

Delta-Mendota Subbasin Coordination Committee

July 16, 2019, 10:00 AM

Meeting Minutes

Coordination Committee Members and Alternates Present

Vince Lucchesi – Patterson Irrigation District
Ben Fenters – San Luis Water District
Augustine Ramirez – Fresno County
Joe Hopkins – Aliso Water District/Provost & Pritchard
Jarrett Martin – CCID/SJREC
Ric Ortega – Grassland GSA
Lacey Kiriakou – Merced
Alejandro Paolini – San Luis Canal Company

Authority Representatives Present

Andrew Garcia
Seth Harris
Claire Howard – CivicSpark

Others Present

Adam Scheuber – Del Puerto Water District
Leslie Dumas – Woodard & Curran (phone)
Kait Palys – Provost & Pritchard
Chris Rogers – CCID
Kyle Hill – CCID
Will Halligan – Luhdorff & Scalmanini (phone)
Rick Iger – Provost & Pritchard (phone)
Ken Swanson – Grassland GSA (phone)
Andrew Francis – Luhdorff & Scalmanini (phone)
Juan Cadena – Pacheco Water District
Larry Harris – Turner Island Water District

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Vince Lucchesi/Patterson ID called the meeting to order at 10:07 AM.

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 were made to the agenda.

3. Opportunity for Public Comment

No public comment was received.

4. Committee to Consider Approval of May 13, 2019 Meeting Minutes

The Committee approved the minutes with corrections. Vince Lucchesi/Patterson ID was added as member present, and minor corrections were made to items 6 & 10. Ric Ortega/Grassland GSA motioned the approval and Joe Hopkins/Aliso Water District seconded.

5. Committee to Consider Approval of May 2019 Budget to Actual Report, Garcia/Neves

The Committee approved the budget to actual report. Augustine Ramirez/Fresno County motioned the approval and Alejandro Paolini/San Luis Canal Company seconded.

6. Committee to Discuss Revised Coordinated Expense Budget for FY20 Budget, Garcia/Neves

Andrew Garcia/SLDMWA provided an overview of the existing budget and the additional costs requested associated with meetings and expenses to complete the common sections and technical memoranda to accompany the subbasin GSPs. The total increase to the coordinated activities budget is \$119,424 or \$19,904 to each of the six GSP Groups. Vince Lucchesi/Patterson ID asked if some of the increase can be covered by Category 1 funds? Andrew Garcia/SLDMWA stated we are revising our grant application to include all coordinated expenses back to the original notice of intent, if possible. Leslie Dumas/Woodard & Curran added that Bobby Pierce has signed the revised grant reimbursement form and the application is currently being processed by the Department of Water Resources. Joe Hopkins/Aliso WD asked how much had been paid to day by each of the Groups. Andrew Garcia/SLDMWA noted that approximately \$57,000 was paid by each group plus this increase of \$19,900 more, but all or some portion of this may be covered by the Category 1 funding.

7. Committee to Discuss Grant Funding Reimbursement and Grant Agreement Amendment, Garcia

Andrew Garcia/SLDMWA explained that reimbursement checks will be mailed out next week. Vince Lucchesi/Patterson ID confirmed that the intent is to request from DWR and the amendment that all coordinated costs be covered by the grant. Leslie Dumas/Woodard & Curran reviewed the revision to the grant, and discussed any funds not required for public outreach or the newsletter, could be transferred to the coordinated tasks line item. She noted that the revised application will look to transfer approximately \$241,000 to the coordinated activities budget. The application will be reviewed by Chris Olvera, then submitted for formal approval. Leslie also asked if there were any objections or concerns from the Committee regarding the movement of funds from the Stakeholder line item, to the Technical Assistance line item. No concerns were noted by the Committee.

8. Committee to Confirm Data Management System Ad-Hoc Working Group, Garcia

Andrew Garcia/SLDMWA discussed that with the completion of the public outreach workshops, the roll of the Communications Working Group has been completed. The Coordination Committee was asked to approve the formation of an ad-hoc technical working group to assist in the development of the Data Management System in advance of the April 1, 2020 Annual Report deadline. This working group will help to develop the import wizards, develop attribute tables and other tasks associated with DMS/Annual Report development. Leslie Dumas/Woodard & Curran stated that the DMS will need to have a name. After some

discussion, it was agreed that it will be called the Delta-Mendota Subbasin Data Management System or DMS². There was no objection from the Committee regarding the formation of this Ad-Hoc working group.

9. Committee to Discuss Process or Need to Review Cross-Walk Developed for Each Individual GSP, Garcia

Andrew Garcia/SLDMWA discussed the Cross-Walk/Cross- Check and its function to direct readers to associated sections or chapters where related information can be found. Andrew stated that DWR will require a Cross-Check be provided with submittal of the GSP.

The Committee discussed the Cross-Walk and the necessity/requirement by DWR to include it with the GSP. All members agreed to include a Cross-Walk with their GSPs. Jarrett Martin/SJREC stated that the SJREC has completed their Cross-Walk and expects all other GSPs will submit complete GSPs including a Cross-Walk. Jarrett also asked if there will be a Cross-Walk for the Common Chapter. Leslie Dumas/Woodard & Curran stated that the Common Chapter will have a Cross-Walk section.

10. Committee to Discuss Current Status of Technical Memoranda and Common Chapter, Garcia

Andrew Garcia/SLDMWA discussed the possible requirement from DWR that the GSP be A.D.A. compliant with a self-reading application. Leslie Dumas/Woodard & Curran stated that converting the text in the GSP would not be a problem, but trying to convert the graphics and maps would require additional description to explain. The Committee discussed other programs (such as the Irrigated Lands Program) and how that requirement may soon be applied. The Committee also discussed the use of a disclaimer to request hard copy be made available. Leslie Dumas/Woodard & Curran stated that we are not a State Agency, and currently this requirement has not been formally requested, but DWR could request when the GSP is submitted. Will Halligan/LSCE asked if it would be a good idea to check with DWR regarding this possible requirement. Leslie stated that most of the section have been completed and it would take significant additional efforts if we are required to comply. Various Committee members suggested that the consultant not change the GSP, but add a disclaimer in the Common Chapter. After further discussion, the Committee agreed not to change the plan, but to add a disclaimer.

Leslie Dumas/Woodard & Curran asked for any comments on the 8 Technical Memorandum as the final versions had been distributed on July 8th. The Committee had no questions or comments regarding the Technical Memorandum. Andrew Garcia/SLDMWA stated that the North-Central Group is set to approve the TMs and Common Chapter on August 1st for approval by the Coordinated Committee on August 12th. Leslie also noted that the Common Chapter had been distributed (along with review comments by Jarrett Martin and Vince Lucchesi) to the Group for review. The Committee agreed to have a small focus group meet to review and consolidate all comments to the Common Chapter.

11. Committee to Discuss Annual Report Requirements, Garcia

Andrew Garcia/SLDMWA explained that the DMS Group is working on feedback from DWR regarding the change in storage reporting requirements. DWR has confirmed that this calculation will be required for all years from 2015-2019 by individual year and in aggregate for the period. A recap of the DWR answers to the remaining previously asked questions will be sent out as soon as they respond. Additional questions to the Committee were regarding the

groundwater extraction reporting and to what detail should this reporting be performed. Jarrett Martin/SJREC stated that they will be reporting by sector and Management Area. Leslie Dumas reported that the regulations do not specify the exact detail. Andrew stated he will report back to the Committee after DWR responds. The Committee also discussed the option of having the DMS calculate or analyze interim goals in order to show progress towards meeting the plan. After some discussion, the Committee decided to perform these analyses outside of the DMS.

12. Committee to Discuss Process for Reviewing Adjacent Subbasins' GSPs, Garcia

Andrew Garcia/SLDMWA discussed with the Committee the need to review adjacent subbasins' GSPs. The Committee discussed how and when the review should take place and the impact reviewing 4 or more plans will have. Vince Lucchesi/PID would like to have the review performed at the subbasin level with comments from each GSA or agency. Jarrett Martin/SJREC proposed that each member pay their own cost for the review. Lacey Kiriakou/Merced County asked if these reviews are intended to help resolve issues during plan development, and not during the public review period. Andrew Garcia/SLDMWS noted that some plans have been posted and others are due out in August.

13. Committee to Discuss Meeting and Follow-up with the Department of Water Resources Sustainable Groundwater Management Program Staff, Garcia

Andrew Garcia/SLDMWA stated that additional information and responses should be provided by DWR Staff during the upcoming follow-up meeting scheduled for July 17th.

14. Next Steps, Garcia

Andrew Garcia/SLDMWA reviewed with the Committee information regarding data collection protocol. It was discussed and agreed by the Committee that the GSAs and GSP data collection efforts should, at a minimum, follow best management practices and industry standards.

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

No reports were discussed under this item.

16. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 AM.