

CV-SALTS Executive Committee
Thursday, May 31, 2010 1:30pm to 3:30pm

Attendees: See [Membership Roster](#) for attendance.

Executive Committee Chair Mona Shulman called the meeting to order at 1:35 followed by introductions of all present in-house and on teleconference.

1. Welcome, Introductions, Agenda Review, Approve Consent Calendar

- a. Review/Approve [April 21, 2010 Executive Committee Notes](#)

Ken Landau's name was spelled incorrectly. NPDS should be NPDES program. UC David should be UC Davis.

Motion to approve; seconded with corrections: David; approved.

- b. Circulate the Committee [Membership Roster](#) for sign-in

2. Upper San Joaquin Salt and Boron Basin Planning Study

- a. Background and history – Regional Board and State Board

At the last exec committee meeting, the committee asked for volunteers for form a steering committee to put together recommendations to the Exec committee to address the Regional Board's request for CV-SALTS to take on the upstream San Joaquin River salt and boron beneficial use and objectives study and working the policy and science to develop a basin plan amendment that would address those issues.

The subcommittee presented the Executive committee members with the results of their deliberations, which was a conditional recommendation that under the memorandum of agreement that has been signed, the effort to produce the information needed would be transferred to CV-SALTS and Central Valley Salinity Coalition. The conditions are in an attachment, and summarized below.

- 1) The Regional Board continues participation in the process.
- 2) The Regional and State Board expedite and provide funding towards this work
- 3) The Regional Board has been working on this for a while and the committee wants to make sure that information is transferred over
- 4) The Regional Board will support the acquisition of data from parties
- 5) The Regional Board through connections with the State Board can help with CEQA
- 6) All parties will act in coordination to implement the efforts on the schedule developed and approved by the CV-SALTS executive committee and CVSC.
- 7) Project studies will include the implementation planning for long-term implementation efforts
- 8) Implementation plan will include cost and funding sources for the implementation efforts.

9) Creation and appointment of a new standing committee for CV-SALTS – the Upper San Joaquin River Committee – that would report back to the executive committee, and focus on the Upper San Joaquin work and follow it through.

Question about whether or not similar committee action would be taken for the Tulare Lake Basin and the Sacramento Basin. Daniel Cozad responded that this will become a model for dealing with or not dealing with the other Basins.

Karna Harrigfeld suggested having key go-to people for communication and information between the Regional and State Board. Daniel Cozad replied that Rudy is usually that person with the Regional Board and Mark Gowdy is the connection with the State Board.

- b. Area prioritization for surface and groundwater bodies
- c. Approve Steering Subcommittee [Conditional Recommendation](#)

Mona asked whether or not the State Board had asked the Regional Board to accomplish this within a certain amount of time and, if so, will that require more coordination with the State Board to officially make this part of the CV-SALTS effort, and what would happen if the deadline was not met. Karna Harrigfeld responded that the State Board has been directing the regional board to do it since 1985. In the most recent Water Quality Control Plan the State Board once again instructed the Regional Board to come up with upstream objectives. One part of the State Board's strategic plan was to continue to move forward with upstream objectives and the Regional Board came out with a proposed timeline and their goal was the first quarter of 2012. This process should not completely derail the Regional Board effort. CV-SALTS should actually expedite their efforts.

Karna Harrigfeld agreed with Dennis Westcot that it needs to be done in coordination with the modeling that has been done for the Vernalis effort.

Part of the effort with the State Board was that we would have some early demonstration, a product we can show how well this process works. One of the reasons for putting it under the CV-SALTS activities would be to move it up so there is a way to show effectiveness.

Daniel Cozad confirmed that the subcommittee members wanted to accelerate these efforts and keep the efforts parallel with the CV-SALTS.

Mona asked further about what happens when the implementation plan goes into effect; does the monitoring go back to the regional board? Will the committee end at that time? Daniel Cozad responded that the subcommittee would expand the efforts of the implementation plan and be involved directly with the people who would be implementing the implementation plan. The implementation plan would say who would do the monitoring, who would do the projects and none of this changes the Regional Boards legal regulatory requirements, it's just the way they go about doing it. Hopefully, this will engage the right people to get it done.

Pamela Creedon reminded the committee that CV-SALTS' primary objective is a basin plan amendment and that these measures are implemented through the basin plan. CV-SALTS' authority will not go away. Eventually, CV-SALTS will go to the State Board and show what they've found.

Daniel Cozad asserted that the reason that implementation plan be as specific as possible in the basin plan amendment because in the Santa Ana area is the concern about the rogue agency that signs up and doesn't do anything. In the end, there needs to be accountability for those agencies who promised to do something.

Motion by Dave Cory to approve the steering committee's conditional recommendations for forming the Upper San Joaquin River Committee; seconded by Dr. Karl Longley; Abstention - Dennis Westcot

- d. Appoint San Joaquin River Upstream Committee – Set kickoff meeting date

There was an agreement to call the new committee the Lower San Joaquin River Committee. Rudy reported that the State Board has allocated funds to support division of water rights and to the Central Valley Water Board for support of salinity related work in the South Delta and lower San Joaquin River so this project does come with funding. Rudy asked for the committee's opinion about adding the Upper San Joaquin River work to that existing contract in agreement with the Drainage Authority. If the Executive Committee agrees to pursue that now rather than waiting until the committee meets. There could be up to \$750,000 available.

Committee members agreed that Rudy approach the Drainage Authority on Regional Contract money going into the existing contract for Lower San Joaquin River agreement for the Upper San Joaquin River work and coordinate with the State Board for funding.

Motion to create Lower San Joaquin River Committee by Trudi Hughes; seconded by Debbie Webster, motion passed.

Members to be:

1. Dennis Westcot
2. David Cory
3. Parry Klassen
4. Karna Harrigfeld
5. Lisa Holm
6. Mona Shulman
7. Jose Faria
8. Debbie Webster
9. Bobbi Larson
10. Mark Gowdy
11. Rudy Schnagl
12. Daniel Cozad

First meeting to be June 3, 2010 at 10:00 in Modesto, Parry Klassen to arrange a room.

3. Progress Criteria Milestones for 2010 from Regional Board

a. Discuss Executive Committee items from the list

In 2009, CV-SALTS received a list of items from the Regional Board that they wanted to see as a demonstration of adequate progress to continue CV-SALTS, rather than the traditional Basin Plan process. Executive Committee members were presented with a list of work items listed including which group within CV-SALTS is responsible for it, and anticipated deadline.

Item 1 – Continue and complete work activities from 2009

Items 2 and on are new activities and are assigned to the Technical Committee. Item 7 and beyond is assigned to a subcommittee of the Technical Committee. Many of the items are divided into a, b, and c which are the subprocesses CV-SALTS is going to work on to complete the task.

Items 17, 19, 20, 9, 21 the committee felt would be better addressed once the work on the BUOS Phase 1 is completed and the lessons learned report. Those are to be scoped and developed in the process.

The items assigned to the executive committee are:

Item 3 – continue to update the program coordination matrix, with input from the technical committee

Item 12 – In-kind contribution and identifying those by the technical committee

Item 13 – Develop a plan to solicit meaningful stakeholder input (public education outreach and policy) - identifying disadvantage community representatives.

- Annual leadership group meeting
- A number items are split between TAC and Executive Committee

Some of these have a projected timeline of beyond 2010.

Karna Harrigfeld asked to confirm that the new work on the Lower SJR Committee will be added to the list.

b. Technical Committee Work Plan approval (to be updated by Subcommittee)

Motion to approve progress milestones for 2010 by Dr. Karl Longley; Seconded by Lisa Holm - passed

4. Policy and Actions discuss Overall Approach (UPDATE)

Karna Harrigfeld suggested that package pg 17, under #4 should be reworded to say “planning solutions MAY affect land use.” It should not say “we compensate land owners.” Should say “Planning solutions MAY affect land use these impacts need to be accounted for” or “factored in.”

Pamela Creedon commented that the “over arching the entire effort” paragraph should be removed. Instead, the relevant concepts should be added in where they belong.

Comment regarding package pg 19 – the general principles – wondered if CV-SALTS was prepared to get into the details on those. Suggested the statement be reworded to say “in terms of our planning, we would agree collectively to prioritize activities that have multiple benefits” to get at the concept of what benefit comes from the allocation.

Comment that short definitions be added to some of the technical terms, and full names should be used to introduce salinity concepts. Comment that the overall objectives need a little more fleshing out and needs to be more narrative and in layman’s terms.

Daniel Cozad suggested that the Regional Board and State Board help fill in the gaps between policy and actions. Pamela Creedon suggested that the document contain a preamble that describes the purpose of the document, its intended use. Lisa suggested that the items be related back to the Basin Plan. Parry Klassen suggested that some of the information should be formatted as a FAQ sheet for education purposes.

Agreement that there is value in the document, but edits are needed and should be aligned with the Regional and State Board. Mona agreed with the idea of a preamble as to the purpose of the document and discussion with Rudy and Joe for their input, and would revise the document according to suggestions.

5. Funding and Fundraising for CV-SALTS workplan (Daniel Cozad)

- a. [Projects List & Grant Funding](#) subcommittee to meet 5/14/10 9:00 AM

Daniel Cozad asked for more volunteers to attend the call.

6. Coordination of Programs with Committees for approval/policy

- a. From the Technical Committee [BMP Review Template](#) (June)
- b. Recycled Water Policy Salt & Nutrient Management Plan compliance (June)
- c. Salt and Nitrate Pilot Study Lessons Learned / Next Steps (June)

7. Receive Reports and Recommended Actions from Economic and Social Cost, Technical, and Public Education and Outreach Committees (Chairs)

- a. Updates from subcommittees (BMP, Pilot Lessons, BUOS P-1, Funding, USJR)

Econ-TAC - Lisa reported that in addition to the Technical Committee progress milestone list, Daniel Cozad will compile a list of who is on what committees and the description of what the ad-hoc committees are working on. Daniel Cozad will be compiling a list of those areas where existing beneficial use and objectives are causing conflicts or are inappropriately assigned – suggestions taken until June 1. Lessons Learned committee which is a group of people who

will help us know what to do with the information from the study. The subcommittee will have a draft report in July.

PEOC - Joe reported that the workshops were generally successful and thanked those who volunteered. There was good discussion about the topics presented. Comments and records are still being reviewed. Both workshops had about 60 people. The group in Woodland was made up of people who were involved in salinity management. The group in Tulare was made up of a broader spectrum of people (agricultural producers) – there were about 90 names that were not previously on the list. About 600 invitations were mailed out. About 12,000 emails were sent out. There was outreach to the media. The deadline for written responses is May 31.

b. Phase 1 BUOS work ongoing

Next project committee meeting is May 26 at Kennedy Jenks. There may be some data requests come back to the Executive Committee from the consultants.

c. Leadership Group designation letters and accomplishments

Daniel Cozad requested that those involved in the leadership of CV-SALTS to identify who is going to represent their groups at the meeting on September 29. Letters will go out the end of May.

d. Other issues from Co-Chairs

Rene was interviewed by a reporter from the Center of Investigative Reporting about salt. The reporter said the article would be out by the 14th or 15th – KQED?

8. Next Meeting June 10, 2010 – Final [2010 Calendar](#)

9. Adjourned

Supplementary Materials

Below are the links to the subject staff report and the appendices (control alternatives), to which you requested Rudy for. If you have any questions please send me an e-mail or call me at 916-464-4636.

Emily Alejandrino

Staff Report -

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/tmdl/central_valley_projects/vernal盐_boron/staffreportdec04.pdf

Control Alternatives -

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/tmdl/central_valley_projects/vernal盐_boron/appendix234.pdf