

Delta-Mendota Subbasin  
Coordination Committee Meeting

Tuesday, October 10, 2017, 10:00 AM  
842 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Los Banos, CA

Meeting Minutes

1. Introductions

Andrew Garcia, San Luis Delta Mendota Water Authority (Authority), called the meeting to order at approximately 10:10 AM.

2. Review of Meeting Minutes from September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Mr. Garcia stated that the draft meeting minutes from the previous Coordination Committee meeting, held on September 13, 2017, were provided via email. He added that the meeting minutes will be archived on the Delta-Mendota Subbasin website, once developed. There were no comments on the draft meeting minutes.

3. Technical Subcommittee Update

Mr. Garcia provided a summary of the discussion from the previous Delta-Mendota Coordination Technical Subcommittee meeting, held on September 11, 2017. Mr. Garcia stated that the San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Authority (Exchange Contractors) are in the process of scheduling a meeting with the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) to discuss the Exchange Contractors' non-numerical approach for calculating sustainable yield and water budget. Jarrett Martin, Exchange Contractors, confirmed that he had reached out to DWR, but no meeting had been scheduled yet.

4. Draft Coordination Agreement Document Walk-Through

Kirsten Pringle, Stantec, led a discussion of the Draft Delta-Mendota Subbasin Coordination Agreement. The Committee began by discussing Sections 2 (Definitions), 3 (General Guidelines), 4 (Governance), and 11 (Adoption and Use of the Coordination Agreement) of the Coordination Agreement. These sections had been revised according to comments received from the previous Coordination Committee meeting and received via email. The Committee reviewed the list of Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) groups provided in Exhibit A of the Coordination Agreement. Ellen Wehr, Grassland Water District, requested that Grassland Resource Conservation District be added under the Grassland Water District GSP Group. The Committee agreed to remove the language in Subsection 4.1.2 regarding the Coordination Committee meeting monthly. The Committee discussed whether to include the names of the GSP representatives in Exhibit A, but agreed not to include the names and keep the language broad. The Committee discussed the language in Section 4 about voting and what constitutes a quorum. The Committee agreed to add a "Special Activities" subsection to Section 4 for special projects that don't require participation from all the GSP groups. The Committee also agreed to add language to Subsection 4.3.3 describing a GSP representative's option to

abstain from a vote if that representative is not in favor of a decision, but does not want to actively oppose that decision. The Committee agreed to remove Subsection 4.4.4. The Committee requested language be added to the Coordination Agreement clarifying that a representative being “present” at a meeting includes participation via conference call. In Section 11, the Committee agreed to revise the language in Subsection 11.2 regarding submission of GSPs to DWR only after the entire Basin is covered by a GSP. Committee members also provided suggested revisions to clarify language in all sections.

The Committee then discussed Section 5 (Coordinated Plan Expenses) of the Coordination Agreement. Mr. Garcia stated that Coordinated Plan Expenses had been discussed in the Technical Coordination Subcommittee. The Committee clarified language in Section 5 and agreed to add language identifying which GSA in each GSP group will receive the invoice for the group. The Committee discussed the connection between the participation percentages identified in the Coordination Agreement and the participation percentages identified in the Proposition 1 GSP Development Grant being prepared for the subbasin.

There was a break from 12:00 p.m. to 12:07 p.m.

After the break, Mr. Garcia provided an overview of the draft budget for the Proposition 1 GSP Development Grant, including individual requests, coordination costs, and funding allocation split. The Committee discussed how the funding allocation should be split among the GSP groups. Representatives from Grassland Water District stated that grant funds should first go towards coordinated costs.

Ms. Pringle and Mr. Garcia asked the Committee members to read through Sections 6 (Exchange of Data and Information), 12 (Modification and Termination of the Agreement), and 13 (Dispute Resolution) of the Coordination Agreement and provide Mr. Garcia will comments via email no later than Tuesday, October 24.

## 5. Next Steps

The Committee members were asked to send their grant request packages to Mr. Garcia via email no later than Friday, October 13.

The Committee members were asked to review all sections of the Coordination Agreement and provide Mr. Garcia comments and suggested language revisions via email no later than Tuesday, October 24.

Ellen Wehr, Grassland Water District, agreed to review Section 5 of the Coordination Agreement and provide Mr. Garcia suggested language revisions.

Mr. Garcia agreed to send out the Proposition 1 GSP Development Grant budget spreadsheet after the request packages were provided by all the GSP groups.

## 6. Adjourn

Kirsten Pringle, Stantec, adjourned the Coordination Committee Meeting at approximately 12:45 p.m.