

CV-SALTS Executive Committee Meeting - Summary Action Notes
For September 26, 2013 - 9:00 AM to 3:00 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) Debbie Webster moved to approve, and Mike Nordstrom seconded, and by general acclamation the August 15th action notes were approved with the following revisions to Item #4:
 - Under "Water Quality Objectives," 2nd bulleted item, remove "recommended."
 - Under "Waste Discharge Requirements," clarify the notations from the discussion on "assimilative capacity", "effluent limitations" and "time-to-comply."

2) Summarize Task Schedule for Fall of 2013

➤ The committee discussed coordination of the following 4 key task areas for the remainder of 2013:

a) Executive Committee Meetings-Schedule of Policy Discussions

○ Per Tim Moore the policy discussions are scheduled to align with the technical work.

CV-SALTS Meeting Date	SNMP Policy Issue
Sept. 26, 2013	1) Revise use of Secondary MCLs as numeric water quality objectives in the Basin Plan. 2) Develop method to characterize existing water quality in a groundwater basin (management zone) and to estimate the level of assimilative capacity that is available in that basin.
Oct. 17, 2013	3) Establish decision criteria used to demonstrate that existing and potential AGR uses are reasonably protected from the adverse effects of excess salinity when implementing the narrative objectives of the Basin Plan.
Nov. 14, 2013	4) Identify prerequisite conditions and implementation requirements for making Alternate Compliance Demonstrations by direct protection of drinking water (MUN) uses.

- The goal at the end of these three meetings is to yield solid recommendations that allow for demonstration of sufficient progress in the December updates before the Regional and State boards.
- Jeanne Chilcott advised the committee the board presentations would focus on technical work, what has been accomplished, and why additional time is needed.

b) CEQA Scoping Meetings

- Meetings are scheduled for October 10 (Modesto), October 16 (Rancho Cordova), October 21 (Colusa), and October 28 (Fresno).
- The October Policy Meeting Agenda will include a summary item for feedback from the first two meetings.

c) Progress Reports to Regional and State Boards

- Per Jeanne Chilcott the Regional Board presentation is scheduled for 12/5. The State Board meeting is tentatively scheduled for the third Tuesday in December; if cancelled will be the first Tuesday in January.

- Jeanne needs the technical info for the presentations no later than the end of October. The actual presentation needs to be completed no later than Friday, November 22nd.
- d) Technical Deliverables
 - Richard Meyerhoff provided an update on the tech projects. Three projects near completion are:
 - ICM Study**-Final Report submitted to Project Committee on 9/13, comments due back on Monday, Sept 30th.
 - GIS Task 4** Report is finished.
 - Aquatic Life** Final Report will be presented to the TAC on 10/15.
 - Other projects in progress:
 - Conceptual Model Phase 2** – Currently out for RFP. Richard suggested using the Project Committee as a Selection Committee. There were no objections, Richard will confirm with Project Committee members via email.
 - Tulare Lake Bed** – Revised draft report has been received.
 - Ag Zone Mapping**- Moving forward, Project Committee meeting this week.
 - SSALTS** is moving forward, wrapping up Phase 1.
- 3) Finalize Proposed Recommendation to Revise Water Quality Objective for Secondary Maximum Contaminants
 - The morning Policy Discussion focused on the Proposed Revisions to Water Quality Objectives for Secondary MCLs.
 - Tim will draft a new version based on the discussion and bring back to the committee at a later date for subsequent review.
- 4) Finalize Policy Directions to Technical Consultants for Calculating Current Average Nitrate or TDS Concentration and Available Assimilative Capacity in a Groundwater Management Zone
 - In the afternoon session the committee also discussed the following two documents:
 - Principles to Govern Calculation of Average Groundwater Quality
 - Principles to Govern Estimation and Allocation of Assimilative Capacity in Groundwater
 - Richard Meyerhoff advised the committee that the intent was to have a technical team selected and a work plan in progress by the next Policy Session on 10/17. The principles contained in these two documents are central to writing the work plan for Task 4 in Phase 2 of the project. Committee members should forward any concerns to Richard regarding the principles outlined.
- 5) Set next meeting objectives/date
 - The next Admin meetings are October 11th and November 8th. The next Policy Session will be October 17th.

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