

MEMORANDUM

TO: CVSALTS Executive Committee
FROM: Roberta L. Larson
SUBJECT: Prioritization and Optimization Study Revisions
DATE: November 11, 2020

As we have discussed, the Prioritization and Optimization Study (P & O Study) will facilitate the development of a long-term Salinity Control Program (SCP) to achieve the goals of the Salt and Nutrient Management Plan's salinity management strategy. The P&O Study will provide the technical, policy and financial information needed to support key decisions and direction for the long-term SCP. The intent is to provide for long-term sustainability through a program that is as fair and equitable as possible, focuses on management actions that will yield the most benefit and make the best use of limited resources, and considers both water supply management and salinity contributions. A Phase 1 work plan for the study must be submitted to the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board within six months of the issuance of salinity notices to comply to permitted entities.

In our discussions over the past several months, a number of good questions have been raised about the work plan, particularly with regard to Task 3, the Central Valley Salinity Evaluation. In response to the questions and comments, we have prepared a revised track changes version of the work plan for review. Key additions/revisions in this draft include:

- Clarifying text regarding the integration/concurrent approach to Task 3.1 (Characterization/data synthesis); 3.2 (establishment of numeric salinity targets) and Task 3.3 (salt management tools). (Page 4-21)
- Clarification of the approach to data gathering for salinity sources. (Pages 4-24-4-25)
- Expanded description of process for archetype area selection and role. (Page 4-27)
- Clarification regarding the selection of models and tools. (Page 4-32-4-33)
- Additional references to Executive Committee/stakeholder input opportunities and decision points.

We will review these changes during the November 19, 2020 Executive Committee meeting. You can also provide written comments to me by December 5, 2020 at blarson@somachlaw.com. Our goal is to present a final P&O Study Work Plan to the Central Valley Salinity Coalition for consideration in December.