

MEETING OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE NORTHERN DELTA-MENDOTA REGION ACTIVITY AGREEMENT AND MEETING OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE OF THE CENTRAL DELTA-MENDOTA MULTI-AGENCY GSA, AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE CENTRAL DELTA-MENDOTA REGION ACTIVITY AGREEMENT

MEETING MINUTES FOR JULY 26, 2018

The Management Committee of the Northern Delta-Mendota Region Activity Agreement, the Steering Committee of the Central Delta-Mendota Multi-Agency GSA, and the Management Committee of the Central Delta-Mendota Region Activity Agreement convened at approximately 10:30 am at 842 6<sup>TH</sup> Street, Los Banos, California.

**Steering Committee Members and Alternate Members in Attendance**

Christina Guzman – Fresno County (Central)  
Vince Lucchesi – Patterson Irrigation District (North)  
Aaron Barcellos – Pacheco Water District (Central)  
Damian Aragona – Widren Water District (Central)  
Lacey Kiriakou – Merced County Water District (North)  
Anthea Hansen – Del Puerto Water District (North) PHONE  
Danny Wade – Tranquility Irrigation District (Central)  
Maria Encinas – City of Patterson (North)  
Lon Martin – San Luis Water District (Central)  
Juan Cadena – Panoche Water District (Central)

**Authority Representatives Present**

Andrew Garcia – SLDMWA – By Phone  
Diane Rathmann – SLDMWA Legal Counsel  
Zachary Roy – SLDMWA

**Others Present**

Leslie Dumas – Woodard & Curran – By Phone

**1. Call to Order/Roll Call**

The Meeting was called to order by Mr. Barcellos at approximately 10:34 AM. A Quorum of both the North and Central DM Region Management Committees were present.

**2. Opportunity for Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**Consent Calendar**

**3. Committees to Consider Approval of Meeting Minutes**

a. June 28, 2018 (North & Central)

Motion to approve the minutes. All members agreed.

4. Committees to Consider Approval of Financial & Expenditures  
Motion to approve the Financial & Expenditures by committee members All agreed.

#### Action Items

5. Committees to Consider Recommendation from Authority staff to hire Civic Spark employee

Andrew Garcia requested committees take action to approve hiring of a CivicSpark Water Fellow. The Committees clarified that the original intention of the original action was to approve the hiring with employee information provided to members for their information. Lacey Kiriakou informed Andrew that the person whom was offered the position, neglected the position. Andrew Garcia was informed to offer the position to the best candidate at his and Lacey's discretion and to report back to the Committee's when this occurs. No action was taken.

#### Report Items

6. Update on Second Amendment to both Northern and Central Delta-Mendota Region Activity Agreements,

Andrew Garcia and Diane Rathmann presented the changes made to the Second Amendment. These changes were requested at the previous June Joint Management Committee meeting by committee members. Pages three, five, and eleven of the activity agreement were covered by Ms. Rathmann. During the discussion, minor spelling errors were pointed out within the activity agreement, along with a change of member name for Merced County. These errors will be corrected before the next committee meeting. Mr Garcia and Ms. Rathmann also covered the acreage calculations used for percentage allocations by participants. Lon Martin asked Mr. Garcia if he could re-confirm acreage calculations near San Luis Water District. Mr. Garcia agreed to look into this the following week. Further discussion entailed percentages, costs, adding the Oro Loma committee member/alternate to the activity agreement, and when the expected time frame for the amendment to be completed.

7. Update on North/Central DM Region Management Committees Technical Working Group

It was reported that the Technical Group is meeting bi-weekly to develop the GSP. There was a discussion of GSP components such as sustainability thresholds, water levels, well analysis, maps and GDE data, storage during droughts, water quality, subsidence and the definition of undesirable results. There was further discussion of the Warren Act, how to study wells and obtain data, management areas, advisory panels, workshops, water budgets and methodology, and SGMA requirements.

8. Update on Technical and Facilitation Support Services Application to DWR

The application has been submitted and once it is reviewed by DWR, projects will be submitted.

9. Update on Sustainable Groundwater Planning Grant

The Planning Grant Schedule has been submitted to DWR and they are currently working on the Agreement. The estimated date to receive the Agreement is July 30, 2018.

10. Update on GSP development

Ms. Dumas gave an update on the current work being performed and confirmed that the Plan is on schedule. She is still working on the water budget and models. She also reported that as each section/chapter is ready, they will be submitted, and members will be able to make comments. Workshops are being scheduled every three months and are targeted to keep technical on track. The next communication meeting is scheduled for September and the plan is to cover the water budget. The workshop plan will be brought to the Committee. There was a further discussion of the level of detail needed for workshops, materials, and stakeholders. There was a discussion of potential projects and managements acts to be listed in the GSP, and Category I funding must be in the IRWM plan for advance funding.

11. Update on Coordination Committee Activities

Mr. Garcia noted that to date, only 6 of 37 signatures have been received and that the signed agreements and resolutions can be provided to him as soon as they are executed.

12. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(a)(2)

Mr. Garcia gave an update of all action items noted to follow-up prior to the next regular meeting.

13. The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 am. The next meeting is scheduled for July 26, 2018.

Approved by:

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Chairman

Attest:

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Secretary

## 2. PLAN AREA

### 2.1 PLAN AREA DESCRIPTION

This chapter describes the Northern and Central Delta-Mendota Subbasin regions of the Delta-Mendota Subbasin. Specifically, this chapter describes the location of the areas within the Delta-Mendota Subbasin covered by this GSP, including a detailed description of geographic areas covered by this GSP in relation to SGMA governing entities, jurisdictional boundaries, existing land use and related water sources, well density, areas of *de minimis* groundwater pumping, and groundwater-dependent communities. Existing water resource monitoring and management programs are described herein, along with a discussion as to how they may limit operational flexibility in the Northern and Central portions of the Delta-Mendota Subbasin and how this Plan will adapt to such limits, and descriptions of existing conjunctive use programs in the subbasin. A discussion of general plans and other land use plans and how implementation of existing land use plans, both within and outside of the Subbasin, may change water demands or impact sustainable groundwater management and how the Plan addresses such potential effects is of concern to local land and water managers in the Plan is also included. Finally, local relevant well permitting processes as they relate to land use planning, as well as any additional Plan elements included in California Water Code (CWC) Section 10727.4 as appropriate are discussed. Implementation of this GSP may affect water supply assumptions of relevant land use plans; discussion of these potential impacts is included in Chapter 8, Plan Implementation.

The portion of the Delta-Mendota Subbasin covered by this GSP is shown in **Figure 2-1**. The Northern and Central Delta-Mendota Regions are not contiguous and abut several other regions covered by other GSPs. As many of the planning documents and monitoring programs have been prepared for the Subbasin as a whole or other contiguous portions of the Subbasin, some of the discussions below will focus solely on the Northern and Central Delta-Mendota Regions, while others will discuss the Subbasin as a whole. However, in total, this section of the Northern & Central Delta-Mendota Region GSP satisfies §354.8 of the GSP Emergency Regulations under Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA).

#### 2.1.1 Plan Area Definition

The Delta-Mendota Subbasin (DWR Basin 5-022.07) is located in the San Joaquin Valley Groundwater Basin and adjoins the following nine (9) subbasins of the San Joaquin Valley Groundwater Basin: Tracy, Eastern San Joaquin, Modesto, Turlock, Merced, Chowchilla, Madera, Kings, and Westside. The Delta-Mendota Subbasin is bounded on the west by the Tertiary and older marine sediments of the Coast Ranges; on the north by San Joaquin-Stanislaus County line, except where Del Puerto Water District and West Stanislaus Irrigation District service areas extend into San Joaquin County; on the east generally by the San Joaquin River, except to include the entirety of the Columbia Canal Company, Aliso Water District, Farmers Water District, Mid-Valley Water District, Reclamation District 1606, and James Irrigation District service areas; and on the south by the Westlands Water District boundary and including the San Luis Water District service area until reaching the Coastal Range. The Northern and Central Delta-Mendota Regions extend into four (4) counties: San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Merced, and Fresno. The Northern & Central Delta-Mendota Region is generally defined as the area of the Delta-Mendota Subbasin in San Joaquin and Stanislaus Counties, with the exception of the City of Newman area and east of Crows Landing; following the western boundary of the Delta-Mendota Subbasin to the west and south of the Delta-Mendota Canal; and the Tranquillity area at the southeastern tip of Delta-Mendota Subbasin in Fresno County (**Figure 2-1**). The portions of the Northern & Central Delta-Mendota GSP Region within each of the four counties is shown in **Figures 2-2 through 2-5**.

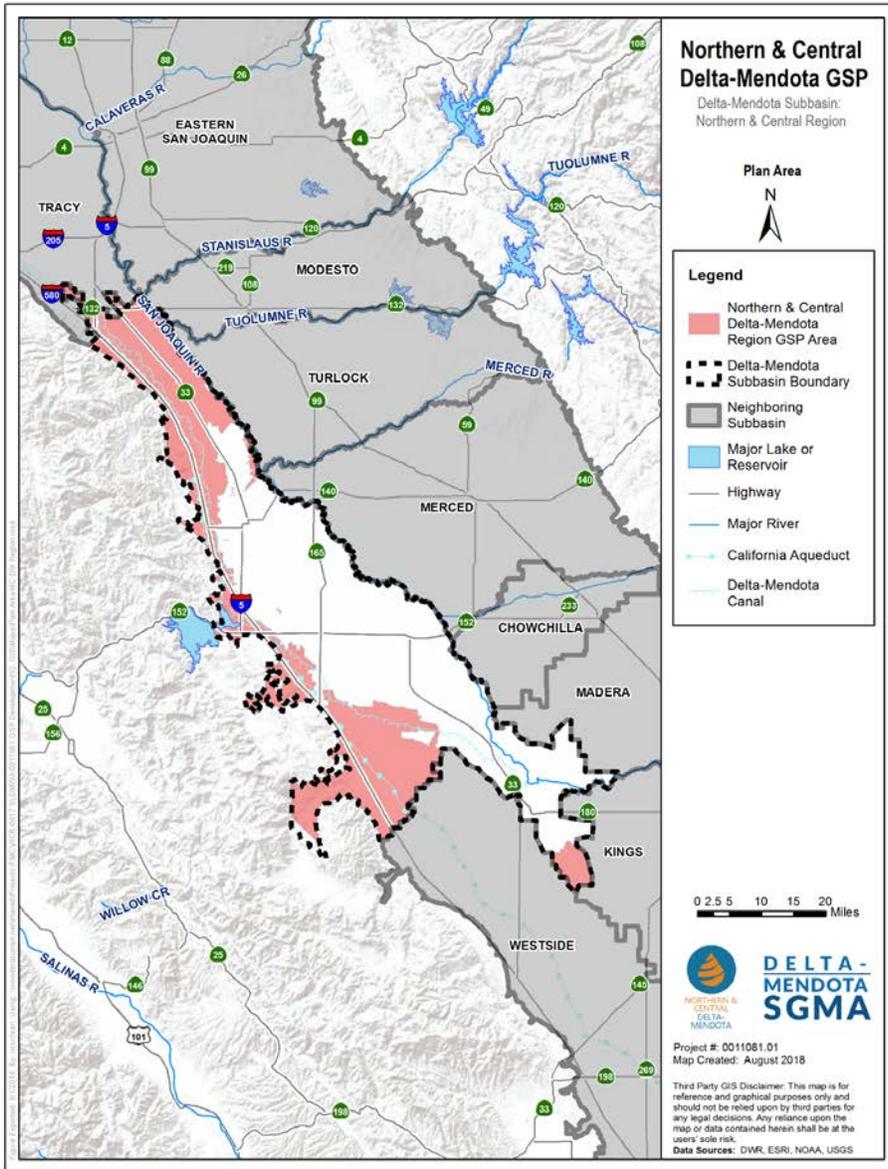


Figure 2-1. Plan Area Covered by the Northern and Central Delta-Mendota Groundwater Sustainability Plan