

CV-SALTS Executive Committee Meeting Notes

Friday, July 10, 2015 – 1:00 to 2:30 PM

TELECONFERENCE ONLY

Attendees are listed on the Membership Roster

AGENDA

1) Welcome/Introductions – Consent Calendar

- The meeting was brought to order by David Cory.
 - a) Roll call was completed.
 - b) Casey Creamer moved to approve, and Roger Reynolds seconded, and by general acclamation the May 1st meeting action notes were approved with the following revision to the MUN POTW Project Update under Item 4:
 - **MUN POTW—Jeanne Chilcott**
 - *The Board voted unanimously on 4/16/15 to approve the dedesignation of the 12 water bodies that were part of the Sacramento case study. The Basin Plan amendment is scheduled for State Water Board consideration on 8/18/15.*
 - *During the April Board meeting, a workshop was also held on the broader MUN evaluation process for ag dominated water bodies throughout the Central Valley. The Board members are very interested in the process and had several questions on a potential Limited MUN beneficial use that would apply to ag dominated water bodies. Staff is trying to schedule another stakeholder meeting for June to discuss this specific topic. Goal is to have Staff Report released and have CEQA complete by the end of the summer, and out for public review in the fall.*

2) Approval of Procurement Recommendation for Four Projects

- The original action on this item was to: “Consider and approve process to award four remaining CAA funded projects to Larry Walker and Associates and CDM Smith in accordance with the recommendations of the Selection Committee.”
 - Per Daniel Cozad the original recommendation was modified as follows: Recommend approval of the contracting approach only, and allow for consultants to work with the Project and Technical Committees in development of the scope of work and a budget that fits within the revised state board contract. The scope of work and detailed budget to be brought back to the committee for approval at a future meeting.
 - J.P. Cativiela moved, and Roger Reynolds seconded, and the committee voted to approve the contracting approach and defer actual approval of the contract award, and contract amounts, to a future meeting, where costs within the approved budget, and scopes of work approved by the Project Committee and Technical Committee can be provided.

3) Nitrate Implementation Measures Study

- Richard Meyerhoff updated the committee on the status of this workplan. Joe LeClaire highlighted the changes to the draft workplan that had been made based on Technical Committee feedback.
 - CDM Smith will meet with the newly established Project Committee the week of 7/20 or 7/27.
 - Committee members should submit any final written comments no later than July 17th.

4) Establishment of Project Committees for CEQA & Economic Analysis & Anti-Degradation Analysis and Nitrate Implementation Measures Study

- Daniel Cozad identified the recommended members for the following project committees:

NIMS Project Committee Recommended Members

1. Casey Creamer - So San Joaquin Valley Water Quality Coalition
2. Glenn Meeks – Regional Water Quality Control Board
3. Thomas Harter – UCD - Data source for nitrate efforts
4. Laurel Firestone – EJ issue coordination
5. Michael Nordstrom – Tulare Lake interests
6. Technical Project Manager – Roger Reynolds
7. CVSC ED – Daniel Cozad - as needed and appropriate

ECON/ANTI-DEG/CEQA/SED Project Committee Recommended Members

1. Debbie Webster (may be supported by Tess Dunham) Central Valley Clean Water Association
2. Casey Creamer (may be supported by Bill Thomas) So San Joaquin Valley Water Quality Coalition and Selection Committee member
3. Laurel Firestone or Jennifer Clary EJ Community Interests
4. David Cory - San Joaquin Valley Drainage Authority
5. J.P. Cativiela - DAIRY Cares
6. Jeanne Chilcott - Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
7. Technical Project Manager – Richard Meyerhoff or Roger Reynolds
8. CVSC ED – Daniel Cozad - as needed and appropriate

- Debbie Webster requested that a POTW representative be added to the NIMS Project Committee.
- J.P. Cativiela moved, and Jeanne Chilcott seconded and by general acclamation the Committee appointed the two Project Committees with the recommended members as listed above.

5) Small Policy Group Status

- Richard Meyerhoff provided an update on the small group working on the SNMP sections
- Richard summarized the process by which the documents generated from the policy discussions are being converted into a format for inclusion in the SNMP, and where the development process for these sections currently stands.
 - The draft of the Protecting AGR Beneficial Uses in Groundwater (from the March policy meeting) is now with the small group for review.
 - Two other items Richard has in work are: the Management Zone discussion from the June policy meeting, and the analysis of water quality data from wells outside the valley floor.

6) Other CV-SALTS Project/Contract Updates

– **Phase II Conceptual Model – Richard Meyerhoff**

- Task 4 – Management Zone Archetype (Alta Irrigation District area)
 - A meeting was held on June 10th with the Alta Irrigation District. Comments from stakeholders will be incorporated into the Management Zone Report, which is due back to stakeholders in August. The report is anticipated to be presented to CV-SALTS in early fall.
- Task 5 – Development of SNMP
 - LWA is in the process of revising the first two sections based on preliminary review comments received from Richard and Daniel. Those sections will then progress to the Project Committee. Any committee members interested in participating in the Phase II Project Committee should contact Richard or Daniel.

– **Tulare Lake MUN – Richard Meyerhoff**

- Meeting was held May 20th with TLDD, Tulare Lake Basin Storage District, and Regional Board to discuss next steps. The final technical report was delivered to the Regional Board staff on 6/26/15 and is currently under review.

– **SSALTS – Roger Reynolds**

- Revised Phase 3 Draft Report was presented to the Executive Committee on 5/21. Approval of the report was deferred until the NIMS report is complete and the two components can be fully coordinated in the implementation plan.

- **Surveillance and Monitoring Plan – Roger Reynolds**
 - CDM Smith is moving forward, currently developing statistical tools suitable for use in the various groundwater basins throughout the Central Valley. Goal is to have a presentation on the plan at the next Technical Committee meeting.
 - **MUN POTW – Jeanne Chilcott**
 - The MUN POTW Evaluation Project is scheduled for State Water Board consideration on 8/18/15. Comment period is closed. Two comments were received, both were supportive of the project. Once approved by the State Board the amendment will go to the Office of Administrative Law, and then to US EPA for approval. Should have a final basin plan amendment by December 2015.
 - For the broader MUN evaluation process for ag dominated water bodies throughout the Central Valley, there will be an informational item before the Regional Board on 7/30. The Board members had requested more information on a potential Limited MUN beneficial use that would apply to ag dominated water bodies. Depending on comments received from the Board another stakeholder meeting may be scheduled for early August.
 - **LSJR Committee – David Cory**
 - The committee is in the process of finalizing the salinity objectives. Currently proposed is a 1550 EC 30-day running average year round, with a performance goal of 1350 EC depending on time of year and water year type. Also under consideration is a relaxation of the objective during extended dry, or multiple dry, year periods. The committee is also working through POTW issues and concerns regarding the proposed objectives and the potential effect their permitting process.
- 7) Set next meeting objectives and date – July 15th & 16th Policy Meetings & August 7th Admin Call