

CV-SALTS Executive Committee Meeting Notes

Friday, December 4, 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 Vice Chair, Debbie Webster.
 - a) Roll call was completed.
 - b) Karna Harrigfeld moved, and Pam Buford seconded, and by general acclamation the November 6th meeting action notes were approved.

2) Contracting for Final SNMP Development not to exceed - \$104,997

- After discussion, David Cory moved, and Karna Harrigfeld seconded, and the committee voted to approve the following:
 - CVSC Executive Director, the San Joaquin Valley Drainage Authority and Regional Board Staff work with CDM Smith to make any final changes to the scope of work or coordinate among the consultants.
 - Drainage Authority award and contract with CDM Smith in an amount not to exceed \$104,997.00.
 - Authorize work to begin when directed.

3) Closeout and Release of Retention for SSALTS Phase I and II

- After discussion, Roger Reynolds moved and David Cory seconded, and the committee voted to approve the following:
 - Accept the Final Phase 1 Report, dated December 13, 2013, and the Final Phase 2 Report, dated October 1, 2014 deliverables, and authorize payment of retention to CDM Smith for Phase 1 and Phase 2 invoices.
 - The final reports are available on the CV-SALTS web site at the following links:
 - [SSALTS Final Phase 1 Report](#)
 - [SSALTS Final Phase 2 Report](#)

4) Procurement/Master Contract Status

- Pam Buford provided an update on the master contract status.
 - Pam is in the process of doing a contract amendment to incorporate the subcontracts for the final tasks into the master contract. She will continue to update the committee over the next couple of months on the progress of the final amendment

5) Draft State Board Annual Report

- Daniel Cozad and Pam Buford presented the preliminary draft of the 2015 Annual Report.
- Pam requested that committee members review and provide input on the "[Work Accomplishments to Date](#)" section of the report. Are the items listed as "in progress" and "ongoing" described clearly enough for someone who has not been involved in CV-SALTS?

6) Use of GIS Layers Developed through BUOS

- After discussion, David Cory moved and Karna Harrigfeld seconded, and the committee
 - agreed the Regional Board can make the data available to the State Board, and
 - directed Daniel Cozad to modify the CV-SALTS Data Access Request Procedure to indicate that the Regional Board and State Board do not have to submit a signed request to obtain the data.

7) Prop 1 Groundwater Sustainability Grant Program

- Pam Buford advised the committee that the State Board is interested in doing a presentation on the program to CV-SALTS, and getting input from CV-SALTS on potential projects for the grant program.
 - Committee members were asked to forward ideas for potential nitrate cleanup projects to Pam and Daniel. Daniel will provide Pam with a list of potential program examples that could incorporate a nitrate cleanup element into a larger integrated project, a management zone project, or multi-stakeholder projects.

8) SNMP Policy Section Review

- Richard Meyerhoff provided a status update:
 - Main activity currently is the SMCL policy. Comments have been received by the small work group, and they will be meeting 12/8 to go through the comments and make decisions on the next step.
 - The Management Zone policy is being revised based on discussions at the October and November Policy Meetings.

9) Other CV-SALTS Project/Contract Updates

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

- Task 4 – Management Zone Archetype (Alta Irrigation District area)
- Task 5 – Development of SNMP – Status of Section Development (per August 2014 Table of Contents):
 - Both Task 4 & 5 have been on hold for several weeks in an effort to resolve the stakeholder concerns on use of data outside of the AID boundary. See note below from previous meeting:
 - *... However, the stakeholder concerns regarding inclusion of figures showing data analyses in the modeled boundary area (outside of the AID boundary) are now impacting any section where an AID project figure has been used to illustrate a technical point – in particular Appendix C which is the methodology for assessing ambient groundwater quality and assimilative capacity. We are holding on release of draft SNMP for review pending resolution of this issue.*
 - LWA will be advised shortly how to proceed. Once LWA is given the go ahead it will be about a month before the next deliverables on the project will be complete.
 - Daniel Cozad advised the committee that CVSC had agreed to fund a project request from AID Archetype stakeholders to look at extreme conditions. What would the modelling look like if agriculture were made to go away?
 - Committee members were asked to provide feedback or concerns about moving forward with that project.
 - Daniel will forward a copy of the scope of work to the committee.

– **Tulare Lake MUN – Richard Meyerhoff**

- Last technical revisions recommended by the Regional Board Staff have been completed by project proponents.
- Final materials will be delivered to the LWA team, which will begin work on the CEQA/Economics Analysis for the expected Basin Plan amendment.

– **SSALTS – Roger Reynolds**

- CDM Smith is still outlining the proposed technical memorandum. Tentative schedule is to have a preliminary technical memo ready to go to the project committee the latter part of January.

– **Surveillance and Monitoring Plan – Roger Reynolds**

- CDM Smith is developing a protocol for the IAZs to be presented to the Project Committee in the next 6-8 weeks.

– **MUN POTW – Jeanne Chilcott**

- MUN Evaluation Process in Ag-Dominated Water Bodies:
 - Conference call was held in November to discuss CEQA/ECON needed for a region-wide approach.
 - Regional Board staff is working on finalizing water quality data gathered for the case study, and on finalizing what needs to be analyzed for the project description for CEQA/ECON.
 - Working toward a Board workshop in June 2016.

– **LSJR Committee – Mike Johnson**

- All technical work has been completed and Regional Board is working on the staff report. Mike has signed his one-month contract extension. The next committee meeting is planned for January.

10) Set next meeting objectives / 2016

- January Policy meetings are now scheduled for half day on **Thursday 1/14**, and full day on **Friday 1/15**.
- The next Admin Meeting will be February 12th.