeira moved to accept the Financial Expenditures Report as presented. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Cory and passed unanimously.

AYES: Cory, Teixeira, Bryant, Smith, Stearns  
NAYS: None  
ABSTENTIONS: None

**4. Committee to Receive Update on Outreach on Long Term Storm Water Management plan**

Drainage Coordinator Joe McGahan reported on a series of meetings he has attended and has received input on the CEQA process from Jon Rubin and others. McGahan then discussed doing a supplemental EIR and Initial Checklist and noted the EIR and Checklist are in the budget. McGahan responded to a few questions.

**5. Committee to Review and Consider Approval of FY18/19 Budget.**

Drainage Coordinator Joe McGahan presented a revised version of the Fiscal Year 2018 / 2019 Budget (FY 18/19) in detail. McGahan took a moment to address differences in the budget totaling \$214,600 and the budget line items for the CEQA Process for the long term storm water plan. Following McGahan addressing questions; and noting a 3 percent increase in the budget - Committee Member Teixeira moved to approve the revised FY 2018 / 2019 Grassland Basin Drainage Committee Budget. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Cory and passed unanimously.

AYES: Cory, Teixeira, Bryant, Smith, Stearns  
NAYS: None  
ABSTENTIONS: None

**6. Committee to Receive Report and Provide Feedback on the Operation and Ongoing Expenses of the SJRIP.**

Ara Azhderian gave the committee a report on a meeting of Stakeholders held at the SJRIP Project on January 22, 2018. Committee Member Teixeira expressed his thoughts on the gathering and the appreciation for the presentations so that he and other can more understand the project. Juan Cadena gave a brief overview of the day to day project operations. It was noted the next meeting will commence in April with a proposed focus on expenses.

**7. Grassland Bypass Project Updates**

- a. **Operations Report** – Juan Cadena reported the flow at site B today is 11 cfs with an estimated discharge of 70 pounds and an annual target based on critical water year classification. Cadena then reviewed a graph of SJRIP discharges through December 2017. Drainage Coordinator Joe McGahan referred to a graph of Site a discharges for the period October 2017 to June 2018 for rainfall and flow.
  - b. **Volumes and Loads Report** – Drainage Coordinator Joe McGahan presented a summary of 2017 and noted 844 pounds of selenium was discharged and explained we were under by 46 percent. The salt load was also under for the year. McGahan continued by reviewing the estimates in table and graphic form along with Site B monthly loads for 2016 an above Normal Water Year Type and 2017 under a Wet Water Year classification. McGahan concluded by reviewing 2017 supplemental mitigation fee costs and distributions.
  - c. **Monitoring Program and Toxicity Data** – Drainage Coordinator Joe McGahan presented the Evaluation of the Toxicity of the Grassland Bypass Ambient Water Samples for the period: June, July, September, October and December 2017. No toxicity reported for any of the months. Committee Member Cory moved to release the Toxicity data. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Teixeira and passed unanimously. The vote on the motion was as follows:  
AYES: Cory, Teixeira, Bryant, Smith, Stearns  
NAYS: None  
ABSTENTIONS: None
8. **Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharge to Surface Water – No Report**
9. **Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharge to Groundwater Water**
- a. **Enrollment Status - Update/Schedule of Tasks** - Drainage Coordinator Joe McGahan discussed a Special Grower Meeting of the Grassland Area Coalition to review Regulatory Requirements Under the Irrigated Lands Program on February 9, 2018 in Firebaugh.
  - b. **Review Timelines** – A Grassland Drainage Area Coalition “Farmer Report Deadlines” table of dates was reviewed.
10. **Update on the Westside Regional Drainage Plan.**

Approved 3/16/2018

- a. Update on Grants – No Report  
Update on Treatment Pilot Studies – Joe McGahan noted a few groups have expressed interest in setting up pilot Treatment plants on the SJRIP.
  
11. **Review Status of Salt/Boron TMDL & Basin Plan Amendment/CV-SALTS**
  - a. Framework for Real Time Management Program Update – No Report
  - b. CV-SALTS Update – David Cory reported the group is in the process of finalizing the Basin Plan Amendment for the management of salt. The plan is a 10 year - with three phases included. Rick Ortega noted a three-year grant was awarded for data management.
  
12. **Drainage Coordinator’s Report – No Report**
  
13. **Reports from District Representatives – Tom Teixeira reiterated his positive comments as to the direction and movement of the SJRIP Stakeholder Group.**
  
14. **Date and Time of Next Meeting**  
The next regularly scheduled meeting is February 16, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.
  
15. **Closed Session**  
General Counsel, Gabriel Delgado stated a Closed Session was not necessary.
  
16. **Return from Closed Session, if Required by Government Code Section 54957.1**  
The Committee did not convene in Closed Session.
  
17. **Reports Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2**  
No Report.
  
18. **Adjournment**  
Chairman Mike Stearns adjourned the meeting of the Grassland Basin Drainers Steering Committee at 11:05 a.m.