

# CV-SALTS Executive Committee Meeting - Summary Action Notes

For May 12, 2016 – 8:30 AM to 4:00 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) Tim Moore provided the Development and Review Schedule for SNMP Basin Plan Amendment Package.
  - Jeanne Chilcott advised that the schedule task order needs to be revised. CEQA and ECON have to be finished before SNMP is submitted.
  - Jeanne also summarized the June 22<sup>nd</sup> Workshop timeline for the committee
- c) Richard Meyerhoff provided a draft SNMP Table of Contents.

### 2) Draft SNMP Executive Summary & CV-SALTS Safe Drinking Water Approach

- These items were discussed in the afternoon session.
- Richard Meyerhoff presented the Draft SNMP Executive Summary.
- Jeanne Chilcott presented the CV-SALTS Approach to Safe Drinking Water Responsibilities of Dischargers Including Growers.
- Some of the feedback from the committee:
  - Separate salt and nitrates. Areas identified high priority for both salt and nitrate would go to the top of the prioritization list.
  - What additional factors should be used to prioritize areas? # of wells? Private wells?
  - How to ensure that areas with reasonably good water quality are not drawn into an ACP based on the trigger concept?
  - A more detailed discussion on the application of triggers is needed.
  - Can different timelines be considered for low priority areas?
  - Package Page 17, following needs to be reworded:
    - The assessment of these trigger criteria shall also include an assessment of potential contributions from the vadose zone.*
    - Also on Page 17 clarify that additional data does not have to be from dischargers. Any stakeholder can provide additional data.
- The Exceptions Policy and Nitrate Permitting Strategy were also discussed.
  - Reconsider limiting the term of an exception to no more than 10-years. Can it be better aligned with SGMA?
  - The relationship of management zones and the allocation of assimilative capacity needs to be clarified.
- Additional comments should be submitted no later than Tuesday, 5/17.

### 3) SNMP Policies – Identify Key Policy Issues for CV-SALTS Regional Board Workshop

- In the morning session the committee discussed the Management Zone Policy and the AGR Policy.
  - Some of the feedback offered by the committee on Management Zones:
    - Policy needs clarification on timeline for provision of safe drinking water. Seems a long process in between the request for a management zone and the assurance of safe water supply. Identify in the process the immediate, intermediate and long-term steps that support the 3 stated goals.

- Management Zone should include some type of early action with respect to drinking water as part of Step 1.
- Identification of participants should be part of the early action.
- Delineate further that for participants to be deemed in compliance they must implement the approved plan and be meeting milestones.
- How/when does a management zone fit, or get incorporated, into the WDRs?
- In Section 2.1 add another bullet after “Identified constituents of concern...” to clarify it is a nitrate drinking water concern.
- Include some directive in the policy on how to respond when a community with impaired drinking water is unwilling to participate in the process.
- Add the term “area of influence” to the glossary, needs a better definition.
- Address the issue of affordability and mitigating costs for communities that have already taken action.
- The specific timeline of 180 days for Step 2 does not seem realistic.
- Jump start the process by identifying impaired community water systems in high priority areas and include that information in the notice from the board.
- Identify better the management goals and the implementation plan components with respect to those.
  - Section 1.0 (package page 26): Rewrite to highlight the first goal of “assuring safe drinking water.” Add in the component of community engagement.
- Committee members were asked to provide any additional comments via email no later than Tuesday, 5/17.
- The committee then discussed the AGR policy. Some of the feedback offered by the committee on the AGR:
  - Expand the treatment of surface water.
  - Package page 45, change the following sentence to read “**should not** be exceeded.”  
Once a groundwater basin or sub-basin is given an AGR classification, salinity shall be managed within that class such that the upper threshold for that class **cannot** be exceeded.
  - Tess Dunham recommended development of a Salinity Permitting Strategy.

4) Set next meeting dates: 2016

- June 10<sup>th</sup> is the next Admin Meeting.
- June Policy Meetings will take place on 6/15 & 6/16.
- Regional Board Workshop will be June 22<sup>nd</sup>.