

# CV-SALTS Executive Committee Meeting - Summary Action Notes

For August 10, 2016 – 1:00 PM 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) SNMP & Policy Schedule
  - Richard Meyerhoff summarized the meeting and policy discussion schedule for the remainder of August-September. September 15<sup>th</sup> will be a key meeting for discussion of the draft SNMP, with a focus on the implementation section.
- c) Standing Rules Amendment
  - Daniel Cozad presented the revised CV-SALTS Standing Rules. After discussion Rob Neenan moved approval, and David Cory seconded, and by general acclamation the CV-SALTS Standing Rules, Version 10, dated 8/1/16, were approved.

### 2) CV-SALTS Policy Documents and Comments

- Tess Dunham led the discussion of key proposed options and alternatives for the SMCL, and Drought and Conservation policies, and committee decisions for moving forward.
  - SMCL Policy
    - Add a paragraph explaining problems for discharges to surface water
    - Need an analysis of the cost impact if a surface water monitoring program is necessary
    - Clarify that if guidance is developed it will be in “consultation with” DDW.
    - Inclusion of reference Tables in the Basin Plan to be included on future agenda, does not affect CEQA.
    - Maintain the policy of filtered sample, have CEQA look at unfiltered option.
    - For point of compliance in receiving water evaluate all options, for both surface and groundwater, and adjust the policy based upon CEQA results
      - The proposal of “trigger of 80%” will also be reviewed at a later date.
    - Clarification: change “public water supplies” to “community water systems”
  - Drought Policy
    - Keep salinity as the recommended, with boron as an option.
    - Consider amending the policy to include a paragraph on what are the triggers; Governor’s Drought Emergency-Extended Dry Period(LSJR)-Local State of Emergency. Other triggers would have to undergo a separate CEQA analysis later.
- Tess Dunham asked the committee to weigh in on the decisions that were talked about on August 1<sup>st</sup> on the Draft Salinity Management Strategy. Some feedback from the committee:
  - P&O Study should be region-wide.
  - Include both surface and groundwater
  - The issue of forward modeling will be referred to the CEQA Project Committee for discussion.
  - Bracket interim permitting approach under Option 1 at 15-20 years.
  - Richard Meyerhoff will develop the written criteria for an opt-out pathway.
  - No decision was reached on the Tulare Lake Basin deletions.

### 3) Review Meeting Schedule/Location

- 8/11 Policy Meeting and Board Workshop 8/17
- 9/14 Policy Meeting 1-4, 9/15 Policy Meeting 9:00 – 3:00
- Next Admin Meeting is 9/16

# CV-SALTS Executive Committee Meeting - Summary Action Notes

For August 11, 2016 – 9:00 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) David Cory moved, and J.P. Cativiela seconded, and by general acclimation the May and June meeting notes were approved.

### 2) CV-SALTS Policy Documents and Comments

### 3) Continuation of Morning Discussion

- Tess Dunham led the discussion of key proposed options and alternatives for the Exceptions, Offsets, Nitrate Permitting Strategy, Management Zone, and Salinity Management Strategy policies, and committee decisions for moving forward.
  - Exceptions
    - Both proposals for term of an exception will be analyzed as options for CEQA; board discretion and term limitation of 10 years.
      - Must be conditions that would pull the exception if milestones not achieved per plan.
    - Mitigation fund not a CEQA alternative, but can be included in the SNMP.
  - Offsets
    - Clarification needed in documents regarding offsets vs. exceptions.
    - Offsets for surface water not an option for CEQA, consider for evaluation in Phase 1 of the Salinity Management Strategy.
  - Nitrate Permitting Strategy
    - Expansion to include surface waters not included as an option, but recognize there may be future consideration.
    - Cannot wait until “groundwater is greater than 75% of the objective.” Need trend analysis on watersheds that have reached 50%.
    - Consider the term “First Encountered *Usable*” in allocation of assimilative capacity.
  - Management Zone
    - Participation in an existing management zone should be subject to board review.
    - EJ does not support the volume weighted average in the production zone.
  - Salinity Management Strategy
    - Recommend deleting Tulare Lake Basin Plan “managed degradation objectives,” and “salinity-related limitations...”

### 4) Review Meeting Schedule/Location

- CV-SALTS Workshop – August 17<sup>th</sup>
- September 14<sup>th</sup> 1:00-4:00 & 15<sup>th</sup> 9:00-3:00 @ SacRegional
- Next Admin Meeting is 9/16