

Delta-Mendota Subbasin  
Coordination Committee Meeting

Monday, December 10, 2018, 10:00 AM  
842 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Los Banos, CA

Meeting Minutes

**Representatives in Attendance**

Jim Stilwell – Farmers Water District  
Joe Hopkins – Aliso Water District/Provost & Pritchard  
Vince Lucchesi – Patterson Irrigation District  
Ben Fenters – San Luis Water District  
Jarrett Martin – Central California Irrigation District/San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors  
Christina Guzman – Fresno County  
Augustine Ramirez – Fresno County  
Andrew Garcia – San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority  
Claire Howard – CivicSpark/ San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority  
Lauren Neves – San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority  
Joyce Machado – San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority  
Anthea Hansen – Del Puerto Water District

**By Phone**

Leslie Dumas – Woodard & Curran  
Lacey Kiriakou – Merced County  
Kirsten Pringle – Stantec  
Larry Harris – Turner Island Water District

1. **Introductions**

Andrew Garcia/SLDMWA called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM. Garcia added a review of the expenditures to the meeting's agenda. This in addition is reflected in the updated Item 4 in the meeting minutes.

2. **Opportunity for Public Comment**

There was no public comment; no members of the public were present.

3. **Meeting Minutes Review**

There were no comments on the draft minutes from the November 19<sup>th</sup> Coordination Committee meeting.

**Report Items**

4. **Review Prepared Expenditure Report for Coordinated Expenses**

Garcia provided an expenditure report detailing the Committee's Coordinated Expenses through October 31, 2018. Task 9 – Outreach and Education within the Contracts portion of the report has a total expense of \$765 over budget. Garcia explained that this report is still a draft version until the Coordination Agreement is approved.

Jarrett Martin/CCID & SJREC inquired about the budget for next fiscal year. Garcia asked Leslie Dumas/W&C if the Woodard & Curran team is anticipating deferring any work past March 1 that was originally scheduled to be completed within the current fiscal year. Dumas said that the work is mostly on track, but some written work will be extended.

Garcia presented the idea of adding a 20% contingency into the Contracts portion of the Coordinated Expenses. Vince Lucchesi/Patterson ID asked about the option of increased fluidity of available funds to cover unanticipated expenses in separate line items. The Coordination Committee did not approve the concept of the contingency addition for the Contracts cost.

5. **Discussion of SGWP Grant Funding**

a. **Update on State Agreement**

Garcia explained that Bobby Pierce with West Stanislaus Irrigation District will finalize the approval for the SGWP grant funding this week. A representative from DWR will come to the SLDMWA Los Banos office on December 18<sup>th</sup> for a grant kickoff meeting.

b. **Discussion of Draft Local Project Sponsor Agreement, Garcia/Akroyd**

Garcia reviewed the draft Local Project Sponsor Agreement with the Coordination Committee. Garcia explained that the SLDMWA Board of Directors took action at the December 6<sup>th</sup> meeting to approve authorization for SLDMWA to execute the LPS Agreement. Garcia reminded Coordination Committee members to review the Local Project Sponsor Agreement and to provide comments by December 14<sup>th</sup>. After this comment period, each agency's board must approve the Agreement. Joyce Machado/SLDMWA confirmed the SLDMWA's role as the fiduciary middle ground for the Local Project Sponsor Agreement.

c. **Grant Funding Reimbursement Package Requirements, Dumas**

Dumas provided a compiled list of eligibility requirements for reimbursement requests. The group discussed the process for reimbursement distribution. The Authority will distribute collected reimbursements to the parties immediately upon receipt of funds.

**6. Update on Water Budget Development**

Dumas provided an update on the water budget development. Ken Schmidt and SJREC water budget information will be used to compare cross-boundary flows. At present there is a lack of data for subsurface flows. The Committee discussed the importance of coordinating between GSP groups, holding to agreed-upon deadlines, and making greater progress within the Subbasin's water budget development.

The next meeting to discuss water budgets will be December 19<sup>th</sup>. At this meeting, GSP groups will compare historic and current water budgets as well as upper and lower aquifer results. This comparison will help inform the change in groundwater storage and the determination of boundary conditions for the development of future management actions. The Committee requested that the Authority and Woodard & Curran provide an updated schedule with milestones for certain coordinated activities through GSP development. The Committee intends to review the schedule and to use scheduled completion dates to direct the technical working group for work going forward.

**7. Discussion of Subsidence Analysis and Preliminary Sustainability Indicators**

The committee discussed critical infrastructure and methodologies for subsidence analysis within the Subbasin. Dumas explained that the Delta-Mendota Canal has been used as an item of critical infrastructure to measure subsidence. The Committee affirmed the need to agree on the methodology associated with subsidence analysis.

**8. Presentation of Final GDE Mapping, Garcia**

Garcia told the Committee that the GDE maps are being compiled for ease of regional discussion and for the subbasin setting portion of the coordinated GSP chapter.

**9. Update on Development of Coordinated Data Management System, Dumas**

Dumas explained that a questionnaire is being drafted by Houston Engineering to support the development of the data management system.

**10. Update on Communications Committee and Monthly Newsletter, Garcia/Howard**

Kirsten Pringle/Stantec shared with the Committee that the next set of public workshops will be held in February. Members from the Communications Working Group will begin discussing and planning the workshop structure this month. The workshops will aim to incorporate introductions to new concepts as well as a focus on sharing the historic and current water budget results.

The first monthly Subbasin newsletter will be shared to each GSP group for distribution to their respective interested parties lists.

**II. Next Steps**

- Coordination Committee members to review the Local Project Sponsor Agreement and provide comments by December 14<sup>th</sup>.

- The next meeting to discuss water budgets will be December 19<sup>th</sup>. Historic and current water budgets must be prepared by this meeting in order for the attending parties to compare results.
- GSP group representatives share the December Subbasin Newsletter with their respective agencies and interested parties lists.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 PM.

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