

CV-SALTS Executive Committee Meeting - Summary Action Notes

For March 29, 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.

2) Review Draft Policy to Extend and Expand Regional Board's Authority to Grant Variances and Exceptions

- The committee discussed the most recent revision of Principles to Guide Revision of the Exceptions Policy for Waste Discharges to Groundwater. This policy was last discussed at the September 2015 meeting. Some of the comments or concerns expressed by committee members were:
 - With the adoption of an Exceptions Policy under CV-SALTS there is no longer a need, or reason, to maintain the sunset provision, since the original purpose of the provision was to ensure participation in CV-SALTS.
 - Depending on the nature of the project, the term of an exception may be shorter than 10 years. But the milestones and review period cannot be greater than 10 years.
 - Expand item 5A, Page 7, to more completely describe the level of detail implied by “an adequate supply of clean, safe, reliable and affordable drinking water is *assured*.”
 - And also move the content in 5D into 5A.

5D: Where exceptions are sought in order to provide time to develop and approve a more appropriate water quality standard (uses and/or objectives), there must be a well-defined workplan/schedule and a commitment by dischargers to provide the resources needed to complete the proposed process.
 - Item 4, Page 5, should also be rewritten with more detail to further delineate the requirement for the provision of safe drinking water, including conditions and details with penalties for non-conformance.
 - Consider the need for a regional guidance document for granting exceptions.
 - The committee was in general agreement that the constituent list should include only salts and nitrate. Boron will not be included on the list.
 - Item 4, Page 6 – Rewrite this so that it does not imply that the Regional Board *must* authorize the exception.
 - Consult with legal to clarify the legal distinction between an exception and a time schedule regarding causing a condition of pollution or nuisance.
 - Item 3, Page 6 – Change “exceedance” to “exception.”
 - Ensure consistent use of the terms “compliance” vs. “attainment” throughout the document.

3) Set next meeting date

- Executive Committee Policy Meeting - Wednesday, March 30th – 9:00 – 3:00
- The next Admin Meeting will be April 8th.