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SAN LUIS & DELTA – MENDOTA WATER AUTHORITY
MINUTES-GRASSLAND BASIN STEERING COMMITTEE TELEPHONIC
MEETING - MAY 20, 2022

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 Acting Chair Tom Teixeira presiding.

Directors and Alternate Directors in Attendance

Camp 13 Drainage District

David Cory, Vice Chairman – Via Telephonic

Charleston Drainage District

Tom Teixeira, Member

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

Joe McGahan, Drainage Coordinator

Lauren Neves, Staff Accountant

Others Present

Ara Azhderian, Panoche Water and Drainage District

Gabriel Delgado, Baker, Manock and Jensen

Chris Linneman, Summers Engineering

Palmer McCoy, Grassland Basin Authority

Diane Rathmann, Linneman Law Firm– Via Telephonic

1. Call to Order / Roll Call

Acting Chairmen Tom Teixeira called the meeting to order and requested self-introductions.

2. Corrections or Additions to the Agenda

Drainage Coordinator Joe McGahan requested Item “C” under Reorganization of GBD Steering Committee Officers be removed from the Agenda.

3. Opportunity for Public Comment

No public comments were made.

4. Committee to Consider Reorganization of GBD Steering Committee Officers

The committee discussed the open position of Chairman, it was moved by Committee Member David Parreira to nominate David Cory as the Committee Chairman. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Kevin Hurd and passed unanimously.

AYES: Cory, Teixeira, Hurd, Parreira and Linneman

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

The Committee then discussed the open Vice Chairman position. Following some discussion, Committee Member Hurd moved to nominate David Parreira as the Vice Chairmen. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Mike Linneman and passed unanimously.

AYES: Cory, Teixeira, Hurd, Parreira and Linneman

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

Lauren Neves introduced Raymond Tarka as the new Director of Finance and noted he will be the Treasure for the GBDSC.

5. Committee to Consider Approval of January 21, 2022 Meeting Minutes

After review of the March 18, 2022 Grassland Basin Drainage Steering Committee (GBDSC) meeting minutes, Vice Chairman David Parreira moved to approve the March 18, 2022 minutes as presented, the motion was seconded by Committee Member Mike Linnemann and passed unanimously.

AYES: Cory, Teixeira, Hurd, Parreira and Linneman

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

6. Committee to Consider Acceptance of Financial Expenditures Report.

Staff Accountant Lauren Neves presented the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 21-22 and explained the expenditures in the budget were \$28,000 over. Neves then gave the Financial Report report date 3/9/22 and noted the expenditures were trending under budget. Committee Member Kevin Hurd moved to approve the Financial Expenditures Report as presented, the motion was seconded by Vice Chairman David Parreira and passed unanimously.

AYES: Cory, Teixeira, Hurd, Parreira and Linneman

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

7. Committee to Receive Report on Mud Slough Restoration Project

Drainage Coordinator Joe McGahan updated the committee on a few issues regarding the Mud Slough Restoration Project and noted the GBD have an obligation to return Mud Slough to its origin before the inception of the Grassland Bypass Project. McGahan noted he is working on restoration MOU with the California Fish and Wildlife (CF&W). Other issues discussed; permits on-hold due to Fish and Wildlife concerns, mitigation land and continued costs to Newman Gun Club. Both Joe McGahan and Chris Linnemen responded to questions.

8. Committee to Receive Report on the Status of the Prop 84 Grant Program

Chris Linneman reported on design work for storm water regulation ponds, pump station rehabilitation and San Luis Drain Inlet replacement. Linnemen addressed questions.

9. Grassland Bypass Project Updates

a. **Operations Report** – Chris Linneman referred to a map detailing all the discharge points for the project. A graph of Sites A and B discharge amounts and rainfall events was reviewed. Site D Mud Slough selenium and flow for May 2021 – April 2022 was reviewed. Next the Site D Mud Slough (North) Downstream San Luis Drain – selenium concentration on a daily, 7-day average and monthly average selenium concentrations and goals were presented, Linneman concluded by reporting on Site B Monthly Salt Load and Site R Selenium concentration.

b. **Monitoring Program and Toxicity Data Report** – The Committee reviewed events 83 and 84; samples collected February 24, 2022 and March 21,31, 2022. The reports reflected no toxicity. Linnemen responded to the question about the survival rate at Site D that was tested with *Hyalella Azteca* which is due to sediment toxicity. Vice Chairman David Parreira moved to release the Toxicity data. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Mike Linnemen and passed unanimously. The vote on the motion was as follows:

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

a. **Update on Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharge to Groundwater Water, Grassland Drainage Area Coalition** – Drainage Coordinator Joe McGahan explained the nitrogen Management Plans were due April 15, 2022 and noted if the plans were

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not received, Summers Engineering follows up with the individual to get the reports for submittal to the Regional Board.

10. **Reports from District Representatives** – Committee Member Tom Teixeira reported Jake Barcellos is the new board chairmen for Charleston Drainage District.
11. **Reports on Other Items Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2 (a)(3)** – No other items were presented or discussed.
12. **Date and Time of Next Meeting**
The next regularly scheduled meeting is June 17, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.
13. **Closed Session**
The Committee convened to a Closed Session to address Items listed on the Closed Session Agenda at 10:20 a.m.
14. **Return to Open Session**
The Committee returned to Open Session at 10:30 a.m.
15. **Report from Closed Session, if Required by Government Code Section 54957.1**
Upon return to open session; General Counsel Gabriel Delgado reported the Steering Committee met in closed session to receive advice from Legal Counsel, but took no recordable action.
16. **Adjournment**
Acting Chairman Tom Teixeira adjourned the meeting of the Grassland Basin Drainers Steering Committee at 10:31 a.m.