

# CV-SALTS Executive Committee Meeting - Summary Action Notes

For April 9, 2015 - 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Attendees are listed on the Membership Roster

## AGENDA

### 1) Welcome and Introductions

- a) Committee Chair Parry Klassen brought the meeting to order, and roll call was completed.
- b) Approval of the March 19<sup>th</sup> notes was deferred until the May meeting, pending revision to include more detail from the AGR discussion.

### 2) Nitrate Permitting Strategy – Addressing Key Issues and Concerns Raised by the EJ/EDC Representatives

- The committee agreed the Antidegradation Illustrations for Nitrate Discharges to Groundwater was a useful illustration, and something similar would be needed when going before the board, but recommended the columns and scenarios be clarified. Also recommended was the addition of another column to demonstrate the impact to drinking water from the implementation of an ACP.
- Discussion of Summary of EJ/EDC Concerns and the CV-SALTS Status on Each Issue. Some of the recommendations, or concerns, from the committee members were:
  - Find an alternate for the term “fully mitigated” used throughout the document.
  - Issue 1) replace “downstream” with “down-gradient”
    - i. Replace the phrase “adverse effects” with “unreasonably affected.”
    - ii. Change the last sentence to read, “they must demonstrate that the discharge will not create a pollution or nuisance (will not unreasonably affect down gradient users).”
  - Issue 3) Clarify the use of buffers and triggers, showing graphically the increasing difficulty of allocating assimilative capacity as you approach the objective.
  - Issue 5) State clearly that the inclusion of all impacted communities is one of the criterion for establishing a management zone/ACP.
  - Issue 6) Replace the term “Offset Project” with Alternative Compliance Project.
  - Issue 7) Importance of including where vulnerable populations are located and what their needs are.
  - Issue 9) Replace “checklist” with “list.”
  - Issue 10) Include a mechanism to incorporate the costs of programs already initiated by communities to obtain safe drinking water on their own.
  - Issue 13) This was not covered and will be brought back at a later meeting.
- Tim requested that any committee members forward any remaining issues or comments to him within one week. The Nitrate Implementation Strategy is scheduled to come before the committee in September.
- Committee members were also asked to submit a list key criteria they want to see in an Alternative Compliance Project.
- Phoebe Seaton provided the following summary of EJ Issues: Environmental Justice Goals & Principles for Nitrate Component of CV-SALTS.

### 3) Nitrate Permitting Strategy – Implementing the Groundwater Management Zone Concept

- This item was not covered. Tim will produce a more detailed version and bring back at a later meeting.

### 4) SNMP Development Schedule for 2015

- This item was not covered.

### 5) Set next meeting objectives/date

- The next Admin Meeting will be May 1<sup>st</sup>. The next Policy Session is scheduled for May 21<sup>st</sup>.