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## Five Local Water Agencies Join Years-Long Effort to Help Recover Salmon While Protecting Water Reliability

*From the Natural Resources Agency:*



Five more local water agencies have signed onto an agreement to provide water flows and new habitat to help improve conditions in the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta watershed, adding momentum to the state's plan to adapt to a new climate reality.

In March, leaders of state, federal and local agencies announced a memorandum of understanding (MOU) outlining terms for a transformational eight-year program to provide substantial new flows for the environment to help recover salmon and other native fish, create new and restored habitat for fish and wildlife, and provide significant funding for environmental improvements and water purchases.

The five new signatories – East Bay Municipal Utility District, Solano County Water Agency, Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority, Friant Water Authority, and San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority – join dozens of local agencies that have volunteered to implement actions and contribute funding to integrate additional water flows with the physical landscape to help improve habitat for native fish in the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta watershed.

“We’re excited to see more local water suppliers join this urgent effort to help adapt to a hotter and drier future,” California Secretary for Natural Resources Wade Crowfoot said. “This approach holds the promise to improve environmental conditions more quickly and holistically than the traditional regulatory process, while improving water reliability to communities, farms and businesses. We are making progress, with a lot of work still ahead.”

The state has been actively working since 2016 with local water agencies that voluntarily came together to develop enforceable agreements that provide additional river flows and new habitat to help change the trajectory of declining native fish species. Following the release of a framework document in February 2020, that has been known as the “Voluntary Agreements,” state and local agencies have continued to refine elements of agreements that would enable adaptive, holistic management and deliver environmental improvements more quickly than a regulatory proceeding.

As part of that work, state, federal and local agencies already are coordinating across watersheds to secure funding sources and permits for priority habitat projects and create new pathways to enable project implementation. For example, work expanded in

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2022 on a roughly 18,000-acre program in the Sacramento Valley to determine optimal conditions to use flooded farmlands to create food for fish and transport it to migrating juvenile salmon in the river.

Three other projects are currently underway on the American and Yuba rivers to expand suitable salmon spawning habitats, increase floodplain and riparian habitats, and improve the natural river morphology. Many more such projects are planned for ground-breaking in 2023 and 2024.

In addition to that collaborative work, state agencies recently broke ground on three large tidal wetlands projects in the northern Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and Suisun Marsh. When completed, the projects – Lookout Slough, Bradmoor Island, and Arnold Slough – will restore more than 3,600 acres of wetlands and support recovery of native fish species.

“The evidence is clear that climate change is wreaking havoc with California’s natural systems and water supplies,” California Secretary for Environmental Protection Jared Blumenfeld said. “Critical species such as salmon cannot wait for long regulatory processes to play out. These collaborative agreements are meant to speed up the delivery of needed water and habitat to help California adapt and thrive.”

The State Water Resources Control Board is in the process of updating its legally required Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan to protect native fish, wildlife and other “beneficial uses” of water, including municipal, domestic and agricultural water supplies.

The MOU seeks to meet those objectives through an integrated program that restores habitat, secures new flows for the environment above existing regulatory requirements, expands funding for environmental improvements and water purchases, and establishes a new, collaborative science program to monitor environmental conditions and adapt management over time.

Water agencies in the Bay-Delta watershed that do not sign onto the approach outlined in the MOU will need to comply with regulatory requirements established by the State Water Board.

Implementation of the agreements outlined in the MOU is estimated to cost \$2.6 billion, to be shared by water users and the state and federal governments. Water agencies will self-assess fees to support implementation of the voluntary agreements. Water users and the state will make flows available through a combination of reduced diversions, year-by-year purchases of water, long-term or permanent purchase of water, and voluntary fallowing of agricultural or pasture lands

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# MEMORANDUM

TO: SLDMWA Board of Directors, Alternates

FROM: John Brodie, Water Resource Programs Manager  
Joe McGahan, Regional Drainage/Westside Watershed Coalition Coordinator

DATE: August 4, 2022

RE: Activity Agreements – Staff Report for July 2022

This memorandum serves as the Staff Report for July 2022 regarding specified<sup>1</sup> Water Authority activities not separately addressed on the Board meeting agenda.

**1. Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Activity Summary**

**General Westside-San Joaquin Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP)**

A total of three projects from the Westside San Joaquin IRWM Region will be submitted for consideration by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) for potential funding from the Proposition 1 Round 2 IRWM Implementation Grant Program. Under a previous Cooperative Agreement, a project in the San Joaquin River Funding Area (SJRFA) is eligible for the remainder of the funding amount available in Proposition 1 IRWM funding, or approximately \$950,000.00. The development of a Decision Support Tool for the Del Puerto Canyon Reservoir Project was selected to move forward. There is no such cooperative funding agreement in the Tulare-Kern Funding Area (TKFA) and all applications will be competitively analyzed by DWR for the remaining funding for that Funding Area. Two projects from Westlands Water District will compete with projects from the TKFA’s seven other IRWM regions.

Staff continues to collect information about the work of irrigation and water districts in the Westside San Joaquin Region on how they are engaging with Disadvantaged Communities (DACs). The development of tailored funding matrices to help DACs be ready for future grant and other funding opportunities will be guided by work already accomplished and leveraging established relationships.

Staff continues to take part in meetings and webinars including meetings with other IRWM groups in the two funding areas the WSJ IRWM region is a part of, the IRWM Roundtable of Regions (ROR), and the IRWM ROR Disadvantaged Communities and Tribal Working Group.

<sup>1</sup> For the sake of completeness, this includes those Activity Agreements that have been approved by the Board of Directors, but not yet signed by all interested members and/or participants (i.e., the Los Vaqueros Expansion Project Activity Agreement, the Exchange Contractors 2019-2023 Transfer Program Activity Agreement, and the Westside-San Joaquin Integrated Regional Water Management Activity Agreement).

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## 2. Sustainable Groundwater Management Activity (SGMA) Activity Summary

### **Coordinated Activities**

All six amended Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs) for the Delta-Mendota Subbasin were submitted to DWR by the July 20, 2022 response deadline. The 23 GSAs in the Subbasin had six months to respond to DWR's determination of the GSPs as "incomplete" in late January. In its letter, the Department detailed four "deficiencies" and identified recommended corrective actions.

Each of the 23 GSAs formally adopted the amended plans after public hearings that were held from late June through mid-July. DWR posted the six GSPs to the SGMA portal, and have opened a 60-day comment period on each. DWR is unclear on when it will complete review and either approve the amended plans or deem the plans as "inadequate," which would trigger State Water Board intervention.

GSAs are in the process of collecting water quality monitoring data from Representative Monitoring Network Wells in the Subbasin. The information will be stored in the Subbasin's data management system and uploaded to DWR's SGMA Portal. Water Quality monitoring must be completed by the end of August. Fall groundwater level monitoring will begin September 1, 2022.

### **General SGMA Activities**

DWR is working with Del Puerto Water District on a grant agreement for \$7.6 million dollars in grant funds from DWR's SGMA Round 1 Implementation Grant Program. Del Puerto Water District served as the lead applicant on behalf of the Subbasin. The funds will be used for projects and activities including water recharge and enhancement, installation of monitoring equipment and sites, studies, and completing revisions to "incomplete" GSPs and the 5 year GSP updates.

## 3. Drainage Activity Summary

### **Grassland Basin Drainage Management Steering Committee Activity Summary**

- *Mud Slough Restoration Project*  
Review issues with CDFW. Follow up discussions to be held.
- *Grassland Water District Monitoring Wells*  
A total of 10 observation wells are planned to be installed to monitor groundwater levels and quality within the San Joaquin River Improvement Project and in a portion of Grassland Water District to the north. To date, five of the observation wells have been installed. The remaining five were delayed due to permitting issues from Merced County and landowner issues, which are in the process of being addressed.
- *Compliance Monitoring*  
Work is continuing to comply with the monitoring requirement of the 2019 Revised WDRs and with the December 2019 Use Agreement. This monitoring includes particulate

sediment and fish collection and analysis to continue to analyze possible impacts of very infrequent discharge from the Grassland Bypass Project to Mud Slough and the San Joaquin River.

- *Other ongoing activities*

Continue to review GBD invoices, prepare annual monitoring reports, support for ongoing litigation and data management and management of the Third Party Group for the Grassland Drainage Area Coalition to implement the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program. Work includes participation in activities for groundwater protection values.

### **San Joaquin Valley Drainage Authority Activity Summary**

- *General*

Continue management of the Westside San Joaquin River Watershed Coalition to comply with the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program. Distribute by mail paperwork requirements for 2021 reporting year. Follow up calls and emails were answered to assist farmers in completing their paperwork requirements. Manage field monitoring program and provide update of the management plan to the Regional Board. Review invoices from consultants and prepare letters to admin staff. Continue to update membership database. Enter farmer evaluation and nitrogen summary reports into coalition database. Meet with members to answer program questions. Preparation of membership database for submittal to Regional Board by July 30.

- *Groundwater Protection Formula, Values and Targets*

Coalitions are developing a methodology to establish nitrogen loading values and targets as required by the WDRs. The coalitions have calculated current values by township (36 square miles) and will propose interim targets and longer-term final targets for each township. If a township does not meet the approved GWP Targets, Coalitions will need to amend their Groundwater Quality Management Plan to include new management practices designed to meet the township's GWP Target. If a Coalition has elected to comply with the state's Nitrogen Permitting Strategy through the Management Zone alternative, the Coalition will have significantly more time to meet final GWP Targets. Reviewing drafts that are being developed for submittal in July.

- *Management Zones*

The Central Valley Basin Plan's Nitrate Permitting Strategy divided the Central Valley into Priority 1, Priority 2 and non-Prioritized basins. The Westside Coalition is in Priority 2. Priority 1 basins have developed and begun to implement their nitrate programs. The Regional Board is expected to issue notices to comply to Priority 2 basins in early 2023. The Westside San Joaquin River Watershed Coalition is in a Priority 2 basin and therefore is expected to receive a Notice to Comply from the Regional Board in 2023. The Westside Coalition is working to develop a plan to help form a Management Zone to comply with the requirements. The Management Zone will incorporate all dischargers of nitrate to groundwater, including municipal wastewater plants, dairies and industrial dischargers.

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The Management Zone will need to identify domestic wells that are high in nitrate and develop and plan to provide alternative water.

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# DELTA - MENDOTA SGMA

## Delta-Mendota Subbasin Coordination Committee Meeting

Monday August 8, 2022, 9:30 AM

### AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order/Roll Call
- 2. Committee to Consider Corrections or Additions to the Agenda of Items, as authorized by Government Code Section 54950 et seq.
- 3. Opportunity for Public Comment

#### Closed Session

- 4. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation

The Committee will meet in closed session to confer with legal counsel pursuant to Paragraphs 1 of Subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9.

*California Sportfishing Protection Alliance v. All Persons Interested in the Matter of the Validity of the Northern and Central Delta-Mendota Regions Groundwater Sustainability Plan, et al., Stanislaus County Superior Court, Case No. CV-20-001748, Merced County Superior Court, Case No. 21CV-01691.*

#### Open Session

- 5. Report out of Closed Session

#### Consent Calendar

- 6. Committee to Review and Take Action on Consent Calendar
  - a. Meeting Minutes
    - i. June 15, 2022 Joint Technical Working Group and Delta-Mendota Coordination Committee Special Meeting
    - ii. June 20, 2022 Joint Delta Mendota Coordination Committee, Northern Delta-Mendota Region Management Committee, Central Delta-Mendota Region Management Committee, and Central GSA Special Meeting
  - b. Budget
    - i. May 2022 Budget to Actual Report
    - ii. GSP Revision Expenses

Action Items

7. Committee to Consider Approval of Special Projects Agreement for the SGMA Round 1 Grant Administration Expenses, Brodie

Report Items

8. Committee to Discuss GSP Implementation Activities, Brodie
9. Overview of Potential Funding Opportunities, Brodie
10. Committee to Evaluate GSP Revision Process, Martin
11. Committee to Discuss Future Meeting Dates, Brodie
12. Next Steps
13. Reports Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(a)(3)
14. ADJOURNMENT

Persons with a disability may request disability-related modification or accommodation by contacting Cheri Worthy at the Water Authority, 842 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Los Banos, CA 93635, and telephone: (209) 826-9696 at least 3 days for regular or 1 day for special before the meeting date.



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

Wednesday, June 15, 2022, 8:00 AM

SLDMWA Boardroom, 842 6<sup>th</sup> 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 - Wolfsen, Inc.\*  
Tim Chow\*  
Olivia Holmes\*  
Kristina Hambley\*  
Nav Athwal\*  
Barbara Brenner\*

\* Denotes telephonic/Zoom participation.

I. 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.

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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 – Wolfsen, Inc.\*  
D. Gosling\*  
Olivia Holmes\*  
Kristina Hambley\*

\* Denotes telephonic/Zoom participation.

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/Stanislaus 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/SICC 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.

