

CV-SALTS Executive Committee Meeting - Summary Action Notes

For March 30, 2016 – 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) J.P. Cativiela moved, and Casey Creamer seconded, and by general acclamation the February meeting action notes were approved.
- c) Richard Meyerhoff presented the updated Technical Project Schedule.

2) AID Management Zone Archetype

- The morning session consisted of two presentations on the AID Management Zone Archetype.
 - Chris Kapheim, General Manager, Alta Irrigation District, presented a Collaborative Approach to Regional Water Issues.
 - Karen Ashby, Tom Grovhoug and Vicki Kretsinger presented results from the Management Zone Archetype Study: Alta Irrigation District (AID).
- Some of the feedback from the committee on the presentations:
 - How much are those asking for relief putting forward to make sure they are not burdened with added costs, and that those causing or contributing are paying a fair share?
 - The importance of linking the NIMS long-term restoration scenarios to the drinking water solutions in the project implementation. Any long term solution is going to have to take into account the need for treatment.

3) AID Management Zone Archetype – Continued Review and Discussion

- In the afternoon session Richard Meyerhoff asked the committee for feedback on the following policy questions:
 - 1) **Allocation of AC – What guidance can be provided to the Regional Board to demonstrate an appropriate approach?**
 - *Within MZ boundary*
 - *Within larger groundwater subbasin boundary*
 - 2) **Compliance with SNMP Management Goals – AID Example**
 - **Goal 1 (safe drinking water) – AID has a path forward**
 - **Goal 2 & 3 (balance and restoration) – Path to restoration for nitrate is incredibly long even under a comprehensive management scenario**
 - *Can an SNMP be approved if safe drinking water is available and reasonable efforts are made to reduce nitrate loading to achieve balance, but these cannot achieve restoration for many generations?*
 - 3) **Is there a threshold where compliance with Management Goal 3 is deemed unattainable similar to designation/designation for a salt sink area?**
 - Some of the feedback offered by the committee:
 - The larger groundwater subbasin boundary will be used in the calculation of the 41 DWR basins/subbasins as required by policy. Management zones seeking allocation of assimilative capacity would incur the responsibility to do the sub calculation for their

- GSA to demonstrate available assimilative capacity. This calculation is not a mandatory minimum requirement but a discretionary requirement based on the proposed project.
- There has been no comprehensive assessment in the AID Management Zone project area of how many households are at risk for unsafe drinking water.
 1. Bill Thomas will contact Chris Kapheim at AID to find out what their estimate is for the number of households in the 7 target communities of the drinking water project, and how they obtained that data.
 2. Tim Moore and Daniel Cozad will work on developing a scope of work for determining the number of households in the AID Management Zone area that need drinking water, (both those served by the proposed drinking water project, and those outside of the planned project area). Laurel Firestone asked to be included in the development of that scope of work.
 - To better respond to the long-term restoration question, the committee decided to use the NIMS project committee to develop a straw proposal linking the new data and modelling tools generated by the AID project with the validation of some of the scenarios proposed by NIMS.
 - There was general agreement that a 10-year exception was acceptable as long as it was coupled with an update every 3-5 years, and the full review at 10 years. Tim Moore recommended development of an Exceptions Guidance document over the next year along with the basin plan where these types of things are discussed.
 - In response to Jeanne Chilcott's question regarding allocation of assimilative capacity and use of a buffer, Tim Moore indicated he would be drafting guidelines for the allocation of assimilative capacity to be included in the SNMP.
 - Tim Moore asked the committee to consider accelerating an element of the basin plan amendment, (specifically to get an exception in a permit for nitrate in the East Kings Basin MZ/AID archetype), and put it on a one-year development schedule. Jeanne Chilcott and Patrick Pulupa will look into whether there is the authority to do this for nitrate and advise the committee. Laurel Firestone noted that EJ was not going to be ok with an exception to groundwater for nitrate if you are just going to give bottled water.

4) Set next meeting dates: 2016

- June 22nd will be the CV-SALTS workshop at the Regional Board office in Rancho Cordova. The announcement will be out May 6th, all materials for review must be out no later than May 23rd.
- The next Admin Meeting will be April 8th. April Policy Meetings will take place on 4/27 and 4/28 and will be held at the Regional Board Office.