

**Special Joint Meeting of the Delta-Mendota Subbasin Technical Working Group
and Coordination Committee**

Wednesday, June 15, 2022, 8:00 AM

SLDMWA Boardroom, 842 6th Street, Los Banos, CA

Coordination Committee Members and Alternates Present

Chase Hurley – Pacheco Water District/Central Delta-Mendota Region
Jarrett Martin – Central California Irrigation District/SJREC
John Wiersma – San Luis Canal Company/SJREC
Ric Ortega – Grassland Water District
Jim Stillwell – Farmers Water District
Joe Hopkins – Aliso Water District/Provost & Pritchard
Augie Ramirez – Fresno County
Christy McKinnon – Stanislaus County (Alt.)
Will Halligan – Farmers Water District/LSCE (Alt.)*
Vince Lucchesi – Patterson Irrigation District

San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority Staff Present

John Brodie

Others Present

Adam Scheuber – Del Puerto Water District*

Maria Encinas – City of Patterson
Joel Andrews – City of Patterson*
Kyle Hill – CCID*
Robert Kostlivy – Stanislaus County*
Mike Stearns – Panoche Water District*
Steve Stadler – San Luis Water District*
Rick Iger – Provost & Pritchard*
Lauren Layne – Baker Manock & Jensen*
Jessica Johnson – Baker Manock & Jensen*
Anona Dutton – EKI Environment & Water, Inc.*
Meredith Durant – EKI Environment & Water, Inc.*
Leslie Dumas – Woodard & Curran*
Andrew Francis – Luhdorff & Scalmanini*
Nat Kane – Environmental Law Group*
Yvonne Petroni – Wolfson, Inc.*
Tim Chow*
Olivia Holmes*
Kristina Hambley*
Nav Athwal*
Barbara Brenner*

* Denotes telephonic/Zoom participation.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Jarrett Martin/CCID called the meeting to order at 8:03 AM.

2. **Committees 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 of items.

3. **Opportunity for Public Comment**

No public comment was shared.

4. **Committee to Review and Take Action on Consent Calendar**

- A. **Meeting Minutes of the June 8, 2022 Delta-Mendota Coordination Committee and Technical Working Group Special Joint Meeting**

The Committee considered approval of the prior meeting minutes as presented in the meeting packet. Ric Ortega/Grassland provided the motion and Augie Ramirez/Fresno County seconded. The Committee voted by roll call; the motion was passed unanimously by those present.

5. **Committees to Discuss Revised Water Budget and Narrative for the Subbasin, Martin**

The Committees discussed the draft technical memorandum on the Subbasin water budget (Deficiency #1), additional narrative explanation, and the latest revision of the water budget tables included in the meeting packet. Additional revisions to the water budget presentation and narrative were discussed, and will be incorporated for subsequent review and discussion by the Committees.

6. **Committees to Discuss Updated Groundwater Sustainable Yield for the Subbasin, Martin**

The Committees discussed the groundwater sustainable yield for the Subbasin. John Brodie/SLDMWA prepared a draft summary description which was included in the meeting packet. The linkage between subsidence and sustainable yield was discussed, noting that subsidence effects may be localized, and that a larger groundwater extraction volume in another location within the Subbasin may not result in subsidence. Additional data to correlate groundwater pumping (especially from the Lower Aquifer) and subsidence have been obtained since the GSP was initially submitted, and additional data collection to support this ongoing evaluation is anticipated.

7. **Committees to Discuss Revised Narrative for Common Chapter Sustainable Management Criteria, Martin**

The Committees discussed the status of the narrative for the Common Chapter Sustainable Management Criteria, and directed EKI to write a short narrative introduction leading into the SMCs except for Water Quality.

8. **Committees to Discuss Revised Sustainable Management Criteria and Tables for Chronic Lowering of Groundwater Levels, Martin**

Leslie Dumas/Woodard & Curran prepared a revised draft table CC-14, included in the meeting packet. Woodard & Curran will provide a revised figure to accompany this table to John Brodie, for circulation, review, and discussion. The Committees requested that EKI prepare a draft brief narrative to support this topic.

9. **Committees to Discuss Revised Sustainable Management Criteria and Tables for Reduction in Groundwater Storage, Martin**

The Committees reviewed the revised draft table CC-16 included in the meeting packet, discussed undesirable results and the correlation with land subsidence. The Committees requested that EKI prepare a draft brief narrative to support this topic.

10. **Committees to Consider Revised Sustainable Management Criteria and Tables for Subsidence, Martin**

The Committees considered the revised draft table CC-17 included in the meeting packet. Again, a narrative further explaining the criteria, factors considered, and development of the revised criteria is needed and will be drafted by EKI.

11. **Committees to Discuss Adoption Resolution and Timetable for Public Hearings and Submission of Revised and Adopted GSPs, Layne/Brodie**

Example text for consideration by the GSP groups and member agencies was included in the meeting materials packet. John Brodie reported that following the meeting on June 8, 2022, he talked with DWR and was informed that the amended GSPs have to be approved by the GSAs no later than July 20, 2022, and that if necessary, the executed copy of the GSA approval letter could be uploaded later, as long as the GSA formal approval occurred prior to July 20, 2022.

12. **Next Steps**

- Woodard & Curran will prepare a draft cover letter to accompany the revised Common Chapter, which will be provided to the Committees for review. The cover letter will describe how the Subbasin responded to DWR's Determination Letter and discuss the use of the term "monitoring zones" to replace "management areas".
- GSP groups should provide information for their representative water quality monitoring sites to Woodard & Curran by the end of Thursday, June 18, 2022, including information on historically degraded areas.
- The Coordination Committee, and the Northern & Central Region Management Committees, and Central GSA will meet on Monday, June 20, 2022 to review and approve the final revisions to the Common Chapter.
- The individual GSP groups are responsible for amending and uploading their individual GSPs and Common Chapter.
- EKI will prepare draft narrative sections to accompany the tables presenting the revised Sustainable Management Criteria (except Water Quality).
- GSP groups should plan to upload the revisions to their respective GSPs to the DWR SGMA Portal no later than July 20, 2022.

13. **Reports Pursuant to Government Code 54954.2(a)(3)**

No topics were discussed under this item.

14. **Future Meetings**

- a. **June 20, 2022 8:00AM: Special Joint Meeting of the Northern and Central Delta-Mendota Management Committees, Central GSA, and the Delta-Mendota Subbasin Coordination Committee**

- b. **Schedule for Remaining 2022 Coordination Committee Meetings**

Upcoming Coordination Committee meetings will be discussed and scheduled in the future.

15. **Closed Session: Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation**

The Committee met in closed session to confer with legal counsel on significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9: (1 case).

16. **Report Out of Closed Session, Martin**

No reportable actions were identified from Closed Session.

17. **ADJOURNMENT**

Jarrett Martin adjourned the meeting at 12:48 PM.

Special Joint Meeting of the Northern Delta-Mendota Region Management Committee,
Central Delta-Mendota Region Management Committee, Central Delta-Mendota GSA, and
Delta-Mendota Subbasin Coordination Committee

Monday, June 20, 2022, 8:00 AM

SLDMWA Boardroom, 842 6th Street, Los Banos, CA
Del Puerto Water District, 17840 Ward Avenue, Patterson, CA

Coordination Committee Members and Alternates Present

Augie Ramirez – Fresno County
Joe Hopkins – Aliso Water District
Chase Hurley – Pacheco Water District/Central Delta-Mendota Region
Jarrett Martin – Central California Irrigation District/SJREC
Jim Stilwell – Farmers Water District
John Wiersma – San Luis Canal Company/SJREC
Ric Ortega – Grassland Water District
Vince Lucchesi – Patterson Irrigation District/Northern Delta-Mendota Region

San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority Staff Present

John Brodie

Others Present

Anthea Hansen – Del Puerto Water District/Oak Flat Water District
Bobby Pierce – West Stanislaus Irrigation District
Damian Aragona – Widren Water District*
Danny Wade – Tranquillity Irrigation District/Fresno Slough Water District
Juan Cadena – Mercy Springs Water District*
Kyle Hill – CCID*
Maria Encinas – City of Patterson
Mike Stearns – Panoche Water District*
Rick Iger – Provost & Pritchard*
Lauren Layne – Baker Manock & Jensen
Meredith Durant – EKI Environment & Water, Inc.
Leslie Dumas – Woodard & Curran
Andrew Francis – Luhdorff & Scalmanini*
Nat Kane – Environmental Law Group*
Yvonne Petroni – Wolfson, Inc.*
D. Gosling*
Olivia Holmes*
Kristina Hambley*

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1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Jarrett Martin/CCID called the meeting to order at 8:04 AM.

2. **Committees 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 of items.

3. **Opportunity for Public Comment**

No public comment was shared under this meeting agenda item.

4. **Committees to Discuss Revised Water Budget and Narrative for the Subbasin, Martin**

The Committees discussed the revised tables and associated narrative summarizing and presenting the Subbasin water budget components (Deficiency #1), included in the meeting materials packet. Additional revisions to the water budget presentation and narrative were discussed, and will be incorporated into the amended Common Chapter. The discussion included a pause to resolve technical challenges with onscreen document projection in the SLDMWA Boardroom.

5. **Committees to Discuss Revised Groundwater Sustainable Yield and Narrative for the Subbasin, Martin**

The Committees discussed that the calculation of sustainable yield for the Subbasin will not be revised for the Upper Aquifer. For the Lower Aquifer, the calculation of sustainable yield will be linked to the identified sustainable management criteria (SMC) for land subsidence.

6. **Committees to Discuss Revised Narrative for Common Chapter Sustainable Management Criteria, Martin**

The Committees discussed addressing the revisions to the narrative, tables, and figures individually for each of the SMC in the following meeting agenda items. The approach for revision of the Common Chapter will be to include the narrative explanation, revised presentation tables, and any revised figures for each SMC.

7. **Committees to Discuss Revised Sustainable Management Criteria and Tables for Chronic Lowering of Groundwater Levels, Martin**

The Committees reviewed and edited the draft SMC narrative and tables for chronic lowering of groundwater levels included in the meeting materials packet and proposed for inclusion in the amended Common Chapter.

8. **Committees to Discuss Revised Sustainable Management Criteria and Tables for Reduction in Groundwater Storage, Martin**

The Committees reviewed and edited the draft SMC narrative and tables for reduction in groundwater storage included in the meeting materials packet and proposed for inclusion in the amended Common Chapter.

9. **Committees to Discuss Revised Sustainable Management Criteria and Tables for Degraded Water Quality, Martin**

The Committees reviewed and edited the draft SMC narrative and tables for degraded water quality included in the meeting materials packet and proposed for inclusion in the amended Common Chapter.

10. Committees to Discuss Revised Sustainable Management Criteria and Tables for Land Subsidence, Martin

The Committees reviewed and edited the draft SMC narrative and tables for land subsidence included in the meeting materials packet and proposed for inclusion in the amended Common Chapter.

11. Committees to Discuss Revised Sustainable Management Criteria and Tables for Interconnected Surface Water, Martin

The Committees reviewed and edited the draft SMC narrative and tables for interconnected surface water (ISW) included in the meeting materials packet and proposed for inclusion in the amended Common Chapter.

Public Comment

Nat Kane of the Environmental Law Group commented that changes to the ISW SMCs and tables were made available for public review for the first time in the packet distributed for this meeting. He reserves rights for further comment on this topic as it is addressed in the revised Common Chapter. He also expressed dissatisfaction with the Subbasin's pace of action regarding ISWs and groundwater dependent ecosystems (GDEs).

12. Committees to Discuss Common Chapter Cover Letter Addressing Deficiencies Identified in the January 21, 2022 DWR Determination Letter, Martin

The Committees reviewed and revised the draft cover letter to DWR that will summarize the process and revisions to the Common Chapter and Subbasin GSPs. The draft cover letter is included in the meeting materials packet.

13. Committees to Discuss Process for Updating Individual GSPs, Layne/Martin

The Committees discussed the process for circulating the amended Common Chapter and cover letter. At this time, all but one of the Subbasin GSP groups are expected to complete their public meetings by July 12, 2022, with one GSA adoption meeting scheduled for July 19, 2022. GSP groups should provide their signed resolutions to John Brodie and Leslie Dumas as soon as they are available. If a signed resolution is not available by July 19, 2022, a copy of the GSA meeting agenda, which documents consideration of the Amended GSP, should be provided.

14. Closed Session: Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation

The agendaized closed session for a discussion with legal counsel regarding anticipated litigation was not conducted during the meeting.

15. Report out of Closed Session

Because there was no Closed Session discussion, there was no report on this item.

16. Break

There was a break in the meeting to recognize additional participants and reconvene for the subsequent agenda items. The second portion of the meeting convened at 3PM.

17. Call to Order/Roll Call

Additional members joined the meeting for discussion of topics designated for consideration and action by the Northern and Central Delta-Mendota Management Committees. The additional meeting participants included:

Amy Montgomery, Santa Nella County Water District
Mike Stearns, Panoche Water District (shifted from telephone to in-person)
Aaron Barcellos, Pacheco Water District
Damian Aragona, Widren Water District

18. **Committees 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 of items.

19. **Opportunity for Public Comment**

No public comment was shared.

20. **Northern and Central Region Management Committees to Accept Amendments/Revisions to the Common Chapter and Corresponding Amendments/Revisions to the Northern and Central Delta-Mendota Groundwater Sustainability Plan, Brodie**

The Committees considered the amendments and revisions to the Common Chapter and corresponding revisions to the Northern and Central Delta-Mendota GSP as discussed earlier in the meeting. Vince Lucchesi/PID provided the motion for the Northern Management Committee and Christy McKinnon/Stanslaus County seconded. The Northern Management Committee voted by roll call; the motion was passed unanimously by those present. Augie Ramirez/Fresno County provided the motion for the Central Management Committee and Aaron Barcellos/Pacheco Water District seconded. The Central Management Committee voted by roll call; the motion was passed unanimously by those present.

21. **Northern and Central Region Management Committees to Authorize Its Representatives to Recommend Approval of Common Chapter and GSP Revisions to the Coordination Committee, Brodie**

The Committees considered authorization of their representatives on the Subbasin Coordination Committee to recommend approval of the amendments and revisions to the Common Chapter as discussed earlier in the meeting. Christy McKinnon provided the motion for the Northern Management Committee and Vince Lucchesi seconded. The Northern Management Committee voted by roll call; the motion was passed, with Maria Encinas/City of Patterson abstaining. Augie Ramirez provided the motion for the Central Management Committee and Aaron Barcellos seconded. The Central Management Committee voted by roll call; the motion was passed unanimously by those present.

22. **Delta-Mendota Subbasin Coordination Committee to Accept Amendments/Revisions to the Common Chapter, Brodie**

The Subbasin Coordination Committee considered acceptance of the amendments and revisions to the Common Chapter as discussed and reviewed earlier in the meeting. Ric Ortega/Grassland provided the motion and John Wiersma/SLCC seconded. The Committee voted by roll call; the motion was passed unanimously by those present.

23. Northern and Central Region Management Committees to Recommend Individual GSAs Adopt the Amended Common Chapter and Corresponding Amendments/Revisions to the Northern and Central Delta-Mendota GSP on or before July 19, 2022, Layne

Following additional consideration, this item was deemed to be encompassed by Item 22, and a vote was not conducted for this item.

24. Delta-Mendota Subbasin Coordination Committee to Recommend Individual GSAs Adopt the Amended Common Chapter and Corresponding Amendment Revisions to Their Appropriate GSPs on or before July 19, 2022, Layne

Following additional consideration, this item was deemed to be encompassed by Item 22, and a vote was not conducted for this item.

25. Next Steps

- Woodard & Curran will incorporate the revisions discussed during the meeting to several figures in the Common Chapter displaying representative monitoring sites.
- Woodard & Curran will compile the edited narrative, edited tables, and revised figures for the water budget and SMC into the amended Common Chapter.
- Woodard & Curran will revise the draft cover letter in accordance with edits and comments provided during the meeting. Woodard & Curran will add the appropriate references to the Common Chapter page numbers and tables.
- On behalf of the Coordination Committee, John Brodie will review the revised draft cover letter and Common Chapter prior to its posting and distribution by the end of the week.
- The individual GSP groups are responsible for incorporating the revised Common Chapter, with appropriate updated internal references, into their amended GSPs.
- GSP groups and GSAs should conduct public meetings that will include adoption of the amended GSPs. At this time, all but one of these public meetings are scheduled for July 12, 2022 or earlier.
- GSP groups should plan to upload the revisions to their respective GSPs to the DWR SGMA Portal no later than July 20, 2022.
- It was noted that following submittal of the amended GSPs to DWR, there will be a 60-day public comment period.

26. Reports Pursuant to Government Code 54954.2(a)(3)

No topics were discussed under this item.

27. Future Meetings

- a. July 7, 2022 10:00AM: Central GSA Special Meeting and Public Hearing
- b. July 11, 2022 9:30AM: Regular Meeting of the Delta-Mendota Subbasin Coordination Committee at Grassland Water District offices
- c. July 28, 2022 10:00AM: Regular Meeting of the Northern and Central Delta-Mendota Management Committees and Central GSA

28. ADJOURNMENT

Jarrett Martin adjourned the meeting at 3:16 PM.

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SAN LUIS & DELTA-MENDOTA WATER AUTHORITY
MARCH 1, 2022 - FEBRUARY 28, 2023
SGMA ACTIVITIES - COORDINATED COST-SHARE AGREEMENT
ACTIVITY AGREEMENTS BUDGET TO ACTUAL
COORDINATED (FUND 63)

Report Period 3/1/22 - 6/30/22

Coordination Meeting 8/8/22

EXPENDITURES	Annual Budget	Paid/ Expense	Amount Remaining	% of Amt Remaining	Expenses Through
<u>Legal:</u>					
Baker Manock & Jensen	\$ 10,000	\$ 18,994	\$ (8,994)	-90%	5/31/22
<u>Other Professional Services:</u>					
GSP Implementation Contracts					
Coordinated Annual Reports Activities (Common Chapter, Water Level Contouring)	\$ 50,579	\$ 19,511	\$ 31,068	61%	6/10/22
DMS Hosting, Augmentation and Support	\$ 10,306	\$ 3,458	\$ 6,848	66%	5/31/22
GSP Approval - DWR Response to Comments	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 10,000	100%	
Staff Augmentation Support (Provost & Pritchard)	\$ 51,241	\$ 6,134	\$ 45,107	88%	6/17/22
Proposition 68 (Grant Administration)					
Component 1 (Grant Administration)	\$ 39,150	\$ 25,501	\$ 13,649	35%	6/10/22
Component 2 (Technical Assistance)	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 10,000	100%	
Component 10 (Well Census and Inventory)	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 10,000	100%	
Component 11 (Subsidence Characterization)	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 10,000	100%	
<u>Other:</u>					
Executive Director	\$ 2,383	\$ -	\$ 2,383	100%	
General Counsel	\$ 4,210	\$ 217	\$ 3,993	95%	3/31/22
Water Policy Director	\$ 4,128	\$ 1,986	\$ 2,142	52%	6/30/22
Water Resources Program Manager	\$ 44,277	\$ 18,785	\$ 25,492	58%	6/30/22
Accounting	\$ 4,207	\$ 475	\$ 3,732	89%	6/30/22
License & Continuing Education	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ 500	100%	
Los Banos Administrative Office (LBAO)	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ 500	100%	
Conferences & Training	\$ 2,500	\$ -	\$ 2,500	100%	
Travel/Mileage	\$ 7,500	\$ -	\$ 7,500	100%	
Group Meetings	\$ 1,000	\$ 133	\$ 867	87%	
Telephone	\$ 2,500	\$ 61	\$ 2,439	98%	
Software	\$ 2,500	\$ -	\$ 2,500	100%	
Equipment and Tools	\$ 5,350	\$ -	\$ 5,350	100%	
Total Expenditures	\$ 282,831	\$ 95,256	\$ 187,575	66%	



Fee Estimate

San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority Coordinated and NCDM GSP Response Effort

Tasks	Labor					Total Hours	Total Labor Costs (1)	Total Fee
	Leslie Dumas	Natalie Cochran	Nolan Meyer	Admin	Zachary Roy			
	Project Manager/PIC	Water Resources Planner	Water Resources Planner	Project Support	Water Resource Engineer			
	\$330	\$245	\$205	\$210	\$235			
Task 1: Coordinated Response Efforts								
1.1 DMCC/TWG Meetings	48	32				80	\$23,680	\$23,680
1.2 DMCC Meetings						0	\$0	\$0
1.2 Edits to Common Chapter & Coordination	24	24	10	2		60	\$16,270	\$16,270
1.3 Response TM/Cover Letter	16	50				66	\$17,530	\$17,530
1.4 DMS Support		8				8	\$1,960	\$1,960
1.5 Budget and Schedule Maintenance	4	12		8		24	\$5,940	\$5,940
Subtotal Task 1:	92	126	10	10	0	238	\$65,380	\$65,380
Task 2: NCDM Response Efforts								
2.1 DMCC/TWG Representation	4	8				12	\$3,280	\$3,280
2.2 DWR Consultation Meetings	16					16	\$5,280	\$5,280
2.3 Revised SMC and RMN	8	32	8			48	\$12,120	\$12,120
2.4 Edits to NCDM GSP	28	32			8	68	\$18,960	\$18,960
2.5 Revised GSP Submittal	2	4	8			14	\$3,280	\$3,280
2.6 Management Committee Meetings						0	\$0	\$0
Subtotal Task 2:	58	76	16	0	8	158	\$42,920	\$42,920
TOTAL	150	202	26	10	8	396	\$108,300	\$108,300

1. The individual hourly rates include salary, overhead and profit.
2. Subconsultants will be billed at actual cost plus 10%.
3. Other direct costs (ODCs) such as reproduction, delivery, mileage (rates will be those allowed by current IRS guidelines), and travel expenses, will be billed at actual cost plus 10%.
4. W&C reserves the right to adjust its hourly rate structure and ODC markup at the beginning of the calendar year for all ongoing contracts.

As of July 29, 2022:
Coordinated (Fund 63): \$ 66,451.25
Northern & Central (Funds 64 and 65, combined): \$ 35,725
EKI (Through June 30, 2022) \$ 13,803.92
Subtotal to date: \$115,980.17

Funding Opportunities – Updated 8/5/2022

Pesticide Regulation Research Program

Through CA Dept. of Pesticide Regulation. The program provides funding to develop Integrated Pest Management Practices that reduces risk from pesticides listed as “high-risk, of regulatory concern, or are of human health or environmental concern in CA.” \$3.15 Million available.

Application deadline is 9/22/22

Conservation Agriculture Planning Grants

Funding for the development of plans that help farmers and ranchers identify action for climate change mitigation, increase environmental stewardship, and ensure future food security. Up to \$250,000 per award from CA Dept. of Food and Agriculture. Deadline 10/23/22

2023 Alliance Grant Program

This program funds projects that promote or increase the implementation of IPM practices that reduces risks to health or the environment. Department of Pesticide Regulation. \$1.5 million available. Deadline 12/8/22

County-Wide and Regional Funding Program

Funding for regional programs that address drought-related and contamination issues for small water systems and domestic wells serving DACs. No deadline. Funding is from the State Water Board.

Riparian Habitat Conservation Program

The Wildlife Conservation Board is accepting concept proposals for projects that provide meaningful and sustainable improvements to riparian habitats. \$3 Million available on a rolling basis.

Fertilizer Research and Education Program, CA Dept. of Food and Agriculture Total of \$225,000 available for projects on: improving input management, understanding plant-soil processes, and evaluating loss pathways. They are focused on nutrients in general with nitrogen/nitrates as a particular focus. It is a rolling deadline with funding awarded as projects are approved.