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 22nd 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:
      o Separate salt and nitrates. Areas identified high priority for both salt and nitrate would go to the top of the prioritization list.
      o What additional factors should be used to prioritize areas? # of wells? Private wells?
      o How to ensure that areas with reasonably good water quality are not drawn into an ACP based on the trigger concept?
      o A more detailed discussion on the application of triggers is needed.
      o Can different timelines be considered for low priority areas?
      o 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 date does not have to be from dischargers. Any stakeholder can provide additional data.
   ➢ The Exceptions Policy and Nitrate Permitting Strategy were also discussed.
      o Reconsider limiting the term of an exception to no more than 10-years. Can it be better aligned with SGMA?
      o 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.
      o 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 10th is the next Admin Meeting.
- June Policy Meetings will take place on 6/15 & 6/16.
- Regional Board Workshop will be June 22nd.