

CV-SALTS Executive Committee Meeting - Summary Action Notes

For September 14, 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.

2) CV-SALTS Policy Documents and Comments

- Tess Dunham presented the Revised Salinity Management Strategy, highlighting the changes made based upon the August Meeting. Some of feedback from the committee:
 - Brine line development section should be broader. Identify areas not connected to the brine line project.
 - Include a project schedule.
 - Document seems groundwater centric, how will surface water be integrated?
 - Page 16, second bullet, delete last sentence:
In particular, individual discharge efforts would have little impact on CentralValley salinity management as a whole, and as such they are not reasonable, feasible or practicable.
 - For dischargers opting out, what are the appropriate criteria for that pathway? How to interpret the narrative objective?
 - Tess will incorporate this and other comments from today's discussion and distribute next week.
- Tess also presented the new Salinity Variance Policy which proposes to amend the current basin plan to extend the sunset date on the Salinity Variance Program by an additional 15 years.

3) Review Meeting Schedule/Location

- 9/15 Policy Meeting 9:00 – 3:00
- Next Admin Meeting is 9/16

CV-SALTS Executive Committee Meeting - Summary Action Notes

For September 15, 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.

2) CV-SALTS Policy Documents and Comments

3) Continuation of Morning Discussion

- The following policy documents & SNMP sections had been distributed to the committee:

SNMP Implementation Section

- [Front Material \(TOC, Abbreviations\)](#)
- [Section 1 – Introduction](#)
- [Section 2 – CV Region Description](#)
- [Section 4 - Implementation](#)
- [Section 5 - References](#)

Updated Policy Documents

[A1 Groundwater Management Zone](#)

[A2 Nitrate Permitting Strategy](#)

[A3 Salinity Management Strategy](#)

[A4 Exceptions Policy](#)

[A5 AGR Policy](#)

[A6 Salinity Variance Policy](#)

[A7 Offsets Policy](#)

[A8 Drought and Water Conservation Policy](#)

[A9 SMCL Policy](#)

[A10 ACP Guidelines](#)

[A11 Maximum Benefit Findings](#)

- Richard Meyerhoff summarized the contents of the agenda and noted the focus of discussion for the meeting would be Section 4 of the SNMP, Implementation. The committee was asked to provide written comments no later than October 3rd. The final SNMP and CEQA findings will be the focus of the October policy meeting.
 - During the initial discussion of Section 4.3.2 Nitrate Management, Laurel Firestone expressed concern that she felt none of the EJ community comments had been incorporated. Two significant issues being, the provision of assimilative capacity up to 10, and private wells not being included. Tess Dunham advised that the written comments were incorporated as an alternate to be analyzed in CEQA. Pamela Creedon also noted that the Permitting Strategy incorporates both the trigger that had been requested, and a trend, to address the assimilative capacity concern. Laurel indicated they would no longer be participating in the meetings and would provide any future comments in written form only.
- Richard summarized each section of the Section 4-Implementation chapter. Some observations from the committee:
 - Several sections seemed to be focusing only on groundwater.

- Similarly, sections of the Drought and Conservation policy indicated it only applied in a drought situation.
- Richard asked committee members to identify areas of inconsistency and provide alternative text if possible. Members were also asked to note and forward any disconnects between Section 4 and the policy documents.
- Tess Dunham highlighted changes made to the Exceptions and Management Zone Policies since the August meetings.
 - Tess will incorporate additional steps in the management zone approval process to reflect the committee input on whether approval of the management zone is an Executive Officer authority, or a required Board approval.
 - After a discussion on allocation of assimilative capacity and triggers, Tess indicated she will draft two options, with and without a trigger, and bring back to the October meeting. A decision **must** be made at the October meeting.
 - Patrick Pulupa advised that when using assimilative capacity, the management zone must have some concept of how assimilative capacity numbers are changing for the portion of the basin not carved out in the zone.
 - In response to Parry Klassen’s question on “dueling databases,” Richard noted that Section 4.3.4 of the Implementation Chapter talks about alternative data and could be revised to address Parry’s concern regarding the use of alternative data.
- Richard Meyerhoff will develop a strawman proposal for the Nitrate Permitting Strategy prioritization approach and bring to the October meeting for discussion.

4) Workshop Glossary

- Tim Moore asked committee members to review the current glossary and email him with any additions or comments.

5) Review Meeting Schedule/Location

- Next Admin Meeting is 10/14
- October 20th Policy meeting has been extended one hour: 9:00-4:00 @ SacRegional