

San Joaquin River Upstream Salt and Boron Beneficial Use and Objective Study

Steering Committee Recommendation

The Upstream San Joaquin River Steering Committee recommends the CV-SALTS Executive Committee conditionally accept the transfer of the Project Studies to develop science and policy required to modify the basin plan, into a program of CV-SALTS under the MOA with the Central Valley Salinity Coalition (CVSC).

The Upstream San Joaquin River Steering Committee recommends the following conditions to the transfer:

1. The Regional Board actively and continuously participates in the studies and policy development
2. The Regional and State Board expedite funding allocated by the State Board to support this work through CVSC
3. The Regional Board will make available all materials and documents to CV-SALTS and with support from staff to document past work as needed
4. The Regional Board will support efforts to acquire data from parties as needed to support the studies.
5. The Regional Board will support CEQA analysis, public scoping, notices and adoption
6. All parties will act in coordination to implement efforts on the schedule developed and approved by the CV-SALTS Executive Committee and CVSC.
7. The Project Studies will include implementation planning to develop the short and long term implementation efforts related to the objectives developed
8. The implementation plan will include cost and funding sources for the implementation efforts.

Upstream San Joaquin River Steering Committee recommends the Executive Committee appoint a standing committee of CV-SALTS as the “Upstream San Joaquin River Committee” (USJRC) from Executive Committee membership with interests in the San Joaquin. USJRC will lead, participate and review all efforts related to the Project Studies. USJRC will make recommendations to the Executive Committee and the Executive Committee shall delegate certain authority to the USJRC as will be detailed in the Standing Rules of the Executive Committee when updated to include the USJRC.

USJRC will develop a work plan containing all required work elements and interim work steps and products for review and approval of the Executive Committee. This workplan will guide the development of the studies, policy, implementation and documentation for the basin plan amendment.