

CV-SALTS Executive Committee Meeting - Summary Action Notes

For August 15, 2013 - 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM

Attendees are listed on the Membership Roster

AGENDA

1) Welcome and Introductions

- a) Chair Parry Klassen brought the meeting to order, and roll call was completed.
- b) Tim Johnson moved to approve, and David Cory seconded, and by general acclamation the June 20th action notes were approved.

2) Variance Proposed Basin Plan Amendment

- Betty Yee provided the committee with a Summary of the Variance Staff Report. Betty covered the four main elements of the amendments:
 - 1. *Authority for the Central Valley Water board to grant variances to individual NPDES dischargers from meeting water quality based effluent limitations.*
 - 2. *A salinity variance program in which the Central Valley Water Board will grant a variance to municipal and domestic NPDES dischargers from meeting water quality based effluent limitations for salinity constituents.*
 - 3. *A salinity exception program for non-NPDES dischargers subject to waste discharge requirements and conditional waivers.*
 - 4. *Exemptions from meeting specific EC and chloride effluent limits in the Tulare Lake Basin Plan.*
- Committee members recommended using 2019 as the end date for both the variance and exception program.
 - Betty advised the committee this had not been released to the public yet. Members should forward additional comments and information.
- Per Betty the timeline for the amendment is, it is currently undergoing peer review, and may be released for public review in September, with potential for adoption in December-February time frame.

3) Other CV-SALTS Project Updates

- City of Live Oak Site-Specific Salinity Study Work Plan
 - After discussion it was agreed the letter would be referred back to the Technical Advisory Committee for clarification on the selection of an appropriate averaging period.

4) Describing the Current Regulatory Approach (e.g. "No Project Condition") for Controlling Salt and Nitrate Discharges to Groundwater in the Central Valley

- The committee discussed the Beneficial Uses, Water Quality Objectives, and Waste Discharge Requirements of the discussion outline. Enforcement Options were not discussed.
- Some suggested revisions/additions to the document:
 - Beneficial Uses
 - AGR – include Regional Board exception criteria.
 - Most Sensitive Use – clarify protection of ‘most salt sensitive crop’
 - Existing v. Potential – change ‘not previously drawn any distinction’ wording
 - Also recommended – include Industrial use, named/unnamed water bodies, and balancing of uses.
 - Water Quality Objectives
 - Nitrate-Nitrogen – specific objectives for groundwater in Tulare
 - Also recommended – include an Anti-Deg section (BPTC, Maximum Benefit), and the policy for interpreting narratives.

- Waste Discharge Requirements
 - Assimilative Capacity – develop formal definition
 - Effluent Limitations – revise “Regional board usually sets the effluent limitation” and “average TDS concentration can exceed 500 mg/L”
 - Time-to-Comply – revise “rarely ever exceed 10 years” to reflect may be longer, or shorter.
 - Parry Klassen requested that Tim expand the Discussion Matrix document to include 2 additional columns; one column to indicate consensus reached yes/no, and another to indicate what percent of the written document has been completed.
- 5) Set next meeting objectives/date
- Parry Klassen passed around a sign-up sheet for stakeholder attendance to ensure good CV-SALTS representation at the upcoming CEQA Scoping meetings.
 - The next Admin meetings are September 13th and October 11th. The next Policy Session will be September 26th.

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