

**MEETING NOTES
CV SALTS
Executive Committee Meeting
April 14, 2009**

Attendees: See attached Sign-in Sheet; phone participants included Erika De Hollan and some who joined after the meeting started.

1. Welcome and Introductions; Agenda Approval of Meeting Notes

Mona Shulman, the new Chair of the Executive Committee called the meeting to order and welcomed meeting participants. Participants introduced themselves. It was moved by Debbie Webster and seconded by David Cory to approve the meeting notes from the March 18, 2009 Executive Committee meeting. The motion carried.

2. CVSC Progress Evaluation Criteria Status and Accomplishments

Daniel Cozad mentioned that there had been a little slippage in the progress on a couple of work items – otherwise work items appear to be tracking well. The Salinity Sources RFP went out on-time; a call-in pre-proposal meeting was successfully completed with approximately 20 calling in. There was one request to extend the period for completion of proposals – that was denied. The proposals should go out to the review team on time. The web site has been updated to allow web-based communication of meeting agendas and materials. About 60 Committee members have signed up more are needed. Karl Longley inquired about being informed electronically when new materials were posted to the website. Daniel replied that the RSS tab at the bottom of most pages of the website allows users to sign up for this feature; he will include a link in a future email.

3. MOU Development

The MOU, which will set forth the roles and responsibilities of the CVSC, Regional Water Board and State Water Board is near completion. Bobbi Larson is putting finishing touches on the MOU. The final version will be posted to the website. The question was raised as to who at the State Board should review the document. Mark Gowdy suggested that the document be circulated among key staff at the SWRCB and that 3-4 weeks should be allowed for this review to be completed. It was noted that in section 1.3A of the MOU that a State Board member needed to be designated to serve as co-Chair of the CV SALTS Leadership Group. The suggestion was made that the language in section 1.2A of the MOU, promising active participation in the CV SALTS initiative, be replicated in section 1.3A. Completion is predicted to occur three weeks (from the date of the current meeting) on May 6, 2009.

4. Discuss/Approval Program Goals and Objectives

Daniel Cozad presented the three overarching Goals had been developed in October and 10 objectives that were brainstormed at the last meeting. The Committee reviewed the goals and made a number of suggestions and minor edits. Goal three should be revised to read "... the Central Valley Basin Plans and, as appropriate, the Bay-Delta Plan". With respect to Goal 6 – Basin Plan "Amendments" (should be plural). Goal 10 was discussed – the suggested change should read "Common language, shared understanding and decision tools". It was suggested that for all "users" of Central Valley surface waters and groundwaters – that a financial obligation to support CV SALTS goals should be understood. Ed.-[The revised objectives are posted here](#).

5. Workplan Budget and Schedule Discussion

Daniel Cozad reported that the work group has developed ranges of costs as well as rough schedules for the work plan elements. Costs were obtained from Daniel's colleagues who used like work and the projected effort to come up with the cost ranges. Daniel also noted that he has prepared a schedule for the tasks that require concurrent actions and overlap of several tasks in order to meet the five to seven year time frame for completion. Daniel explained the "predecessor" line in the tables as those tasks that would need to be completed before the task at hand could begin. A rough cost range for the whole program was estimated to be between \$14 million and \$36 million. Karl Longley suggested that the Tulare Basin was most likely neglected in the current cost estimates. He and Daniel would meet with Sarge Green to discuss inclusion of Tulare Lake costs. Costs are important since Karl Longley meets frequently with members of the legislature who need a breakdown of costs associated with elements of the work plan for upcoming water bond legislation.

6. Coordination Committee Update

Pamela Creedon expressed her view that the other salinity efforts should become involved in the CV SALTS stakeholder process to facilitate coordination, rather than establish separate, parallel stakeholder processes. CV SALTS should be the central "clearing house" for salinity issues in the Central Valley. Pamela met with State Water Board Chair Charlie Hoppin to discuss the need for close coordination and cooperation between the various efforts. There will be a Coordinating Committee meeting on Friday, April 17 to discuss the process of working more closely with Board staff and promoting information exchange. It was agreed that a work group be formed to identify the various planning and regulatory efforts addressing salinity and address the process issue of how to coordinate them through the CV SALTS umbrella

Linda Dorn will convene the subcommittee, which will consists of:

- David Cory (Economic and Social Cost Committee)
- Linda Dorn (Executive Committee)
- Mark Gowdy (State Water Board)
- Nigel Quinn (Technical Committee)
- Rudy Schnagl (Regional Water Board)

Debbie Webster (CVSC)
Mona Shulman (Executive Committee)
Dennis Westcot (SJ River Group)
Daniel Cozad (CVSC Staff)

A suggestion was made to try to get the meeting materials to the Executive Committee ahead of time – no later than the previous day.

7 Actions and Recommendations from the combined Economic and Social Impact Committee and the Technical Advisory Committee

TAC Chair Nigel Quinn reported on the discussion that followed Gail Cismowski's presentation on the Grassland Bypass project. Gail suggested a scheme by which members of the Committee might vote on issues brought up by Regional Board staff at CV Salts Technical Meetings. She recognized that the goal was to foster communication and review of work products that would lead to the development of a comprehensive Salinity Management Plan for the Central Valley. Although there was some reluctance to participate in a voting scheme (many CV Salts Committee Members represent agencies of Boards and might have to put these matters in front of their respective entities for endorsement) most Committee members applauded this first effort and looked forward to further interaction on this topic as well as the outcome of the Friday conference call involving members of the coordination committee. Other suggestions made were segregating issues into policy issues and technical issues and perhaps forming ad-hoc working groups to deal with more detailed technical issues.

Karl Longley noted that the groundwater pumping strategy mentioned in Gail's presentation should be recognized as contributing to salt loads since most groundwater pumpage contains elevated salt concentration. Salt that isn't exported from the Basin is accumulated in the Basin – salt in infiltrating water returns to the groundwater. Salt management strategies need to be comprehensive.

8. State Board Salinity Update

Mark Gowdy has contracted with Dr Glen Hoffman to develop a dynamic crop root zone salinity accounting model. The State Board is interested in having this work reviewed and is in discussion with UC Riverside to organize a workshop where various approaches to modeling soil salinity and impacts on crop production might be compared.

There was discussion as to how we might reduce the number of groups and committees dealing with like issues given that everyone has a finite time resource. It was noted that there are work groups dealing with other TMDL's and agencies such as the USBR that have established their own work groups engaged in implementation of real-time water quality management strategies. Many of these committees draw from the same pool of people.

9. **2009 Calendar, May 13th meeting, Scoping meeting, Technical Workshop May 14, Leadership Group**

Daniel Cozad reviewed the 14th workshop and calendar and requested comments. Karl Longley mentioned his recent interaction with a number of State legislators and the need to develop cost breakdowns of various important tasks as well as for a more comprehensive, California-wide salt management plan. A figure of \$150 million was suggested as a reasonable guess for a State-wide program. Legislators are in the process of creating bond language – this is something we can help with.

Nigel Quinn suggested that the Committees look at the mission statement for the Technical Advisory committee and revise it to more accurately describe our perceived activities. The current wording is too narrow. This will be an agenda item for the technical Committee next month. The technical workshop on the Santa Ana watershed program is scheduled for May 14th. It was suggested that the format of the second workshop act on feedback from the upcoming workshop.

Karl Longley reviewed preparation for the upcoming scoping meeting and suggested a small work group be formed to develop draft language. Rudi Schnagl or a Regional Board staff member, Dennis Westcot, Lisa Holm, Bobbi Larson and Daniel were suggested as participants.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be May 13th, 2009 at 1:30 p.m., at ACWA offices downtown Sacramento. Santa Ana Workshop May 14, 2009 is also to be held at ACWA.

10. **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.



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