

**JOINT MEETING OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE NORTHERN
DELTA-MENDOTA REGION ACTIVITY AGREEMENT AND 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 SEPTEMBER 27, 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 6th Street, Los Banos, California.

Management Committee Members and Alternate Members in Attendance

Bobby Pierce – Member
Ryan Stager – Member
Randy Miles – Alternate
Amy Montgomery - Member
Damian Aragona - Member
Aaron Barcellos - Member
Glenn Allen - Alternate
Ben Fenters – Member
Fernando Ulloa - Alternate
Maria Encinas - Member
Vince Lucchesi - Member
Lacey Kiriakou – Member
Anthea Hansen – Member (Phone)
Juan Cadena – Alternate (Phone)

Authority Representatives Present

Andrew Garcia
Claire Howard
Diane Rathmann
Rebecca Akroyd (Phone)

Others Present

Leslie Dumas – Woodard & Curran (Phone)
Kait Palys – Provost & Pritchard (Phone)
Christina Guzman – Fresno County

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The Meeting was called to order by Mr. Garcia at approximately 10:35 am.

2. Opportunity for Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Consent Calendar

3. Committees to Consider Approval of Meeting Minutes

- a. July 30, 2018 (North) and August 28, 2018 (North & Central)

Approved for the Northern Committee. Motion by Vince Lucchesi, seconded by Bobby Pierce. Approved for the Central Committee. Motion by Ben Fenters, seconded by Damian Aragona.

4. Committees to Consider Approval of Financial & Expenditures Reports

- a. July 2018 (North) and July and August 2018 (North & Central)

Mr. Garcia explained that the GSP development is on schedule and under budget. Approved for the Northern Committee. Motion by Bobby Pierce, seconded by Vince Lucchesi. Approved for the Central Committee. Motion by Ben Fenters, seconded by Randy Miles

Action Items

5. Committees to Consider Recommendation from Authority Staff to Increase Total Budget of the GSP Development Contract for Coordinated Activities

Mr. Garcia explained the benefit of increasing coordinated activities, specifically focusing on Task 1 and Task 6 within the GSP Development budget. Lacey Kiriakou asked if other GSPs in the Delta-Mendota basin had agreed to a similar increase. Mr. Garcia confirmed. Mr. Lucchesi asked if agencies need to get approval from their boards of directors. Randy Miles asked if additional funds will be needed in the future. Mr. Garcia said no, as far as he knows at this time. Lauren Layne expressed concern about the turnaround time of the DWR, and how long it will take the committee to receive reimbursements. The aim is to have the final reimbursements by March 1. Leslie Dumas explained that there could be delays of 1-2 months due to this being the first reimbursement under this particular grant program.

Approved by the Central Committee. Motion by Amy Montgomery, seconded by Randy Miles. Approved by the Northern Committee. Motion by Bobby Pierce, seconded by Maria Encinas.

Report Items

6. Discussion on Proposal to Include San Benito County Unmanaged Area in North/Central Delta-Mendota Region Groundwater Sustainability Plan

Becca Akroyd introduced a proposal to include the San Benito County unmanaged area into the Delta-Mendota Region's GSP. Ms. Akroyd explained that this area currently has no wells and no groundwater management. In order to include this unmanaged area into the North/Central Delta-Mendota Region's GSP, an MOU between the Central GSA and San Benito County would be required. Mr. Garcia explained that incorporating this unmanaged area within San Benito County would benefit the Delta-Mendota Subbasin as a whole. Lauren Layne presented idea of a boundary modification as an alternative, but confirmed that that would require scientific justification and would be very costly for the basin. Ms. Kiriakou asked if there is written confirmation from DWR and the State. Diane Rathmann asked if the Central GSA is the best entity to enter into the MOU with the County and would discuss with Ms. Layne and Ms. Akroyd. Mr. Garcia confirmed that there would be no GSA authority in this area within San Benito County, and that this plan would just bring the area within the GSP. No opposition was presented, so this proposal passed. Mr. Garcia and Ms. Akroyd will obtain written confirmation from DWR and the State Board to include in the GSP.

7. Discussion on Central DM Region SGMA Services Activity Agreement Cost Allocation Reimbursement

The proposed cost allocation reimbursement due from Oro Loma participation was approved.

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

Leslie Dumas explained that the Technical Working Group has most recently been discussing groundwater dependent ecosystems (GDEs) within the Subbasin. Ms. Dumas explained that coordinated interpretations of contours and surface water-groundwater interactions throughout the Subbasin will help determine the GDEs within the Subbasin. Mr. Garcia asked the City of Patterson for updated well data as well as West Stanislaus Irrigation District.

9. Update on Proposed Methodology for Water Budget Development

Ms. Dumas explained that zone budgets for each of the six GSP areas are being used for the CVHM2 model. USGS is redoing a calibration for the model. The Delta-Mendota Subbasin has set October 19th as a target date to develop the water budgets, and on October 30th the budget developments will be compared. At this time, an analytical method for water budget development will be easier to compare to other GSPs' water budget plans. Ms. Dumas explained that once the model is recalibrated it will be better for future use during the implementation phase.

10. Update on Coordination Committee Communications Working Group and Outreach Activities

Mr. Garcia explained that public workshops will be held at the end of October in Firebaugh, Los Banos, and Patterson. These workshops will be developed and led in coordination with the Stantec team. Each workshop will have the same structure and will

focus on the water budget development process. These workshops will not discuss water budget results, and the content will not be technical. Ben Fenters asked about the opportunity to share a more technical overview of the process with interested board members within the Subbasin. Mr. Garcia explained that Authority staff can attend board member meetings throughout the Subbasin to provide additional information on the ongoing processes and SGMA work to interested agencies.

11. Update on GSP development

Ms. Dumas explained that the GSP development will progress with the San Benito unmanaged area. Ms. Dumas explained that the cross-sections will be developed with focus on the location of wells above or below the Corcoran clay layer. The next steps in this process are to develop a hydrologic conceptual model and determine current conditions by the end of October, and to create a projected water budget by early 2019.

12. Reports Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(a)(3)

A full activity agreement is anticipated to be complete by the end of October.

13. The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 am.

Approved by:

Chairman

Attest:

Secretary