

CV-SALTS Executive Committee
Thursday, June 10, 2010 1:30pm to 3:30pm

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

Executive Committee Vice-Chair Linda Dorn 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 [May 13, 2010](#) meeting notes

Motion to approve by David Cory; Seconded by Debbie Webster including changing appropriate Upper San Joaquin to Lower San Joaquin; Carried/Approved

- b. The Committee [Membership Roster](#) was circulated for sign-in
- c. The CV-SALTS fully executed [MOU](#), is posted and Leadership Group Designation Letters will go out next week. Both are available on the website.
- d. Daniel Cozad very quickly reviewed the [Accomplishments](#) Update for the committee

2. Upper San Joaquin Salt and Boron Basin Planning Study

- a. Review Luce Environmental Science Fellowship Proposal

Technical Advisory Committee recommended approval of the proposal, which asks the UC Luce Fellowship to work on management alternatives review for efficiency and applicability so that it would not interfere with what CV-SALTS needs to be working on in between. If it is approved it will be submitted tomorrow. Changes to the text from the Technical Committee include a liaison committee addition and typographical corrections.

Motion for approval with the appropriate changes; Debbie Webster and seconded by David Cory; Motion Approved

- b. Approve Tim Johnson and Parry Klassen Co-Chairs (interim) for funding and fundraising subcommittee.

Motion to approve Tim Johnson and Parry Klassen; Debbie Webster Seconded by David Cory; Motion Approved

- c. [Notes, Approach and Fundraising Plan](#)

The committee had determined that the first job is to write a convincing vision for CV-SALTS vision of the future instead of asking for money for a basin plan amendment. Selling a vision of what the amendment would accomplish and enable, and solutions that it would bring would be easier to sell and resonate with people. Some efforts have been circulated and more work is needed on that.

The second job is to get the money. One major area where money may be available is through USDA. Tim Johnson proposed to the subcommittee that CV-SALTS should hire a federal lobbyist for without it the chances of getting significant funding would be slim. He was going to find out what the cost for

such efforts may be and what potential there would be for funding for CV-SALTS. Tim Schmeltzer also knew of people that he was going to investigate.

3. Lower San Joaquin River Committee Kickoff Update

- a. The Committee selected and recommends the Executive Committee approve Dennis Westcot and David Cory as co-chairs of the committee.

Motion for Dennis Westcot and David Cory to be Co-Chairs; Debbie Webster Seconded; Parry Klassen; the motion was approved

A brief update on the following areas was provided because most members were in the technical committee and heard a more detailed update. (see the Economic and Technical Committee notes)

- b. Participants, study area, scope and efforts discussions
- c. Next committee meeting July 26, 2010 in Modesto
- d. Background meeting with RWQCB June 30, 2010 9:30 to 4:30

4. [Progress Criteria Milestones](#) Update (Daniel)

- a. [DAC Representation and Outreach Plan](#)

The committee was presented with a draft of the document for reaching disadvantaged communities which includes current efforts, such as coordination and quarterly call with environmental groups to keep them informed of what's going on and gather feedback. One of the next steps is to identify resource-limited groups and then engage them. CVSC has forwarded the draft to the Environmental Justice Groups to start the review and recommendations.

Daniel included a task list: group identification, engagement needs, interest inventory, setting engagement expectations. Material translation into other language, summarize technical information to improve communication.

Technical assistance for the groups may be necessary to help address a particular need that they need to understand and provide feedback on. Depending on the needs, financial assistance may be needed for participation in meetings.

Daniel asked for comments and thoughts from the committee members on the document. It was suggested that Daniel talk to Karl. Suggestion to contact Gita at the State Board and have them serve as a liaison and be the contact person between CV-SALTS and the disadvantaged communities.

Gail mentioned that the State Board has a definition of disadvantage communities and that it would be a good place to start. There are 300 tribes that could be talked to. Each of the IRWM's in the area includes disadvantaged communities.

A participant suggested a matching program may be appropriate, that 25-50% of any financial assistance may be provided through grants or in-kind, but in addition to work to ensure that they are finding grants or sources of funding for them to participate in the program as well. Make it an incentive to participate. Perhaps pay for their travel expenses so they can attend meetings.

Daniel will follow-up on the suggestions and also ask the executive committee members for other community suggestions and present the revised list to the committee at the next meeting.

- b. Discuss [Admin and PM Tasks](#) and In-Kind Support and Tracking

Daniel presented committee members with a list of tasks that are susceptible or likely to be done by in-kind contribution. The idea is that a committee member knows someone who does website development or runs an email database for example that could help CV-SALTS. There is an increasing need for a project manager to manage one of the projects even on a part-time basis.

Parry Klassen volunteered their web guy might be able to help and would approach him. Pamela Creedon suggested that the Regional Board should do records management, as she felt this is the start of the administrative record.

- c. Discuss IRWM Coordination and SWP Salinity Section

Daniel and Karl were chatting with Kamyar at ACWA and Daniel suggested that they work together to distribute this document to integrated water management groups. Daniel received 500 of these documents it looks at the state water plan and is very informative about salinity management. It provides a nice overview of salinity in general, how it's an issue, where it fits in, and underscores the requirement that the integrated regional water management plan address salinity in their process. One of the resource management strategies that is required for their program to be approved.

Daniel suggested that these documents be mailed out to the IRWM groups. The goal is to communicate and engage with the IRWM groups, is for the first time salinity management is a resource management strategy they must consider in their plan and we want to talk with them about how they interact with CV-SALTS as they go ahead.

The document is new information that has not been presented in previous water plan efforts.

Daniel suggested that Lou Moller's document identifying the water quality issues in the Water Plan be included with it, which gives an index to every area that deals with water quality as a companion document. It would show that DWR recognizes that water quality is essential to water supply and availability of reliable water.

Daniel wanted the committee members to know that they were available for distribution to get people interested, including ways of funding.

**Daniel is to identify the package and prepare to send to the IRMW Groups.
It was suggested that copies be provided to the Leadership Group in September.**

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

Suggestion was made that the description of the committees be included on the website so people can decide if they want to get involved.

Karna suggested that even though the Lower San Joaquin is a Standing Committee it should still be tracked on the subcommittee list. And that there be tracking of the meeting dates on the schedule is on one sheet, because they meet on a different day than all the other committees.

The Technical committee discussed data and data management for which Daniel took an action to try to structure that better and present it to the committee.

- a. Updates from [Active Subcommittees](#)
 - i. [BMP Subcommittee Agenda](#)
 - ii. [Pilot Lessons Learned](#)
 - iii. [Phase 1 BUOS Subcommittee Update](#)
- b. PEO Committee Outreach Workshops Update

Joe DiGiorgio talked to California Water Environment Association on Tuesday night and will provide a copy of his PowerPoint for posting. The PEO Committee was taking the comments from the workshops and distilling them into a narrative broken up by several stakeholders' views. The document is being worked on and should be ready for the next meeting.

6. Coordination of Programs and Subcommittees for approval/policy

- a. Recycled Water Policy Salt & Nutrient Management presentation (July)

The State Board has been requested to present to the Executive Committee to coordinate with the CV-SALTS programs. CVSC requested Ken Harris of the State Board to present on the Recycled Water Policy to provide an update, to explain how that program and CV-SALTS were coming together. Some work has also been done in the San Diego area too. CVSC has requested a presentation from the State Board in July.

7. Policy and Actions discuss [Overall Approach](#)

Mona Shulman provided an update based on the comments she's received and asked that this item be carried over to July when she could attend the meeting.

8. Next Meeting July 15, 2010 – Final [2010 Calendar](#)

The July meetings will now occur at the offices of the Bureau of Reclamation on Cottage Way in Sacramento.

Karna suggested that a roster be posted somewhere that includes emails and phone numbers for participants who allow their email and phone numbers to be published.

9. Adjourned