

## **Delta-Mendota Subbasin Coordination Committee Meeting**

**March 11, 2019, 10:00 AM**

### **Meeting Minutes**

#### **Coordination Committee Members Present**

Ben Fenters – San Luis Water District (Primary; Central Delta-Mendota Region)  
Augustine Ramirez – Fresno County (Alternate; Fresno County Management Area A+B)  
Vince Lucchesi – Patterson Irrigation District (Primary; Northern Delta-Mendota Region)  
Jim Stilwell – Farmers Water District (Primary; Farmers WD)  
Jarrett Martin – CCID (Primary; SJREC)  
Lacey Kiriakou – Merced County (Alternate; Central Delta-Mendota Region)

#### **Others Present**

Jack H Griffin – San Luis Water District  
Leslie Dumas – Woodard & Curran  
Andrew Garcia – SLDMWA  
Seth Harris – SLDMWA  
Mark Walsh – SLDMWA  
Claire Howard – CivicSpark/SLDMWA

#### **By Phone**

Andrew Francis – Luhdorff & Scalmanini  
Anthea Hansen – Del Puerto Water District  
Lauren Layne – Baker, Manock & Jensen  
Rick Iger – Provost & Pritchard  
Joe Hopkins – Provost & Pritchard (Primary; Aliso Water District)

### **AGENDA**

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

Vince Lucchesi/Patterson ID called the meeting to order at 10:08 AM.

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

The Committee amended agenda item #6 for approval of projected water budgets only with climate change factors and projects and management actions. The amendment is reflected in this version of the meeting minutes.

#### **3. Opportunity for Public Comment**

No comments from the public were received.

### **Consent Calendar**

#### **4. Committee to Consider Approval of February 11, 2019 Joint Workshop of the Coordination Committee and Technical Working Group Meeting Minutes**

The meeting did not have a quorum of the Coordination Committee, so the Committee could not approve the meeting minutes or vote to approve on the action items identified in the agenda. Lucchesi confirmed that because a quorum was not present, there would be no action items, only report items for the meeting. The agenda items were edited to reflect this shift from action items to report items.

### **Report Items**

#### **5. Committee to Discuss Budget-to-Actual Reports, Garcia/Neves**

Andrew Garcia/SLDMWA explained that the first invoice provided was for the previous fiscal year, and the amounts for January and February 2019 were estimated and assumed to be about the same amount.

Jim Stilwell/Farmers WD asked about the cost for the groundwater quality assessment report (GAR). Garcia and Stilwell agreed to discuss separately on the bill Farmers WD received for this work..

#### **6. Committee to Consider Approval of Projected Water Budgets with Climate Change Factors and Incorporating Projects and Management Actions, Dumas**

Leslie Dumas/W&C led the conversation reviewing the compiled projected water budgets with climate change factors, projects and management actions. Dumas sought input from those present regarding the format of the projected water budgets.

Leslie reminded the Committee that sustainable yield and monitoring networks will be discussed at the next in-person Technical Working Group meeting on March 19<sup>th</sup>. Andrew Garcia reaffirmed the importance of finalizing the projected water budgets so that Leslie can compile the necessary information for the upcoming meeting and so that the Committee can focus on sustainable yield methodology.

The Committee discussed the ideal format for the projected water budget (including separate tables for the land surface budget and groundwater budget) and requested that impacts from the projects included in the projected water budget be separated out as a separate column. The Committee members also requested that the historic and current water budgets be revised to be in the same format as the projected water budgets. Andrew Francis/LSCE asked if the included projects should be planned or existing projects. Leslie confirmed that the incorporated projects should be planned but not currently operational. She also clarified that existing projects should already be represented in the water budgets.

Each GSP group was tasked with sending Leslie their updated projected water budgets based on the aforementioned structure to Leslie along with identified projects containing a general description, expected extraction and recharge amounts, and water year type assumptions by close of business Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup> and to resend their historic and current water budgets in a similar format. Leslie will provide a template for the revised historic and current water budgets for the GSP Groups to use.

#### **7. Committee to Discuss Memorandum of Intent for Interbasin Coordination, Garcia**

Andrew presented the concept of a memorandum of intent (MOI) for use at the inter-basin level. Lacey Kiriakou/Merced explained that a written agreement such as an MOI provides proof of coordination to DWR. Rick Iger/P&P asked if each GSP group or the Delta-Mendota Subbasin as a whole would enter into the MOI. The Committee decided that this topic will be revisited during the April Coordination Committee meeting to discuss how the Coordination Committee will be represented and involved in inter-basin coordination.

8. Committee to Discuss Schedule for Workshop #4 and Possibility of Workshop #5, Garcia

Garcia introduced the topic of upcoming workshops by explaining that the workshop dates are essential to driving the timeline for technical deliverables within the Subbasin's GSP development process. He also emphasized the importance of preparing for workshops with enough time to secure locations and promote them to the public. Garcia reminded the Committee members of upcoming deadlines: the final projected water budgets and initial sustainable yield values will be due March 22<sup>nd</sup>; during the week of March 25<sup>th</sup>, sustainable yield and allocation will be discussed by phone; the North-Central Management Committees will review the initial sustainable yield results on March 28<sup>th</sup>. Garcia said that the next round of workshops will include presenting finalized projected water budget results, projects and management actions, sustainable yield, and monitoring networks. He explained that the Coordination Committee members can schedule as many interim calls and/or meetings as necessary in order to finalize these results. The upcoming round of workshops are targeted to be held the week of May 20<sup>th</sup> during which the water budget results, sustainable yield estimates, recommended list of projects and management actions, monitoring network and sustainable management criteria will be presented.

9. Committee to Discuss Data Sharing, Development of Monitoring Network, and Recommendations from Meeting with ILRP, Garcia/Dumas

Garcia introduced the topic of data sharing and the potential need for data sharing agreements by explaining that in SLDMWA's coordination role, the Authority will have access to data prior to the final Subbasin roll-up. Garcia asked the Coordination Committee members to consider the need for an agreement such as a nondisclosure agreement to structure the data sharing process. The Committee will discuss this topic and specific agreement language at the next Coordination Committee meeting on April 8<sup>th</sup>.

10. Working Group Updates

- a. Technical Working Group, Dumas
- b. Communications Working Group, Pringle
- c. Sustainable Yield Discussions, Dumas
- d. Monitoring Networks and Data Library Discussions, Garcia

The working group updates workshops and monitoring networks. The Committee discussed the late-May target for the next round of public workshops, and the aim of finalizing promotion materials in early April in order to increase public awareness of the events. Also in this update, Garcia reiterated the importance of agencies provided all monitoring data available, not just information from representative wells.

11. Next Steps

- Each GSP group to provide updated historic and current water budgets using the projected water budget format structure.

- Each GSP group to provide revised projected water budgets with projects impacted separated into a separate column, along with a summary of what projects have been included as well as key information about each project.
- Future Coordination Committee meetings will begin at 9:30 AM
- Members are reminded to consider the rapid timeline within the GSP development process and the importance of adhering to the determined schedule.

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

No additional items were discussed.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:33 PM.