

CV-SALTS Executive Committee Meeting Notes

Friday, May 10, 2013 – 10:00 to 11:00 AM

TELECONFERENCE ONLY

Attendees are listed on the Membership Roster

AGENDA

1) Welcome/Introductions – Consent Calendar

- The meeting was brought to order by chair Parry Klassen.
 - a) Roll call was completed.
 - b) Roger Reynolds moved to approve, and David Cory seconded, and by general acclamation the April 5th meeting action notes were approved.

2) Fair Share Funding and MUN POTW Archetype Status

- Daniel Cozad provided a status update on the Fair Share Funding Committee activities:
 - The committee held an April 24th conference call to discuss various CV-SALTS funding elements, as well as those specifically pertaining to the MUN POTW project.
 - Daniel and Debbie Webster are finalizing a draft communications to be forwarded to the primary beneficiaries associated with the MUN POTW Project, in an effort to open a dialogue surrounding the project funding issue.
 - Daniel advised the committee that in addition to the MUN POTW project, there are a number of other funding elements that will need to be addressed by the Executive Committee at the June 14th Administrative meeting in order to keep all projects moving forward on schedule.
- Jeanne Chilcott updated the committee on a recent mandate from the Department of General Services with potential delay impact to the various CV-SALTS projects.
 - Any contract where the primary contractor is going out for a subcontract now requires documentation showing that the state bid process was adequately utilized. Additionally all subcontracts are to be attached to the contract as an amendment. It is estimated this will take an additional 30 days before work could start.
 - Jeanne anticipates the two CV-SALTS contracts that could potentially be affected are the LWA contract with LSJR, and the CEQA contract for the MUN project.
 - Jeanne will update the committee once the final details on the new process have been confirmed.

3) CEQA Scoping Meeting Status

- Per Jeanne Chilcott, a draft outline for the staff report has been completed by Richard Meyerhoff.
 - Meetings are tentatively planned for four different locations during the month of September, final dates TBD.
 - Proposed meeting locations are: Chico, Sacramento, Modesto & Tulare Lake Basin
 - Notices, meeting set-ups and mail outs are estimated for early August.

4) Lower San Joaquin River Committee Update

- Mike Johnson, Committee Manager, provided a status update.
 - Currently focused on finalizing contract details with LWA team which will provide technical services.
 - A conference call is scheduled for Tuesday, 5/14, with committee members and the LWA team to reconcile differences on the SOW and available budget.

5) Other CV-SALTS Project/Contract Updates

➤ Richard Meyerhoff was not available for the call and provided the following written updates:

a) **ICM Project**

- Team has obtained requested Task 7 data that was part of the basis for request for additional funds (RMC/WRIME ended up taking until April 30 to get information to team – causing more delay); USGS is providing requested technical support on modeling – have been no problems here.
- Task 7 analyses now underway
- Task 7/8 deliverables will be a combined report. First internal drafts now expected by early June.
- SSALTS team is interacting with ICM team to obtain data to support SSALTS work; have agreed to hold on data transfer to prevent further delays on ICM report preparation.
- Status vs Overall Schedule –
 - Schedule slippage is becoming critical because of summer CV-SALTS schedule.
 - Phase 2 scoping must be completed soon to be able to begin work and remain on track to have a draft SNMP by May 2014
 - Delays on ICM may limit to what can be accomplished in Phase 2 because of time deadlines, potentially more than budget issues.
 - Exec. Comm. approval is needed in June to avoid delay in starting up Phase 2 compounded by the lack of July meeting.
 - Next steps are to (a) to write scope of work based on Exec. Comm. direction – late June/early July; (b) work with PC/TAC on review/approval of SOW during July (this will be occurring while ICM report is being finalized; (c) have a scope of work ready for discussion with Exec. Comm. at August 15 policy meeting; and (d) obtain final approvals and initiate project by end of September.

GIS Services

- Draft Task 4 report with new GIS layers is under review by PC
- May 17 TAC meeting will have demonstration of pilot test of tributary rule application using GIS

b) **Agricultural Zone Mapping**

- Data continues to be gathered for development of GIS data layers
- Irrigation data request letter went out to Agricultural Coalitions in mid-April introducing the project and informing them that the project team would be in contact as needed to support development of information related to irrigation water quality/source. Coordination ongoing.
- Task 5.1 (data development/GIS layers) and 5.2 deliverables (define crop sensitive zones) originally separate deliverables, but decided makes sense to combine. Draft expected to PC latter part of May.

c) **Aquatic Life Study**

- TPM working with David Buchwalter on characterizing range of salinity-related concentrations in surface waters in Central Valley so findings can be related to Central Valley water quality (in particular TDS/EC sulfate, chloride)
- Expecting draft report by May 12; if all is well with draft it will be on May 17 TAC meeting for presentation.

d) **Stock Watering Final Report**

- Current status is as follows:
 - Review comments from Debbie Webster provided on 5/9/13.
 - Comments will be addressed in the report by TPM
 - Submittal/approval as final at the June Exec. Meeting

e) Tulare Lake Bed Archetype

- Ken Schmidt Technical report (basis for delisting MUN from portion of lake bed) has been under TAC review. Comments due Friday May 10.
- Comments From the LWA team and TPM to date
- Plan is to compile comments and provide to TLDD/Nordstrom. Will then schedule meeting (teleconference) with them to discuss comments and what needs to be done next.
- Looking long term, once a final report is completed, then the CEQA process will be initiated. LWA Team is under contract to work collaboratively with the Regional Board to support that effort. They will not initiate that effort without a final report and approval to proceed.

f) SSALTS – Roger Reynolds

- Task 1.4 and 1.5 will be delayed slightly waiting for the completion of ICM Task 7 & 8 Report (see above).
- As a result the SSALTS is still reviewing comments on the Study Area Draft Reports. Anyone with additional comments should forward them to Roger.

g) MUN POTW – Jeanne Chilcott

- Jeanne reported on encouraging feedback from US EPA Region 9 regarding categorization of waterbodies and secondary MCLs.
- Jeanne wanted committee members to know that the discussion points and ideas coming out of the MUN stakeholder group will be a topic of discussion for one of the Policy Sessions when the topic can be fit into the agenda.

6) Set next meeting objectives and date – May 16th Policy Session, June 14th Admin Call