

Director Simpson requested staff send an updated roster of the DREAM Monitoring Committee.

7. Approve Extension of Time to Complete the DREAM Project:

The committee discussed approving the extension of time to complete the DREAM Project as the project should have included 1,000-acre feet of water recharged and 500-acre feet of that volume recovered for EBMUD. The numbers so far are significantly lower than anticipated.

A motion was moved by Director Simpson and seconded by Director Watkins to approve extension of time to complete the project. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Approve Additional Acres to be used for In-lieu Recharge for DREAM project:

The committee discussed adding 290 acres of additional land to be included in the project to expedite groundwater banking. The extraction rate will remain the same. EBMUD loses a portion of their banked water each year it is not removed.

Director Simpson inquired if the area outlined in red on the staff report is where additional acreage will be added. NSJWCD Legal Counsel Spaletta confirmed.

Director Watkins inquired if there is a conflict of interest for landowner representative Robert Caffese, as Mr. Caffese owns land within the expanded area. NSJWCD Legal Counsel Spaletta responded stating there may be a need to replace Mr. Caffese on the monitoring committee. Director Simpson recommended Denise Warmerdam as a potential candidate.

SJC Water Resources Manager Zidar inquired when the next extraction is scheduled to take place. NSJWCD Legal Counsel Spaletta responded October. The pipeline is being replaced and the construction scheduled is being modified to maximize the use of surface water in 2024-2025. EBMUD Assistant Civil Engineer Su added it is possible to have the next extraction take place in 2023-2024, however the goal is to finish the project as plan, adding the extraction would take about four months.

A motion was moved by Director Colombini and seconded by Director Watkins to approve adding approximately 290 acres of additional land to be included in the project. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Agenda Planning for next Meeting: The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 13, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.

10. Adjournment: Director McGurk adjourned the meeting at 3:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Justin Hopkins
Secretary