

**CV-SALTS Executive Committee Meeting - Summary Action Notes**  
**For November 19, 2015 – 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM**

**Attendees are listed on the Membership Roster**

**AGENDA**

- 1) Welcome and Introductions
  - a) Executive Committee Chair Parry Klassen brought the meeting to order, and roll call was completed.
  - b) Vice Chair, Debbie Webster led the PM Session.
  
- 2) Principles to Govern Development of an Offsets Policy
  
- 3) Principles to Govern Development of an Offsets Policy – Continuation of the morning discussion
  - During the morning session the committee discussed the “Hypothetical Examples to Illustrate the Offset Concept,” and “Where do Offsets fit within the array of existing regulatory options?” sections of the principles document. Some of the feedback offered on the draft:
    - Has to be some demonstration of what happens over time.
    - Policy needs to address how long credits are valid.
    - Request for additional language to clarify that the offsets policy is not redefining BPTC.
    - Incorporate the concept of proportionality.
  - “What implementation requirements should apply to Offsets?” was discussed in the afternoon session:
    - Item #4 – Add language that specifies that location flexibility is acceptable, as long as the offset supports the 3 primary goals of the local SNMP.
    - Item #2 – Add that authorization for “a ratio of < 1:1 may be authorized only in accordance with the state’s Antidegradation Policy *or you need an exception*”.
      - Add the concept of variable ratios for long-term offsets that begin at <1:1 and increase through the 3 Phases (User Protection, Balance, Managed Restoration) of the local SNMP.
    - Item #2 – Incorporate the idea that the effects on other pollutants can be considered as part of the justification and rationale for approving an offset, but they do not go into the math directly as if you were in compliance on the original pollutant.
    - Item #4 – Include commitment to a long-term program of balance and restoration, in addition to the mitigation of the local impairment, to avoid the de facto veto from affected well owner.
    - Item #5 – Link the periodic review to the local SNMP Phases.
    - Item #6 – Clarify the time sequence and confusion regarding, “must be approved, in advance..”
    - Item #7 – Tim asked the committee to think about the idea that an offset would be an affirmative defense to a private nuisance.
  - Committee members were asked to submit written comments on the Offsets Policy, and the Nitrate Permitting Strategy document from the October meeting, no later than December 15<sup>th</sup>. The Offsets Policy will be revised and discussed again at a future meeting.
  
- 4) Set next meeting dates: 2015/2016
  - The next Admin Meeting will be December 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM. January Policy Meetings will take place on Thursday (1/14) and Friday (1/15).