

# CV-SALTS Executive Committee Meeting - Summary Action Notes

For January 24, 2013 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Attendees are listed on the Membership Roster

Meeting Objectives for January 24<sup>th</sup>:

- Alternate Compliance Demonstrations: What Role for “Offsets” in the SNMP?
- Review Priorities for the 2013 Policy Discussions and SNMP Development Schedule

## AGENDA

### 1) Welcome and Introductions

- a) Chair Parry Klassen brought the meeting to order, and roll call was completed.
- b) Mike Nordstrom moved to approve, and Dennis Westcot seconded, and by general acclamation the November 8th action notes were approved.
  - In response to an inquiry from Dennis Westcot regarding the draft revision of the “Proposed Revisions to the Water Quality Objectives for the Secondary MCLs” noted in Item #3, Tim advised the committee this had been rescheduled and would be provided in a later session.

### 2) Alternate Compliance Demonstrations: What Role for “Offsets” in the SNMP? – AM Session

- The committee spent the morning session in an exploratory discussion of alternate compliance demonstrations in an attempt to determine the best way to move forward in the development of the concept in a policy framework. The following discussion outline was provided by Tim Moore:  
ISSUE: What role, if any, can/should water supply projects (incl. treatment or alt. sources) play in a BMP-based compliance strategy to address excess nitrate in groundwater?
- Tim requested committee members consider 2 or 3 archetypes that could be used as real world demonstrations for this concept. He recommended looking at a food processor location, a multi discharger location, and/or a couple of impaired communities interested in participating in such a project.
- The afternoon session began with further discussion on alternate compliance options, specifically the use of variances. Jeanne Chilcott stressed to committee members the importance of including the authority to do variances in the basin plan amendment. Richard Meyerhoff advised the committee that the archetypes would be serve test cases, or proof of concept.
  - Bruce Houdesheldt and Joe DiGiorgio indicated that they would explore the possibility for an archetype in Dixon/Solano area.
  - Per Tim Moore, the alternative compliance demonstration archetypes will not be the subject of the next meeting.

### 3) Review Priorities for 2013 Policy Discussions and SNMP Development Schedule

- Tim Moore will be meeting with Daniel Cozad and Richard Meyerhoff prior to the next Policy Session to develop a written roadmap for development of the SNMP going forward.
  - The current vision is to have an annotated outline of the SNMP by August and spend the Fall developing drafts of the individual sections.
  - Tim asked committee members to identify outstanding policy issues they felt needed to be addressed. Some of the issues identified by members were:
    - Clarification of which model will be used.
    - Define/clarify “point of compliance.”
    - Define what constitutes “maximum benefit”
    - If causing degradation, how is this to be addressed under anti-deg policy
    - BMPs- how to define and get full credit for....

- How/where in the policy to address the difference in source/management/solutions for Salts vs. Nitrates.
  - Real Time Management
  - How to assign assimilative capacity
  - Monitoring Plan – policy issues associated with
    - Tim requested members to email him with any additional issues.
- 4) Status Update on Technical Studies/Projects
- Richard Meyerhoff updated the committee on the following items:
    - ICM-Task 6 report due in late February to Project Committee. Task 7 on schedule, may extend a week or so to give Project Committee more time for review.
    - GIS-Task 3 done; working on Task 4 due by end of March.
    - Ag Zone Mapping-scope/schedule being revamped. Phase 2 due late April.
    - Aquatic Life – Task 1 is due the first of February, will be presented at February TAC meeting.
    - Tulare-All data is together, doing geotechnical work, expected to TAC for February meeting.
    - SSALTS-Per Roger Reynolds, TAC reviewed list of potential study areas, CDM-Smith is revising that list. The revised list will be forwarded to the Executive Committee via email for review and approval on the 2/8 Administrative call.
- 5) CEQA/Economics Consultant Proposal Request to Include CEQA Scoping & Related Work
- Jeanne Chilcott reminded the committee that CV-SALTS had committed to having CEQA done during 2013. Jeanne recommended having a scoping session in June, perhaps in Modesto area.
    - This item will be discussed in more detail in the February 9<sup>th</sup> Administrative meeting.
- 6) Future Items
- Pending confirmation from Tim Moore, the March meeting has been tentatively rescheduled for March 28<sup>th</sup>.

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