CV-SALTS Executive Committee Meeting - Summary Action Notes
For November 18, 2015 – 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Attendees are listed on the Membership Roster

AGENDA

1) <u>Welcome and Introductions</u>
   a) Committee Chair Parry Klassen brought the meeting to order, and roll call was completed.
   b) David Cory moved to approve, and Bruce Houdesheldt seconded, and by general acclamation the October 21st and 22nd action notes, were approved.

2) <u>Framework for Implementation Measrues for Nitrate and TDS</u>
   ➤ Richard Meyerhoff and Joe LeClaire presented a strawman proposal for the framework for nitrate and TDS implementation measures section of the Central Valley SNMP. Some of the comments or concerns expressed by committee members were:
      o Include a section that covers the de minimis discharger, or waiver eligibility. How to implement in different scales, and build enough flexibility in, so the program offers guidance at all levels.
         ▪ What level of demonstration will be required to show an entity is not obligated to do an SNMP?
         ▪ The concept of an "SNMP *lite*"
      o Consider using IAZ analyses as a prioritization tool for a phased approach.
         ▪ In areas of concentrated High Priority Areas look at further subcategorization to stagger implementation.
         ▪ Include a stipulation that nothing prevents submitting an early SNMP proposal.
      o Use the term Balance in place of Sustainability, and Managed Restoration instead of just Restoration
         ▪ Balance should be a milestone, not a goal
      o Parry Klassen asked that the framework show more clearly how the local SNMPs are to support the larger regional projects (e.g. brine line). Include the concept of multiple management zones working together.
      o Eliminate "strategic land retirement" and "field tile drains" from the framework.
      o Need clear criteria for the board to use to accept or reject a local SNMP.
      o Time for CV-SALTS to reach out to the counties.
      o In User Protection ensure drinking water replacement specified for the first year, not 3-5.
   ➤ The committee then discussed the following 6 policy questions:
      1. What should the trigger be to determine an implementation approach (individual vs. MZ) and initiate Phase 1 to develop the local SNMP?
         (a) Approved Basin Plan Amendment
         (b) WDR Renewal
      Feedback:
      Look at a tiered prioritization, using IAZs as a prioritization tool.
      Casey Creamer expressed the concern that the IAZ was too big. If the #1 goal is to protect drinking water, then drinking water concerns should trigger the need.
      How to address WDRs that apply to a class of dischargers that may be in both high and low priority areas.

2. Is there general consensus on the basic illustrated steps to develop a local SNMP – delineation, governance, prioritization, POI (Plan of Implementation)?
   Feedback:
   Yes, but include a section regarding level of detail required in different scales.
3. When developing a POI and demonstrating that the POI will make progress towards attainment of objectives, should our focus be:
   (a) Solely on meeting the water quality objective, e.g., <10mg/L nitrate
   (b) Achieving better than the WQO, e.g. to create assimilative capacity
   (c) Both, e.g., establishment of primary and secondary goals
   Feedback:
   Tie in actual language from Porter-Cologne.
4. Is there consensus to use 1000 mg/L as the attainment goal for TDS?
   Feedback:
   This question will come back to the committee after the policy paper is completed.
5. What is reasonable timeframe for completion of the (a) initial phase, (b) subsequent phases? 10 years, other?
   Feedback:
   There was basic agreement that for the deliverables as presented a 10-year timeframe was reasonable.
6. Is there general consensus on framing the POI around these three goals – considering both short and long-term strategies?
   (a) User protection – safe water supply
   (b) Sustainability – achieve mass balance of inputs and outputs
   (c) Managed aquifer restoration
   Feedback:
   Use Balance instead of Sustainability.
   Balance should be considered a milestone instead of a goal.
   All 3 elements should have short and long term components.

➢ Next Steps
   o Committee members should have written comments to Richard NLT 12/4.
   o The framework will come back to the committee in written SNMP language in early 2016.
   o Next documents to be completed: SSALTS Phase 3 Report, NIMS Report and draft of SNMP Section 8.

3) Set next meeting date
   ➢ The next Policy Sessions will be January 14th and 15th. The next Admin Meeting will be December 4th.
      o Per Daniel Cozad the 12/4 Admin Call will begin at 10:00 AM.