

CV-SALTS Technical Advisory Committee Meeting ACTION NOTES



Convened: Friday, November 9, 2012 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Participants: Nigel Quinn(Chair), John Dickey, Richard Meyerhoff, Daniel Cozad, Gary Carlton, Dennis Westcot, Karen Ashby, Jeanne Chilcott, Jim Martin, Karna Harrigfeld, Mike Johnson, Tom Grovhoug, Les Chau, David Cory, Debbie Webster, Bruce Houdesheldt

Agenda

Item 1: Welcome & Introductions

- Mike Johnson moved to approve, and John Dickey seconded and by general acclamation the Meeting Action Notes from October 19, 2012 were approved.

Item 2: Agricultural Zone Mapping Workplan

- John Dickey presented the "[Review of Scope for Task 5. Develop Crop Sensitivity Tools.](#)"
 - At Nigel Quinn's request John will check that data collection format supports expansion of the WARMF model as possible.
 - Per Les Chau the scope provides for a 3-week review process (estimated 2/18/13-3/8/13) for committee approval of the crop sensitivity zones. Richard Meyerhoff advised this may not be sufficient time given the number of organizations that may be providing feedback.
 - Nigel Quinn emphasized the importance of demonstrating for the various organizations how the information they've provided is represented in the analysis.
 - Committee members agreed with Jeanne Chilcott's recommendation for the inclusion of a methodology review checkpoint once the analysis is done on the two initial zones (Subtask 5.3).
 - Members were asked to forward any further comments to Richard Meyerhoff by COB 11/14.

Item 3: Real Time Salinity Management

- Nigel Quinn presented a summary of two papers: [Real Time Salinity Management](#), and [Environmental Modelling & Software](#). The purpose was to clarify any misinformation on the subject and provide committee members with a synopsis of the current state of the art in the area.

Item 4: Water Board's Review Process and Administrative Record Requirements for References

- Jeanne Chilcott shared with the committee the latest information the Regional Board has received regarding reference documentation requirements for the Administrative Record.
 - Any scientific information being developed that is used to make a recommendation must have been peer reviewed. If the basin plan amendment process is the first time a document will go through a peer review, hard copies of all references must be attached.
 - Regional Board staff will get further clarification on the requirements and write up a draft for the committee.
 - Nigel Quinn suggested it might be best to have a template developed for consultants to use.

Item 5: GIS/Data Management Policy Development

- Richard Meyerhoff advised the committee they are looking into the development of policy & procedures for long-term storage, management, and use of data that are being utilized in the development of the salt and nutrient management plan. The P&P will include, but not limited to:
 - Where data is to be stored
 - How data is to be accessed
 - How it is maintained

- Who will update and how frequently
- How will public access
- If committee members have examples to share, please contact Richard.
- A draft of the GIS/Data Management Policy will come back to TAC for review/approval.

Item 6: Other CV-SALTS Project/Contract Updates

- **Initial Conceptual Model** – Project Workshop is scheduled for November 26th at Sac Regional.
- **Stock Watering Report** – The general conclusion is that stock watering itself is not a driving use of water from a water quality criteria standpoint.
Two key issues are being addressed as the report is being finalized: Technical issues noted for correction, also a thorough technical edit is being completed.
- **Aquatic Life Study** – Richard is now working with Dr. David Buchwalder, North Carolina State University. A cost proposal for \$31,500, with an estimated completion of April 2013, has been received. Richard is working on the best way to contract.
- **GIS Services** – Nothing new to report, on schedule.
- **Tulare Lake MUN Archetype** – Richard provided the committee with the [Proposed MUN Delisting Boundary Description](#), accepted by Clay Rogers group. Per Jeanne Chilcott a CEQA Scoping may take place in January in the Fresno Regional Board Office, schedule TBD. Richard will contact Mike Nordstrom to ensure consultants from Tulare Lake Drainage District will be in attendance.
- **SSALTS** – Has been approved as a project. Committee members should expect requests soon for input on identification of representative study areas.
Daniel Cozad informed the committee of the need to contract for a SSALTS Technical Project Manager. The Coalition has agreed to contract with Roger Reynolds for that function. A contract will be executed between Roger and the Coalition. Members with questions should contact Daniel Cozad.

Item 7: Next Meeting/Call

- The next Technical Advisory Committee Meeting is December 14, 2012 from 10:00 – 12:00.