

**DELTA-MENDOTA GSA AND GSP COORDINATION AGREEMENT
MEETING NOTES FOR AUGUST 14, 2017**

Representatives from various GSAs and GSP interests convened at approximately 10:30 p.m. at 842 6th Street, Los Banos, California.

Voluntary Coordination Committee Representatives in Attendance

Anthea Hansen (Del Puerto WD)
Jarrett Martin (CCID)
Lon Martin (San Luis WD)
Larry Harris (Turner Island WD)
Valerie Kincaid (Oro Loma WD)
Christina Guzman (Fresno County)
John Beam (Grasslands WD)
Jim Stillwell (Farmers WD)

Authority Representatives Present

Andrew Garcia

Others in Attendance

Lisa Beutler- Executive Facilitator – Stantec

1. Introductions

The voluntary coordination meeting was called to order by Andrew Garcia at approximately 1:30 PM.

2. Status of Individual GSPs

Andrew Garcia noted that the Water Authority currently has a Request for Qualifications posted to its website, and distributed to consultants who have previously done studies in the region. The date for interviews of responding consultants is tentatively September 6.

Jim Stillwell informed the Coordination group that they have Luhdorff & Scalmanini as general engineering consultants but have not requested proposals for GSP development services.

Joe Hopkins representing Aliso stated that they are working with Ken Schmidt to begin basic Hydrogeologic Conceptual model and basin setting characterizations.

John Beam stated that Grasslands is also working with Ken Schmidt and Provost & Pritchard as well as coordinating their efforts with CCID as they prepare to begin GSP work.

Larry Harris representing Turner Island WD informed the group that TIWD has preliminary representation by Luhdorff & Scalmanini to develop data and a model in their district boundaries.

Fresno County currently has a contract with Provost & Pritchard for initial

representation and is continuing to refine the scope of work for their agency.

Jarrett Martin noted that the Exchange Contractor GSP work was in the planning phases for preliminary work in their area. They still hold that the Exchange Contractors are going to prepare GSP sections that could stand alone or be part of a larger overall Subbasin GSP. They are currently collecting historical data, describing hydrologic conditions from Crows Landing and south to the bottom of their area, collecting stream gage data or performing analysis from Orestimba Creek to Panoche Creek and have contracted with ITRC to begin Evapotranspiration metric analysis.

Anthea noted that the analysis of stream gage at the creeks could be shared with other Agencies so that a similar process is followed.

3. General Comments on Draft Coordination Agreement

Lisa Beutler introduced herself and the scope of work for the DWR facilitation services contract of supporting coordination for the subbasin and Interbasin coordination. Lisa identified the three main sections of the agreement and noted that this group currently is composed of voluntary members.

The group walked through the draft agreement and noted minor changes to definitions and language, as well as individual sections to merge or truncate. Andrew Garcia took notes and compiled comments to revise the Draft Agreement document.

Valerie Kincaid noted that at the Draft Agreement Section 3.1 the group has a “policy call” to make as far as representation by a GSP group and signatories to the agreement being GSAs. The group discussed how this might be structured and Lisa stopped the discussion to list the questions the group had and specifically answer each one.

Questions: GSA or GSP on Committee

Representation, selected by GSP regions?

Number of representation, Primary and Alternate or 3 reps, and an open meeting?

Voting

Cost Sharing

Lisa and Valeria noted that consensus voting may be best to avoid “toxic” votes and that a tight group with an open meeting is a good option.

Lisa noted that she would provide a straw proposal for group organization and public options for participation in the process of GSP development. Lisa also is to provide language for Quorum and Voting Sections of the Agreement for the group’s consideration.

The group recommended meeting monthly initially with a Chair able to call special meetings, and the “Chair” being a rotating position with a Coordinator versus a Secretary for facilitating the scheduling and agendas, etc.

Valerie Kincaid noted that for Section 5.2. and Section 5.3, Procedure for Exchange of Information and Non-Disclosure of Confidential Information respectively, she will provide more refined appropriate language for this particular group to consider.

The group discussed that the technical requirements listed would be removed, with a

preference to include language referring to the paragraph and regulation section as required by SGMA regulations for a coordination agreement. The technical details and coordinated data and efforts will be discussed and agreed to by a sub-committee of technical representatives.

Jarrett Martin proposed getting the technical sub-committee meetings started immediately in parallel with the development of the Coordination Agreement.

The group discussed *tentative* technical committee members, and Andrew requested they inform him of those individuals by the end of the month, in order to coordinate the September 13th afternoon meeting of this sub-committee.

4. Next Steps

Valerie and Lisa are to provide provisional language to replace certain sections of this Draft Agreement.

Andrew is to provide the Draft Agreement to Lauren Layne, legal counsel with Tranquility Irrigation District and request she provide comment and specifically address the Modification and Termination Section and Dispute Resolution Section of the Agreement. Additionally, Andrew is to coordinate the next monthly meeting of this group, coordinate the sub-committee meeting, request Lacey Kiriakou with Merced County be a member of the Coordination Committee and report to her a summary of the meeting, request of Widren Water District if they would like to take part in this coordination agreement development effort, and prepare meeting note.

Individual representatives are to provide Andrew with names of the technical sub-committee representative.