

**Delta-Mendota Subbasin
Coordination Committee Meeting**

Monday, October 8, 2018, 10:00 AM

842 6th Street, Los Banos, CA

Meeting Minutes

Representatives in Attendance

Andrew Garcia (San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority)
Leslie Dumas (Woodard & Curran)
Ben Fenters (San Luis Water District)
Jarrett Martin (Central California Irrigation District)
John Beam (Grasslands Water District)
Joe Hopkins (Aliso Water District/Provost & Pritchard)
Raul Lopez-Martinez (Provost & Pritchard)
Glenn Allen (County of Fresno)
Christina Guzman (County of Fresno)
Claire Howard (CivicSpark Fellow – San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority)
Vince Lucchesi (Patterson Irrigation District)
Ric Ortega (Grasslands Water District)

By Phone

Rick Iger (Provost & Pritchard)
Larry Harris (Turner Island Water District)
Will Halligan (Luhdorff & Scalmanini)

1. Introductions

Andrew Garcia/SLDMWA called the meeting to order at approximately 10:00 AM.

2. Opportunity for Public Comment

Andrew Garcia/SLDMWA opened the opportunity for public comment. No comments were received from members of the public; no members of the public present.

3. Meeting Minutes Review

There were no comments on the minutes for previous meeting held on September 10, 2018. Meeting minutes were approved.

4. Discussion of Draft Expenditures Report, Future Report Format, and Invoicing Procedure, Garcia

Andrew Garcia/SLDMWA asked for input on the structure and format of the draft expenditures report, the future report, and the invoicing procedure. Ric Ortega/GWD asked for information that would contain the general cost for the Authority as well as a specific cost breakdown for the consultants. Garcia will follow up with an updated draft for input at the next meeting.

5. Committee to Consider Recommendation on Updated Coordinated Expense Budget, Garcia/Dumas

Leslie Dumas/Woodard & Curran explained the increase for coordinated tasks within the Delta-Mendota Cost Sharing Agreement. The additional budget is for Consultant Contract Coordinated Plan Expenses Subtask 5.4: technical memorandums and common chapter, as well as Consultant SubContract Coordinated Plan Expenses. This budget update was approved. Glenn Allen/Fresno asked for changes to the budget to be within the fiscal year.

6. Committee to Consider Recommendation of Selected Historic Periods for Projected Water Budgets, Dumas

Dumas/W&C explained the recommended method for determining historic periods for projected water budgets. The historic years will be 2003-2012. The projected years will be 2014-2070. This projected period will be developed using actual water year data from 2014-2017, data from 1979-2017 to represent projected water years 2018-2056 (1980 for 2019, 1981 for 2020... 2016 for 2055, 2017 for 2056), and data from 1965-1978 for projected years 2057-2070 (1965 for 2057, 1966 for 2058... 1977 for 2069, 1978 for 2070). This recommended methodology for the projected water years and periods was accepted by the Coordination Committee. Garcia/SLDMWA explained that he is tracking these informal actions within the Coordination Committee so that once the Coordination Agreement is finalized, many actions can be made formally.

Various options for the application of climate change factors were discussed.

There are 3 potential options:

Option 1: linear interpolation from year 1 to 2030 and to 2070

Option 2: Use 2030 factor to represent climate change from the range of years from the WSIP

Option 3: Block approach, apply 2030 climate change factors from 2016-2045, and 2070 climate change factors from 2056-2085 (per WSIP requirements).

Jarrett Martin/CCID or Will Halligan/LSCE will follow up with DWR regarding the process for incorporating climate change factors into these water budget projections.

7. Sustainable Groundwater Planning Grant Update, Dumas

Dumas/W&C explained that the update to the Sustainable Groundwater Planning Grant is all within Category 1. With an upcoming vulnerability assessment in November, Dumas explained that a questionnaire must be developed, and she will add questions related to groundwater sustainability. The vulnerability assessment will be covered by the Disadvantaged Communities Involvement Program (DACIP) funding. Dumas will revise the Sustainable Groundwater Planning Grant Work Plan and will send to DWR for review.

8. Coordination Agreement and Cost Share Agreement Update, Garcia

Garcia/SLDMWA explained that he is waiting on the final signatures on the Coordination Agreement and Cost Share Agreement. Joe Hopkins/Aliso and P&P explained that the Aliso Water District has an upcoming meeting in which he anticipates finalizing the Agreement for Aliso. Specifically, the missing signatures also include City of Patterson, Stanislaus County, Mendota, and Los Banos.

9. Working Group Updates

a. Technical Working Group, Dumas/Garcia

Garcia/SLDMWA presented a flowchart that Garcia and Claire Howard/CivicSpark SLDMWA developed to clarify the decision process within a GSP group and the Coordination Committee structure. Dumas/W&C raised the concern of an infinite do-loop within the diagram. The language within the Coordination Agreement will be reviewed to confirm the process of proposing alternative options in the event of a “no” vote at the GSP group or Coordination Committee level.

A brief discussion was held regarding how to set sustainability indicators and whether a survey should be used to solicit public input on them. It was noted that Aliso WD had sent out a survey to their 25 land owners on the similar subject and offered to share that survey. After further discussion, it was agreed that the sustainability indicators would be established on the GSP level and then rolled up and reviewed in the same methodology as agreed upon for modeling.

Dumas/W&C explained that sustainability criteria must be determined. John Beam/GWD asked what DWR wants specifically. Joe Hopkins/CCID explained that Aliso developed a survey for its landowners. The structure and content of the survey may be used as a foundation for use by other GSAs in determining sustainability criteria. Moving forward, surveys for sustainability criteria will be specific to each GSA or GSP group.

b. Communications Working Group, Pringle

A newsletter draft has been developed that will be used to share information within the Delta-Mendota Subbasin. The two-sided newsletter will contain general updates on one side and GSP-specific updates on the other.

10. Next Steps

The following next steps were agreed upon by the Coordination Committee:

- The next technical meeting is scheduled for October 16th. Land subsidence will be discussed at this meeting.
- The historic and current water budgets must be developed by the next Coordination Committee meeting on October 19th.
- Andrew Garcia/SLDMWA will revise the structure of the draft expenditures report and future report for additional input.
- Jarrett Martin/CCID or Will Halligan/LSCE will follow up with DWR regarding the method for incorporating climate change factors into the projected water budgets.
- Leslie Dumas/W&C will revise the Sustainable Groundwater Planning Grant Category 1 work plan and will send the updated version to DWR for review.