

CV-SALTS Executive Committee Meeting - Summary Action Notes

For January 14, 2016 – 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Attendees are listed on the Membership Roster

AGENDA

1) Welcome and Introductions

- a) Committee Chair Parry Klassen brought the meeting to order, and roll call was completed.
- b) Approval of the November notes was deferred pending revisions requested by Debbie Webster.
- c) Richard Meyerhoff provided updates on the various ongoing technical projects. It was requested that the list of tentative deliverable dates be forwarded to committee members, and that if possible a copy of the schedule be included in future agenda packets.

2) SNMP Implementation Section – Follow-up to November Policy Meeting Implementation Framework

Discussion

- Richard Meyerhoff and Joe LeClaire presented the First Draft: SNMP Program of Implementation. Some of the comments or concerns expressed by committee members were:
 - Document needs to be broadened to include a surface water component.
 - The groundwater and surface water sections should be separate to eliminate confusion and help in the jurisdictional issue in terms of what EPA reviews and approves.
 - SNMP Management Goals.
 - Broaden the text to bring in more foundation, e.g. Porter-Cologne.
 - Water Quality-based Goals
 - Goal 1 – User Protection – needs to be phrased more succinctly
 - Add language to ensure immediate access to alternative water supply.
 - Consider laying out a work plan with milestones.
 - Goal 3 – Implement Managed Aquifer Restoration
 - Change all occurrences of NO₃ to N
 - Goal cannot be 10. Discussion still needed to decide on actual goal.
 - Implementation Framework – SNMP Submittal Options
 - Add another layer to show what demonstration is needed if you only need to show you are not causing a concern.
 - Need to have a specific conversation on realistic goal numbers once NIMS data is available. Need some kind of trigger to require management of nitrate, <10mg/L is not adequate.
 - Communities on private wells should also be included, not limited to public water supply wells.
 - Implementation Framework – Existing WDR or Waiver
 - Needs to be clear that when conducting analyses for trend and assimilative capacity, you need to know the delineation of the boundaries of what you are analyzing.
 - Framework needs an additional first step. Are you going to comply? If not, what other pathways are available besides a management zone?
 - Implementation Framework – Prioritized Schedule
 - Results from the High Resolution Mapping work will be done in March timeframe and are essential to the schedule prioritization.

- Implementation Framework – Prioritized Schedule for First Submittals for Management Zone
 - Consider extending the completion time for at least Priority Group 1. 10 years to complete all 4 Groups is probably not realistic.
 - Clarify that the provision of safe drinking water is an immediate goal for the early phases.
- How does the mechanism for the 10-year review cycle actually work? Make sure this is addressed as the basin plan is written.
- Jeanne Chilcott noted that the concept of “incentivizing” is missing from the plan. What is the incentive for a discharger to participate in a Management Zone?
- Members also agreed more discussion was needed to clarify the concept of “opting out” of a Management Zone.

➤ Next Steps

- Committee members should have written comments to Richard NLT 1/25.
- The framework will go to a small work group next to review the second draft.
- Next documents to be completed: NIMS Report technical sections are due to be submitted to the Project Committee 1/22.

3) Set next meeting date

- Executive Committee Policy Meeting January 15th, 9-3
- The February Policy Sessions will be 2/24 and 2/25. The next Admin Meeting will be February 12th.