

## Delta-Mendota Subbasin Coordination Committee

May 13, 2019, 9:30 AM

### Meeting Minutes

#### Coordination Committee Members and Alternates Present

Ric Ortega – Grassland Water District  
John Wiersma – San Luis Canal Company  
Jim Stilwell – Farmers Water District  
Jarrett Martin – Central California Irrigation District  
Ben Fenters – San Luis Water District  
Lacey Kiriakou – Merced County  
Joe Hopkins – Provost & Pritchard/Aliso Water District

#### Others Present

John Beam – Grassland Water District  
Claire Howard – CivicSpark/SLDMWA  
Seth Harris – SLDMWA  
Andrew Garcia – SLDMWA  
Leslie Dumas – Woodard & Curran

#### By Phone

Ellen Wehr – Grassland Water District  
Kirsten Pringle – Stantec

### AGENDA

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

Ben Fenters called the meeting to order at approximately 9:38 AM

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

Andrew Garcia made three amendments to the agenda of items, which are all reflected in updated item list in the meeting minutes.

- The Committee will move “Committee to Consider Approval of Scope of Work for GSP Implementation” to a Report Item for discussion rather than approval. This item is now listed as #9 under the Report Items section.
- The item “Committee to Consider Approval of Original Estimate of FY 20 Budget” will move to a Report Item because not all Coordination Committee members were in attendance, and approval for budget requires full attendance. This item is now listed as #10 under the Report Items section.

- The item “Committee to Consider Approval of Roll-Up of Sustainable Management Criteria and Monitoring Networks” will be amended for “Committee to Consider Approval of Roll-Up of Sustainable Management Criteria and Representative Monitoring Networks.” This is now listed as #7 under the Action Items section.

3. **Opportunity for Public Comment**

No members of the public were present; no public comment was received.

Consent Calendar

4. **Committee to Consider Approval of April 8, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

The Committee approved the meeting minutes from the April 8<sup>th</sup> Coordination Committee meeting. Ric Ortega provided the motion for the approval and Joe Hopkins seconded the approval.

Action Items

5. **Committee to Consider Approval of Lower Aquifer Sustainable Yield Memo, Garcia**

The Committee reviewed the memo explaining the lower aquifer sustainable yield determination. Jarrett Martin provided the motion for the approval, and Ric Ortega seconded.

6. **Committee to Consider Approval of Upper Aquifer Sustainable Yield Range, Garcia**

Andrew explained the determination of the range for the upper aquifer sustainable yield, including the use of a 10% error to develop a range for the projected sustainable yield with conditions included for climate change factors as well as projects and management actions. Andrew explained that additional input on the memo is still needed, especially from the legal counsels of the Coordination Committee parties. Andrew explained that he will redistribute the memo and seek additional clarification from the member agencies prior to further review during the June Coordination Committee meeting.

7. **Committee to Consider Approval of Roll-Up of Sustainable Management Criteria and Representative Monitoring Networks, Dumas**

Leslie Dumas provided an overview of the roll-up table that summarized the sustainable management criteria verbiage for each GSP group. She explained that specific minimum threshold and measurable objective criteria for each representative monitoring site is included in a separate spreadsheet. Since sustainable management criteria will be reviewed during the upcoming public workshops, the draft table will be recirculated to gather additional input from Committee members.

The Woodard & Curran team also provided a set of maps with labeled representative monitoring sites. Jarrett Martin explained that the San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors team will provide a revised map package for the SJREC area for inclusion in the maps that will be presented in the upcoming public workshops. The Committee discussed that the data gaps referenced in the monitoring network maps will not be included in the maps that will be presented during the public workshops. The Committee determined that the Technical Working Group will further discuss data gap sections and buffer zones.

Jarrett Martin expressed concern regarding the development of the subsidence monitoring network maps. He explained that there was disconnect when forming the maps, and that SJREC will ensure that the maps presented at the workshops will be updated to ensure they encompass only the representative network. He also expressed concern about the materials presented to The Nature Conservancy in late April that provided information on groundwater dependent ecosystems, vegetative index, and wetland areas in the Subbasin. Jarrett explained that the maps presented did not have the updated information for SJREC's area that had been provided earlier, and he shared that he was concerned that this incorrect mapping could later harm the Subbasin following GSP submission. Andrew shared that this process was a lesson learned, and reinforced the need for groups within the Subbasin to communicate more.

Ric Ortega also shared that the monitoring networks did not include a correct map for Grassland GSA; Ric said he will share an updated shapefile for the Grassland area. Andrew said that the updated GDE information will be reviewed at the next in-person Technical Working Group meeting. Leslie shared that this situation emphasizes the version control issue that members within the Subbasin have faced in the GSP development process; she shared that groups should share metadata to address this problem.

The Committee approved the sustainable management criteria roll-up and the representative monitoring network pending additional refinement in the following week. Jarrett motioned this approval, and Ric seconded it.

**8. Committee to Consider Approval of Budget to Actuals Report, Garcia**

The Committee reviewed the prepared budget to actual report. Andrew explained that the section for SLDMWA salary and Contracts are both only for March 2019. Jarrett motioned to approve the report and Augie seconded the approval.

**Report Items**

**9. Committee to Discuss Scope of Work for GSP Implementation, Garcia**

Andrew walked through each section of the compiled scope of work summary for GSP implementation. This summary includes a breakdown of tasks as well as components delegated to SLDMWA staff and components reserved to individual GSP groups. Andrew explained that input received for this task breakdown will be essential for SLDMWA to develop an accurate understanding of its responsibilities during GSP implementation.

**10. Committee to Discuss Original Estimate of FY 20 Budget, Garcia**

Andrew explained that the original FY 20 budget was presented during the January Coordination Committee meeting when the FY 18 and FY 19 original estimates were approved. During this January meeting, the Coordination Committee did not approve the original estimate for FY 20. More information will be provided in future meetings to discuss the FY 20 budget.

**11. Committee to Discuss Payment of January and February 2019 Invoice, Garcia/Dumas**

The discussion for items #11 and #12 were combined. The notes from this discussion are included under item #12.

**12. Committee to Discuss Amendment 3 Request for Coordinated Costs, Garcia**

Andrew explained that the January and February 2019 invoice for coordinated consultant expenses reflects the increase in consultant involvement to refine the water budgets developed for the Subbasin. The increase in water budget adjustments and associated meeting time resulted in a higher invoice for January and February 2019 than was previously anticipated. The Amendment 3 request reflects an increased budget for coordinated expenses, and includes the January and February 2019 invoices.

The Amendment 3 request that identifies the increase in budget for the Coordination Committee's consultant costs must be shared with individual agency boards for approval prior to seeking the Coordination Committee's approval. The Coordination Committee determined that the January and February 2019 invoice and the Amendment 3 request will be reviewed by a subgroup of Coordination Committee members prior to acceptance by the Coordination Committee. A Doodle poll will be shared with this subgroup to determine a meeting time for later this week or the following week. Following this discussion, the Coordination Committee will seek approval of the Amendment 3 request at a future Coordination Committee meeting.

13. **Committee to Discuss Spring Workshops and Presentation Slides, Pringle**

The Coordination Committee reviewed the slides developed by the Communications Working Group for the public workshops scheduled for the following week. The Coordination Committee provided feedback that was shared with the Communications Working Group and considered for inclusion during the public workshops.

14. **Next Steps**

- The monitoring network maps will be updated with revised shapefiles from GSP groups and with corrected information provided by GSP group representatives prior to printing posters for display during the public workshops.
- A Doodle poll will be shared with a subgroup of the Coordination Committee to determine a time for further discussion of the January and February 2019 invoice and Amendment 3 request for coordinated consultant costs.
- The feedback shared regarding the presentation slides will be shared with the Communications Working Group and considered for inclusion during the public workshops.
- The sustainable management criteria will be reviewed and any additional comments must be shared by Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup>.
- The January and February invoice will be considered for formal approval at a future Coordination Committee meeting.

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

No additional topics were discussed under this item.

16. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:44 PM.