

CV-SALTS Executive Committee Meeting

October 20, 2011 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM

Sacramento Regional Sanitation District Offices – Sunset Maple Room

Attendees are listed on the Membership Roster

AGENDA

1) Welcome and Introductions Chair

- Meeting was brought to order by Chair Parry Klassen, and roll call was completed.
- Paul Martin moved to approve, and Nigel Quinn seconded, and by general acclamation the September 15, 2011 meeting action notes were approved.

2) Review Expected Outcomes for October 20, 2011 Session

- The morning session began with a discussion led by Rik Rasmussen on work being done at the state level on nutrient numeric endpoint protocols. Policy development is in the beginning stages. Three Beneficial Use Risk Categories (1,2, &3) were developed 5 years ago. They currently have a contract with US EPA to go forward on 5 case studies, with an estimated time for completion of approximately 18 months. Parry Klassen requested that the Executive Committee receive periodic updates on the status of this project.
- Tim Moore reviewed expected outcomes for the session: Finalize selection of “obvious and uncontroversial” examples of waterbodies for designation, classification and sub-classification of the MUN use; the level of effort to necessary to accomplish that; and determination of affordability. The committee will move to the consideration of objectives with the November 17th policy session.

3) Review and Discuss Scopes for Previously Identified Archetypes

- Michael Steiger and Andy Safford reviewed for the committee the background work completed on the previously nominated waterbodies and communities of:
 - Live Oak
 - Biggs
 - Willows
 - Butte Slough
 - Colusa
 - Tulare Lake Bed
 - Communities of: Hillmar, Ripon, and Lemon Cove
- Butte Slough was withdrawn due to lack of MUN designation.
- Two summary tables were presented to the committee for decision-making purposes, outlining proposed generalized tasks and potential cost ranges per task. Based on the cost estimates the committee felt it was necessary to prioritize the selected waterbodies of Live Oak, Biggs, and Willows.
- To avoid false starts and costly revisions, and yield a more cost effective process, Tom Grovhoug recommended an early strategic evaluation of the potential consequences of the dedesignations, followed by a meeting among key regulatory agencies.
- Jeanne Chilcott advised the committee that there had been a reallocation of staff resources at the last Regional Board Meeting, and there were now 4 personnel assigned to CV-SALTS efforts.

4) Summarize additional Nominated Waterbodies for MUN and AGR

- No additional waterbodies were nominated.

5) Discuss and Approve Archetypical Examples for MUN and AGR

- The PM session began with Michael Steiger reviewing ideas generated for opportunities for CV-SALTS involvement in the communities of Lemon Cove, Hillmar, Seville and Ripon. Pamela Creedon reminded the committee that nothing could be presented to the board called a Salt and Nitrate Management Plan that did not have an approach to address communities that are polluted. Daniel Cozad will draft a framework that addresses both the short term and long term solutions needed to address these issues in the management plan.
- It was generally agreed that the committee could provide certain technical assistance for grant applications in these disadvantaged communities. Tim Moore reiterated that they became successful in Santa Ana when they tied the planning process to the grant application process.
- After a discussion on the Tulare Lake Bed it was decided that Richard Meyerhoff would work with Regional Board Staff and Tulare Lake Drainage District in development of that work plan and formulation of policy issues.
- To facilitate prioritization of the surface water archetypes, a subcommittee was formed consisting of: Debbie Webster, David Cory, Tess Dunham, Tom Grovhoug and Roberta Tassey.
- Tim Moore closed the meeting with a preliminary discussion on objectives. He referred back to the morning's opening discussion on nutrient standards, and indicated he thought it was almost pointless to spend any time on nitrate objectives. As a result he asked the committee's permission to set aside nitrate objectives and focus next on salinity.

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