

CV-SALTS Executive Committee Meeting Notes

Friday, August 7, 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 Committee Chair, Parry Klassen.
 - a) Roll call was completed.
 - b) Roger Reynolds moved, and David Cory seconded, and by general acclamation the July 10th meeting action notes were approved.

2) Coordination of ILRP GW Beneficial Use Evaluations with CV-SALTS

- After discussion, the committee agreed that Daniel Cozad and Richard Meyerhoff should draft a letter which outlines guidance and recommended steps for coordination with CV-SALTS.
 - The draft will be circulated to committee members to review, and if approval of the full committee is needed the letter will be added to the September 4th Admin Call Agenda.

3) Nitrate Implementation Measures Study (NIMS) Work Plan

- Daniel Cozad presented the revised recommendation from the Selection Committee for approval of the contract.
 - After discussion, David Cory moved and Debbie Webster seconded, and the committee voted to approve the NIMS Workplan Scope of Work and budget, and request the San Joaquin Valley Drainage Authority contract with CDM Smith for an amount not to exceed \$99,995.00, and upon execution of the project provide notice to proceed as soon as possible. The CVSC will provide authority to Summers Engineering for Roger Reynolds to function as TPM for the project.
 - Anticipated timeline for completion – Work to begin in August, significant deliverables in October time frame, finalized by December 15th.

4) SNMP Policy Section Review

- Per Richard Meyerhoff three sections are now in process:
 - AGR Policy, “Salinity Management to Provide Regional Protection of AGR Beneficial Use in Groundwater.”
 - Comments received from Regional Board staff and Debbie Webster. Preparing second draft now.
 - Management Zone Policy
 - Draft is ready to go, but on hold pending inclusion of potential issues generated in next Thursday’s policy discussion on ACPs. Once draft is complete will go to Tim Moore and Tess Dunham for initial review.
 - Application of SNMP Outside of the Valley Floor
 - Preliminary draft is written through the technical portion. Policy discussions in October on SSALTS/Nitrate Implementation Measures will inform the remainder of the document. Meanwhile the preliminary draft will go to Tim Moore and Tess Dunham for initial review, then on to the small group.
 - SMCLs
 - Tim Moore has provided Richard with revisions based on the July 15th policy discussion. Goal is to have the draft proceed to the small group for review by September 14th.

5) CV-SALTS Budgeted Remaining Work Schedule

- Daniel Cozad presented the Updated CV-SALTS Budget and Schedule. Once the final scopes of work and project descriptions are developed, this item will be brought back to the committee in the fall for approval.

6) Other CV-SALTS Project/Contract Updates

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

- Task 4 – Management Zone Archetype (Alta Irrigation District area)
 - LWA is writing the final report which will go to stakeholders in Alta when complete.
- Task 5 – Development of SNMP
 - To date, Richard and Daniel have reviewed sections 1, 2, 4 and a couple of appendices.
 - Project Committee should start seeing draft sections of the SNMP in September.

– **Tulare Lake MUN – Richard Meyerhoff**

- Report was sent to the Regional Board a few weeks ago, review and comments are near completion. Once comments are received will work with stakeholders on next steps.

– **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**

- Technical team held discussion with USGS on averaging, and is reviewing other technical tools that can be utilized. SAMP-related policy questions will be presented at the next policy meeting to get feedback from the Executive Committee on how to move forward.

– **MUN POTW – Jeanne Chilcott**

- Jeanne provided the following written update:

The State Board will consider the Basin Plan Amendment to dedesignate MUN in 12 ag constructed/modified water bodies as an uncontested item at the August 18th Board meeting. Two comment letters were received on the project—both supportive. We did brief Steven Moore, State Board member, who is very interested in this project and also the broader Central Valley-wide MUN evaluation process amendment.

A portion of the MUN Evaluation Process, the development of a Limited-MUN beneficial use, was discussed as an information item at the July 30th Central Valley Water Board public meeting. The Board was receptive, recognized the difficulty of insuring appropriate protection both to the water body itself and downstream uses while balancing the need to effectively manage limited resources, and directed staff to continue the transparent, stakeholder coordinated process. A tentative stakeholder meeting has been scheduled for September 3rd to refine the Limited MUN beneficial use and closed recirculating basin concepts; with a second meeting pending to discuss monitoring and surveillance to insure protection of downstream beneficial uses.

– **LSJR Committee – Mike Johnson**

- LWA has completed every deliverable in their contract. The committee is finalizing some comments/edits/language in the water quality objectives part of the work. Monitoring and surveillance is almost done, final comments received. Economics Analysis still needs to be completed. SED draft is with the committee, should be approved in September.

7) Set next meeting objectives and date – August 13th Policy Meetings & September 4th Admin Call