

## Delta-Mendota Subbasin Coordination Committee

August 12, 2019, 9:30 AM

### Meeting Minutes

#### Coordination Committee Members and Alternates Present

Vince Lucchesi – Patterson Irrigation District  
Ben Fenters – San Luis Water District  
Augustine Ramirez – Fresno County  
Ross Franson – Aliso Water District  
Jim Stillwell – Farmers Water District  
Jarrett Martin – Central California Irrigation District  
Ric Ortega – Grassland GSA  
Lacey Kiriakou – Merced County  
Alejandro Paolini – San Luis Canal Company

#### Authority Representatives Present

Andrew Garcia  
Seth Harris

#### Others Present

Adam Scheuber – Del Puerto Water District  
Leslie Dumas – Woodard & Curran (phone)  
Kait Palys – Provost & Pritchard  
Chris Rogers – CCID (phone)  
Will Halligan Luhdorff & Scalmanini  
Rick Iger – Provost & Pritchard (phone)  
Christina Guzman – Fresno County (phone)  
Chris Olvera – California Department of Water Resources (phone)  
Danny Wade – Tranquillity Irrigation District

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

Vince Lucchesi/Patterson ID called the meeting to order at 9:35 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 July 16, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

The Committee approved the minutes with corrections. Corrections were made to the spelling of Luhdorff & Scalmanini. Ric Ortega/Grassland GSA motioned the approval and Augustine Ramirez/Fresno County seconded.

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

The Committee approved the budget to actual report. Ric Ortega/Grassland GSA motioned the approval and Augustine Ramirez/Fresno County seconded.

**6. Committee to Consider Approval of Delta-Mendota Subbasin Common Chapter, Garcia/Dumas**

The Committee discussed the Common Chapter and asked that one revision be made to the document. A statement will be added to the water budget portion of the chapter to address the GSPs not altering or determining surface water right or groundwater rights. Jarrett Martin/CCID motioned for the approval with the revision and Ben Fenters/San Luis WD seconded.

**7. Committee to Consider Approval of Delta-Mendota Subbasin Technical Memoranda, Garcia/Dumas**

No concerns or revisions were noted by the Committee. Ric Ortega/Grassland GSA motioned for approval and Jarrett Martin/CCID seconded.

**8. Committee to Consider Approval of Revised Coordination Expense Budget Estimate for Fiscal Year 2020, Garcia**

Andrew Garcia/SLDMWA discussed the proposed budget and informed the Committee that there have not been any changes. The proposed budget has been reviewed by Woodard & Curran, and should be adequate to get the plan completed. The Committee reviewed the breakdown of additional costs. Andrew reminded the Committee that all costs will be included in Amendment 3 of the grant agreement. Augustine Ramirez/Fresno County motioned for approval and Ben Fenters/SLWD seconded.

**9. Committee to Discuss Public Posting of Certain GSP Section and Notice of Intent, Garcia**

Andrew Garcia/SLDMWA discussed the requirement to provide Cities and Counties notice of intent to adopt the GSP. Jarrett Martin/CCID noted that they will be the first in the subbasin to provide the NOI, but they are not posting the document. Andrew noted that the North-Central will post their GSP for public review and comment. The Committee discussed providing an NOI for the Common Chapter and Technical Memoranda. After some discussion, the Committee decided not to notice the Common Chapter and Technical Memoranda, but to include them with the GSP and notice them together. The Committee gave approval to post the Common Chapter and Technical Memoranda.

**10. Committee to Discuss San Joaquin River Flows Seepage Estimates and GSP Review, Garcia**

Andrew Garcia/SLDMWA discussed seepage of the San Joaquin River flows and the importance of reviewing neighboring GSPs to look at monitoring networks and description of interconnected surface water. He stated that we should be looking at the entire stretch of the

river along our Subbasin and the monitoring networks. Andrew mentioned that other GSPs are coming out, and asked for comments on how to review the plans and what would be the key topics. Jarrett Martin/CCID stated that in an ideal situation, there should be comments from the subbasin level, but a small focus group should perform the review. He also added that each group should plan to pay their own way regarding the review. The Committee discussed the main topics of concern such as subsidence rates, water levels, boundary flows, monitoring networks, or any other topics that may have an impact to our subbasin. Additional discussion was held regarding review of the Merced Draft GSP and the drafting of a subbasin review/comment letter.

**11. Committee to Discuss Coordination Agreement Implementation Guidelines, Garcia**

Andrew Garcia/SLDMWA discussed the draft implementation guidelines with the Committee, and the need to review the first draft and provide comments and feedback. Additional discussion was held regarding any other topics that should be added to the draft. It was discussed that the Technical Working Group should meet to work on the guidelines and prepare the document for the Coordination Committee to review (by end of fall). Generally, the group discussed the need for language that requires action and accountability, and feedback and edits will be discussed at the September meeting.

**12. Committee to Receive Update on Status of Coordinated Data Management System,**

Leslie Dumas/Woodard & Curran stated that they have received comments back regarding the input wizards and wireframe examples and are incorporating the comments. Data Management System programming is under way and should be completed by early September.

**13. Committee to Receive Update on Round 1 Sustainable Groundwater Planning Grant Funding and Agreement Amendment, Dumas**

Leslie Dumas/Woodard & Curran stated that checks should be distributed soon for invoice #2. Leslie also explained that the current grant application was revised to include coordinated costs, and signed by West Stanislaus ID and submitted to the Department of Water Resources. Chris Olvera/DWR explained that he has reviewed and approved the application, and it is currently being routed for signatures. The Committee discussed the timing, and the best way to use the funds. Chris explained that currently the grant contract ends in January of 2020, but the administrative portion can be extended to April 30<sup>th</sup> 2020, and technical assistance deadline can be extended. The Committee discussed using the funds to cover all coordinated costs and extending the period beyond the annual report deadline (April 1<sup>st</sup> 2020).

**14. Committee to Discuss Round 2 Sustainable Groundwater Planning Grant Application, Garcia.**

Andrew Garcia/SLDMWA explained that there is an opportunity to apply for an additional \$500K in round 2 of the groundwater planning grant. The Committee discussed who would pay for the application costs, should it be added to the Woodard & Curran contract, or should an RFP be distributed, and what to do with the funds. Leslie Dumas/Woodard & Curran explained that this will be a competitive application process, and that the Committee will need to decide how to spend the available funds in order to complete the application. After additional discussion, the Committee decided to request a cost estimate from Woodard and Curran for review.

15. **Committee to Discuss Potential Bureau of Reclamation Groundwater Modeling Support and Improvements in the Delta-Mendota Subbasin, Garcia**

Andrew Garcia/SLDMWA discussed with the Committee the current activity that the USBR is conducting regarding subsidence and modeling. The USBR has offered to review the water budgets as compared to C2VSim and with additional data hopefully be able to refine the model. Andrew asked permission to transmit data to the USBR to use for the DMC model and the San Joaquin River restoration project along with information for projects that are intended to offset subsidence. It was discussed that the USBR would like spreadsheet models, and that we have the North/Central, but would need to provide them with the rest. Andrew explained that the USBR will fund the work, but they need data. Jarrett Martin/CCID stated that he will provide the USBR with the data, but will need to work with them to make sure they understand the data. Additional discussion was held by the committee regarding what data they might request, and if a template could be developed to narrow down the request. Jarrett stated that he will discuss with USBR so they can use the data in the spreadsheets rather than needing to request additional data.

16. **Next Steps**

Request a cost estimate for the grant application  
Follow up discussions regarding grant application project and scope of work

17. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:41 AM.