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

**June 15, 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, Member

**Charleston Drainage District**  
Absent

**Firebaugh Canal Water District**  
Jeff Bryant, Alternate for Kevin Hurd

**Pacheco Water District**  
Absent

**Panoche Drainage District**  
Mike Stearns, Member

**SLDMWA Staff Present**

Joe McGahan, Drainage Coordinator  
Diane Rathmann, Legal Counsel (via Teleconference)  
Joyce Machado, Supervisor of Accounting

**Others Present**

Chris Linneman, Summers Engineering  
John Beam, GWD Consultant  
Michael Gonzalez, Panoche Drainage District  
John Wiersma, Henry Miller Reclamation District

**1. Opportunity for Public Comment**  
No public comments were made.

**2. Committee to Consider Approval of March 16, 2018, and April 20, 2018 Meeting Minutes.**

After review of the Minutes, of both the March 16, 2018, and April 20, 2018 Meetings, Committee Member Cory moved to approve the Meeting Minutes as presented, the motion was seconded by Alternate Committee Member Bryant and passed unanimously.

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

**3. Committee to Consider Acceptance of Financial Expenditures Report.**  
Supervisor of Accounting, Joyce Machado presented the Financial Report for the period

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ending 6/8/18. Committee Member Cory moved to accept the Financial Expenditures Report as presented. The motion was seconded by Alternate Committee Member Bryant and passed unanimously.

AYES: Cory, Bryant, Stearns

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

**4. Committee to Consider Approval of Revision to Contract with McElvany Inc. for Removal of Sediment in the San Luis Drain.**

After review of the Contract with McElvany Inc., Committee Member Cory moved to approve the Revision to the Contract as presented, the motion was seconded by Alternate Committee Member Bryant and passed unanimously.

AYES: Cory, Bryant, Stearns

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

**5. Committee to Receive Update on Outreach on Long Term Storm Water Management Plan.**

a. Outreach Meetings – Drainage Coordinator Joe McGahan reported he has had meetings with Reclamation, Grasslands Water District and Contra Costa Water District. Outreach Meetings with the following:

b. Schedule - Drainage Coordinator Joe McGahan referred to a table in today's meeting packet illustrating the timeline for the Long Term Storm Water Plan that was reviewed in detail. McGahan expanded on the need for an Initial Study in order to determine the level of Environmental coverage for the project. Chris Linneman reviewed his May 31, 2018 revised scope of work for the Westside Regional Drainage Plan Proposition 84 Grant proposal scope of work and budget with the Committee. The committee provided direction to analyze two options: the discharge of full storm water in the amount of 300 c.f.s. which would require the cleaning of the San Luis Drain or a combination of regulating reservoirs to regulate and discharge less water during storm events.

c. Sump Shutoff and Mitigation Requirements - Drainage Coordinator Joe McGahan discussed the need for Tile sump shutoffs during storm events, more outreach will be done with consumers this fall.

**6. Committee to Receive Report on Meeting with US Fish & Wildlife Service on Biological Opinion for the Grassland Bypass Project.**

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Drainage Coordinator Joe McGahan reported on a 15 May 2018 meeting with Fish and Wildlife Service as to the Biological Opinion for the GBP. McGahan expanded on a few specific studies planned for the project area.

7. **Committee to Receive Report and Provide Feedback on the Operation and Ongoing Expenses of the SJRIP.**  
No Report

8. **Grassland Bypass Project Updates**

- a. Operations Report – Michael Gonzalez reported an 8.5 c.f.s. flow at site B today with a total estimated selenium discharge for the month of June at five (5) pounds. Gonzalez then reviewed the SJRIP water quality in graphic form.
- b. Volumes and Loads Report/2018 Use Agreement Provisions – Volumes and Loads Report – Drainage Coordinator Joe McGahan referred to a table in today’s meeting packet detailing 2018 selenium loads and targets. McGahan reviewed the data in detail with the committee. McGahan concluded by reviewing supplemental mitigation fee costs and Incentive Fees.
- c. Monitoring Program and Toxicity Data Report – Committee to Review and Authorize Release of Information - Drainage Coordinator Joe McGahan referred to the Evaluation of the Toxicity of Grassland Bypass Project Ambient Water Sample: Events 36 and 37 for the months March and April 2018 in today’s meeting packet. The reports reflected no toxicity in the samples. Committee Member Cory moved to release the Toxicity data. The motion was seconded by Alternate Committee Member Bryant and passed unanimously. The vote on the motion was as follows:  
AYES: Cory, Bryant, Stearns  
NAYS: None  
ABSTENTIONS: None

- d. 2018 Mitigation Water – Committee to Receive Report and Provide Feedback on Approaches for Supplying.
  1. Newman Land Company
  2. State and Federal Refuges

Drainage Coordinator Joe McGahan referred to a table in the meeting binder explaining the amounts needed by each entity along with a delivery schedule. It was noted McGahan would be working with member districts to determine delivery availability.

9. **Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharge to Surface Water –**
  - a. Update/Schedule of Tasks – No Report
  
10. **Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharge to Groundwater Water**
  - a. Enrollment Status – Drainage Coordinator Joe McGahan discussed reporting deadlines and completion percentages for the area and noted the Farm Evaluation and Nitrogen report should have been submitted by the end of March 2018.
  - b. Review Timelines – No Report
  
11. **Update on the Westside Regional Drainage Plan.**
  - a. Update on Grants – Addressed earlier in Agenda.
  - b. Update on Treatment Pilot Studies – Chris Linneman updates the committee on the progress of a pilot treatment process by the University of Nevada Reno.
  
12. **Review Status of Salt/Boron TMDL & Basin Plan Amendment/CV-SALTS**
  - a. Framework for Real Time Management Program Update – Drainage Coordinator Joe McGahan reported the issue is on-going and must be complied with by the all entities throughout our area... A prop 84 Grant will be utilized to improve discharge stations for the development of a model.
  - b. CV-SALTS Update – David Cory reported the the Basin Plan Amendment was approved on the Regional Board level and now will be reviewed by the State Board.
  
13. **Drainage Coordinator’s Report** – Drainage Coordinator Joe McGahan stated he had Nothing more to report.
  
14. **Reports from District Representatives** – No Reports.
  
15. **Date and Time of Next Meeting**  
The next regularly scheduled meeting is July 20, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.
  
16. **Closed Session**  
Counsel Diane Rathmann stated items on the Closed Session Agenda will be addressed in Closed Session

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**17. Return from Closed Session, if Required by Government Code Section 54957.1**

The Steering Committee returned to open session at 11:15 a.m. Counsel Diane Rathmann reported that in the closed session, the Steering Committee had voted to recommend that the Water Authority Board authorize intervention in anticipated litigation concerning the State Water Resources Control Board's Order for the Eastside San Joaquin Water Quality Coalition, subject to counsel receiving a reasonable budget estimate prior to the Board meeting. The vote on the action was

AYES: Cory, Bryant, Stearns

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None:

**18. Reports Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2**

No Report.

**19. Adjournment**

Chairman Mike Stearns adjourned the meeting of the Grassland Basin Drainers Steering Committee at 11:16 a.m.