

Delta-Mendota Subbasin  
Coordination Committee Meeting

Thursday, April 26, 2018, 1:00 PM  
1015 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Los Banos, CA

Meeting Minutes

**Representatives in Attendance**

Jarrett Martin (CCID)  
Ben Fenters (San Luis WD)  
John Bean (Grassland WD)  
Joe Hopkins (Provost & Pritchard/Aliso WD)  
Christina Guzman (Fresno County)  
Glenn Allen (Fresno County)

**Others in Attendance**

Leslie Dumas (Woodard & Curran)

**By Phone**

Diane Rathmann (SLDMWA)  
Becca Akroyd (SLDMWA)  
Larry Harris (TIWD)

1. Introductions

Leslie Dumas/Woodard & Curran called the meeting to order at approximately 1:10 PM.

2. Opportunity for Public Comment

Leslie Dumas/Woodard & Curran opened the opportunity for public comment. No comments were received from members of the public.

3. March Meeting Minutes Review

There were no comments on the draft meeting minutes from March 22, 2018 Coordination Committee meeting. Minutes were approved and finalized.

#### 4. Working Group Updates

##### a. Technical Working Group, Dumas

Leslie Dumas/Woodard & Curran provided an update on the Technical Working Group. At the last Technical Working Group meeting on April 17<sup>th</sup>, the primary objectives were to discuss the idea of a common chapter between GSPs, basinwide monitoring networks, and basinwide subsidence.

All of the Delta-Mendota GSPs agreed to the development of a common chapter and Woodard & Curran is developing a coordinated cost estimate for this work. The Working Group agreed to use the existing CASGEM monitoring program for the next 2 years (until a basinwide monitoring program is developed under the GSPs). The need for a similar program for subsidence and water quality was discussed, along with a discussion regarding how the basinwide monitoring programs will be implemented in the future (e.g. who will be responsible for sampling, how data will be shared and managed). Provost & Pritchard developed and presented maps of subsidence (from USGS and NASA/JPL data) relative to major infrastructure, wells, and subsidence monitoring locations. Additional sources for subsidence data were discussed and will be evaluated by the Working Group.

The basinwide subsidence discussion will be continued at the next in-person meeting on May 15<sup>th</sup>. Basinwide groundwater dependent ecosystems will also be discussed.

##### b. Communication Working Group, Pringle

Leslie Dumas/Woodard & Curran provided an update on the Communications Working Group's recent activities. A logo has been selected for the Northern & Central GSP. Additionally, the 3/4-page fact sheet has been developed for use by the GSPs, along with a notice of the public workshops that will take place in the Delta-Mendota Subbasin in May. Three (3) dates have been selected for May's public workshop: May 14<sup>th</sup> in Los Banos, May 16<sup>th</sup> in Patterson, and May 17<sup>th</sup> in the Tranquillity area. At each public workshop, the GSA members/GSP representative will be on hand to provide information relative their GSP and to lead discussions in breakout groups. SJREC noted that they are already communicating with stakeholders. The Communication Working Group will discuss how to get the message out about the public workshops in May at the next meeting (Monday April 30<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm).

A public meeting was conducted last week in Madera. Most attendees were concerned about cost and how much groundwater they can pump.

#### 5. Groundwater Sustainability Plan Structure and Common Chapter

##### a. Recommendation to Coordination Committee

Leslie explained approach for using a common chapter as the means of 'integrating' the 6 GSPs and demonstrating coordination and provided a draft outline for that chapter. She noted that there were concerns regarding the required stamping of the Basin Setting sections of the GSP and her

conversations with DWR and the State Board of Professional Engineers. How to stamp the Common Chapter was then discussed, including providing a separate signature page and stamps for the Common Chapter.

Discussion followed regarding ES-3, Basinwide Setting for the Common Chapter. Jarrett Martin noted that Ken Schmidt had prepared a report on DM Subbasin with in-depth description of basin hydrogeology from Crows Landing to Mendota (with cross-sections) and suggested that this portion of the Common Chapter should start with this rather than the Groundwater Quality Assessment Reports (GAR). He noted that the GAR is set up for surface discharges and shallow interactions vs. deep groundwater. Leslie noted that the Westside GAR contained a pretty substantial description of the basin hydrogeology that could be integrated with the Ken Schmidt Report. Jarrett then noted that if Ken would be willing to write the basinwide setting section of the Common Chapter, then he could stamp the Common Chapter. It was agreed that Jarrett would ask Ken for a cost estimate for preparing ES-3, Basinwide Setting, and Woodard & Curran would provide an estimate for preparing the whole Common Chapter additionally.

An alternative signing approach was then discussed where, instead of signature page, have stamps on basin setting sections (individual stamps for each GSP Executive Summary (which contains a basin setting description) and a separate stamp for ES-3 for all those who participated in the preparation. Or perhaps do something similar to what you do for plan sets.

The Committee members agreed on the development of Common Chapters for the Delta-Mendota Subbasin GSPs. A consensus on the signature issue was not reached and the Committee agreed to revisit this issue at a later date. A coordinated cost for developing the Common Chapters will be obtained from Woodard & Curran and Ken Schmidt. Each GSP did agree that they will stamp their own Executive Summaries.

6. Update on Draft Coordination Agreement and Cost Share Agreement Final Comments, Akroyd

Andrew Garcia/SLDMWA sent out revised, final versions of the Coordination Agreement and Cost Share Agreement. The Committee was asked if any substantive changes should be made. Each GSP will now take the agreements to each entity's Board of Directors for signing. For both documents, Diane Rathmann and Becca Akroyd tried to revise the signature block to capture the appropriate signer for each GSP and GSA. Each GSA must also sign the agreements and for the multi-agency GSAs, each agency must sign the agreement as well.

The target for executing agreements is July. A second amendment to the Activity Agreement is still pending. For the Cost Share Agreement, the same level of signatures must be obtained as for the Coordination Agreement and will probably be executed concurrently with the Coordination Agreement.

## 7. Update on Prop 1 Grant Award and Agreement

Woodard & Curran has provided 2 cost estimates – one for preparing funding award requirements (e.g. quarterly progress reports) on behalf of a GSP, and one coordinated cost estimate for ‘rolling up’ the GSP documents into a single submittal for DWR. Each GSP has to decide if they want to hand the funding award requirements themselves or if they’d like Woodard & Curran to handle their requirements on their behalf. If the latter, the related costs would be managed through SLDMWA’s contract with Woodard & Curran.

The ability to request advance payments was also discussed. The GSPs agreed that the Category 2 grant funds would be via reimbursement to each project sponsor. Leslie noted that, once the funding agreement was executed, each GSP could prepare an invoice and progress report for funds spent since July 1, 2017, and then subsequently funding would be reimbursed via subsequent invoicing. The Committee agreed not to request advanced pay for the Category 2 projects. The Committee also agreed to submit an advanced fund request for Category 1 projects.

## 8. Next Steps

- Finalize and execute the Coordination Agreement and Cost Sharing Agreement
- Determine method for stamping the Common Chapter
- Determine the cost associated with preparing the Common Chapter and obtain estimates
- Determine, by GSP, who will be responsible for preparing documents to meet the funding agreement requirements

## 9. Adjourn

Leslie Dumas/Woodard & Curran adjourned the Coordination Committee meeting at approximately 2:50 p.m.