

CV-SALTS Management Zone Development Support

Letters of Interest Summary

Process

The Executive Committee approved Letters of Interest for Support Services in Developing Management Zones to Meet CV-SALTS Nitrate Control Program Requirements on September 20, 2018. On September 21, 2018, the request was emailed to all CV-SALTS participants and distributed by the Central Valley Waterboard via the CV-SALTS LYRIS email list. Letters of interest were due October 5, 2018.

On October 5, 2018, four timely qualified responses were received from East San Joaquin Water Quality Coalition(WQC), County of Madera, Kings River WQC, and Kaweah Basin Water Quality Association (WQA).

The letters are summarized in Table 1 by their five evaluation criteria consolidated into three major areas:

- A. Responsiveness to this request, Completeness, and clarity of submission, Organizational capacity, understanding, and experience
- B. CV-SALTS Prioritized Area
- C. Likelihood of successful scope of work and Management Zone development

Further item 1 above was characterized by adherence to the requirements:

- 1) Demonstrate experience or organizational capacity to begin development of Management Zone
- 2) Agency/Organization is a legal entity within or directly supporting water users, dischargers or permittees in the proposed Management Zone
- 3) Indicate capability to determine the scope of work for the needs of the area to take steps toward being a Management Zone for the area indicated
- 4) Indicate the organization/legal structure of group or organization, any cooperating groups, and any matching funds supporting the effort
- 5) Indicate principle technical or managing contact who will work with CV-SALTS

A small group of volunteers made up of CV-SALTS Executive Committee Members, and Regional Board Staff reviewed the letters and provided feedback. Executive Committee Members ranked the most beneficial areas for CV-SALTS to develop pilot Management Zones.

The small group found all areas were to be commended to planning and beginning to develop concepts to support a future Management Zone. Because all letters were responsive, and each area could potentially have been a good management Zone the small group identified additional objectives:

- a. Increased the likelihood of adequate work with limited funding by selecting two areas
- b. Represent the diverse geography of the Priority 1 areas
- c. Prioritize commitment and areas most likely to complete Management Zone submittals
- d. Leverage prior funded CV-SALTS efforts for continuity

Based on the criteria and objectives the selection small group unanimously agreed to recommend developing work scopes with:

1. East San Joaquin Water Quality Coalition – Turlock Subbasin
2. Kings River Water Quality Coalition for the Kings/Alta Irrigation Subbasin

Scope Development

The Potential Management Zones (PMZ)s will work with the Management Zone Support Contractors through CVSC to develop the scope and cost for support needed for their area. The scope of work and cost will be summarized for approval at the November CV-SALTS Executive Committee meeting for approval.