

**Special Joint Workshop of the Delta-Mendota Subbasin
Coordination Committee and Technical Working Group**

January 28, 2019, 2:00 PM
842 6th Street, Los Banos, CA

Meeting Minutes

Representatives in Attendance

Jim Stilwell – Farmers Water District
Vince Lucchesi – Patterson Irrigation District
Augustine Ramirez – Fresno County
Claire Howard – CivicSpark/SLDMWA
Leslie Dumas – Woodard & Curran
Kyle Hill – Central California Irrigation District
Chris Rogers – Central California Irrigation District
Jarrett Martin – CCID/SJREC GSA
Ken Swanson – Grassland Water District
Joe Hopkins – Aliso Water District
Ben Fenters – San Luis Water District
Keasha Blew – Provost & Pritchard
Kait Palys – Provost & Pritchard
Andrew Garcia – SLDMWA
Seth Harris – SLDMWA
Jeanne Zolezzi – Herum, Crabtree, Suntag LLP
Michael Roberts – University of Massachusetts, Amherst

By Phone

Will Halligan – LSCE
Reza Namvar – Woodard & Curran
Christina Guzman – Fresno County
Glenn Allen – Fresno County
Rick Iger – Provost & Pritchard

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Vince Lucchesi/PID called the meeting to order at 2:09 PM.

2. Committee to Consider Corrections or Additions to the Agenda of Items, as authorized by Government Code Section 54950 et seq.

No corrections or additions to the agenda were made.

3. Opportunity for Public Comment

No public comment was provided.

4. Committee to Consider Acceptance of Coordinated Task List and Project Schedule, Garcia

The representatives reviewed the coordinated task list and project schedule developed by Andrew Garcia/SLDMWA. Garcia explained that the documents were created to help drive the timeline of the

remaining SGMA efforts leading up to the GSP submission deadline of January 31, 2020. Jarrett Martin/CCID and SJREC expressed concern regarding the August 15 deadline for the compiled GSP sections, explaining that he thought this target date is too late and would likely pushback the final submission process. Garcia said that the timeline of acceptance and necessary approval for each agency is necessary to determine an accurate target date. Leslie Dumas/W&C explained that she has been in communication with DWR regarding the language of the public comment period to ensure that the Subbasin follows necessary protocol. Dumas confirmed that the 90-day period is a public noticing in advance of GSP adoption, and that DWR has a public comment period of 60 days.

The Committee approved the coordinated task list and project schedule with opportunity for adjustment as necessary. Martin motioned for the approval, and Augustine Ramirez seconded the motion. This approval was accepted by all present representatives.

5. Committee to Consider Acceptance of Common Chapter Structure and Content, Dumas

The Committee reviewed the present structure of the Common Chapter outline and the responsible party for each section. Joe Hopkins/Aliso and P&P confirmed the inclusion of sustainability criteria within the common chapter. Dumas adjusted the language of the Appendices section to reflect that the common technical memoranda and signed Coordination Agreement will be compiled by Woodard & Curran with documents provided by GSP groups. Martin motioned to approve the common chapter structure and content, and Ben Fenters/SLWD seconded; the motion passed.

6. Committee to Discuss Public Comment Process, Review Period and Methods for Incorporation into GSP, Garcia

The Committee discussed the timing needs for the public comment and review process. Ramirez shared that he does not anticipate many more comments on the draft GSP outside of standing stakeholder involvement. Fenters asked if the group should have reservations about sharing draft chapters of the GSP online. Ken Swanson/Grassland said that the DWR review period will likely be when most comments are received. Dumas suggested keeping this agenda item for future Coordination Committee meetings to ensure this aspect of the GSP development process is incorporated into the schedule.

7. Committee to Discuss GSP Approval Process and Review Respective Agency Timelines, Garcia

Garcia expressed the importance of determining individual agency approval timelines so that each can be reflected in the coordinated project schedule. He reiterated that Fresno will likely be the critical path within the coordinated schedule due to the County's approval process.

8. Committee to Review Subbasin Summary of Historic and Current Water Budgets, Dumas

Dumas explained that the historic and current water budget results for Grassland Water District have not yet been received. The Committee discussed subsurface flows, and that subsurface flows only account for boundary flows on a Subbasin level, not for internal flows. A sum of the parts method will be used to determine subsurface flow results. Dumas explained that the total change in storage will include results for the upper and lower aquifers separately. Sub-Corcoran change in storage will be calculated using data from subsidence monitoring.

The compiled historic and current water budget results will be compared at the next meeting, scheduled for February 11, 2019. Approval at the GSP level for the North-Central GSP will be considered at the January 31, 2019 meeting.

9. Committee to Review Baseline Projected Water Budget Results With Climate Change Factors, Dumas

Dumas explained the development of the projected baseline results, using a timeline from 2014-2070. The climate change factors act as multipliers to determine effects on evapotranspiration, precipitation, stream flows, and other factors based on available land use data. Dumas said that climate change factor information was accessed through Water Storage Investment Program (WSIP) and CalSim 2. The Integrated Water Flow Model (IWFM) will be used to cross-check the results.

Not all GSP groups have finalized projected water budget results. Garcia emphasized the need to connect the projected results to the coordinated project schedule in order to determine future deadlines.

Keasha Blew/P&P expressed a concern of differing definitions for terminology within the coordinated group. In future Technical Working Group meetings, the representatives will define relevant terminology to ensure consistent understanding moving forward.

10. Committee to Discuss Potential Methodologies for Allocating and Addressing Shortfalls, Dumas

The Committee discussed the process of determining shortfall results at the GSP level as well across the Subbasin. Blew expressed concern that without minimum thresholds determined, it is difficult to discuss allocation of shortfalls. Jeanne Zolezzi explained that legal action is a path that must be considered and addressed. Fenters said that it will be important to discuss stakeholder involvement within this topic as well.

The discussion regarding shortfalls indicated a need to determine collective understanding for minimum thresholds, measurable objectives, and sustainability indicators, which are all necessary for future determinations of shortfalls. Monitoring networks will be discussed at the upcoming February 11th meeting.

Martin expressed a concern of disagreement at the Coordination level, and that while it is necessary to determine a shared understanding of these definitions, lengthy discussions risk slowing the overall process even more. Jim Stilwell/Farmers echoed the need for consistency in approach at the GSP level, even if GSP groups have differing thresholds. Dumas concluded that the terminology will be discussed in depth at upcoming meetings to support agreement at the Coordination Committee level.

11. Reports Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(a)(2)

The Committee discussed upcoming deadlines and deliverables, and the following target dates were determined:

- February 11, 2019: Joint Workshop of the Delta-Mendota Subbasin Coordination Committee and Technical Working Group
 - o Discussion of sustainability indicators for water quality and surface water-groundwater interactions
- February 19, 2019 Technical Working Group
 - o Determination of preliminary monitoring network for all sustainability indicators so that an overall monitoring network can be rolled up
- March 1, 2019
 - o Projected water budgets with climate change factors from each GSP group are due to Woodard & Curran. WSIP will be used for evapotranspiration and precipitation. Each GSP group will decide process for surface water and will justify approach.

- March 11, 2019 Coordination Committee meeting
 - o Compiled projected water budgets with applied climate change factors
 - o Projects and management actions with regard to projected water budgets

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:03 PM.