

CV-SALTS Executive Committee Meeting - Summary Action Notes

For August 16, 2017 – 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Attendees are listed on the Membership Roster

Discussion Items

1) Welcome and Introductions

- a) Executive Committee Chair Parry Klassen brought the meeting to order, and roll call was completed.

2) Basin Plan Amendment Language

- Richard Meyerhoff presented the most recent revisions to the Program for Control and Permitting of Salinity Discharges to Groundwater in the Sacramento -San Joaquin River Basins and in the Tulare Lake Basin. Some of feedback from the committee:
 - Redefine the overall Control Program, (for both salinity and nitrate), as applying to all surface and groundwaters in the Central Valley, and not only those designated with MUN and AGR beneficial uses.
 - Ensure the third goal continues to include long-term managed restoration where reasonable, feasible, and practicable.
 - Change the name of the Default Salinity Permitting Approach to Phase 1 Permitting Approach, and Interim Permitting Approach to Alternative Permitting Approach.
 - In Figure 1:
 - insert “and numeric” after “narrative.”
 - Change the phrase “salinity waste discharge requirement” to “salinity objective.”
 - Find an alternative phrase for the ‘may not’ in, “Regional Board may not...”
 - Need resolution on the issue of effective date and what elements may be subject to USEPA.
 - Package Page 10: Delete paragraph beginning, “Permitted dischargers that do not participate in the Interim...”
 - Remove all inappropriate instances of word “shall” throughout the document.
 - Package Page 7 – Groundwater and Non-NPDES
 - #3 Issuance of Time Schedules: Rephrase first sentence without the word “sparingly.” Delete last sentence.
 - Package Page 7 - NPDES
 - Reasonable Potential Analysis: Delete last sentence.
 - Allocation of Assimilative Capacity: Delete the phrase “if there have been no material changes to the discharge.”
 - Package Page 8
 - #5 – Compliance Schedule. Delete everything after “State Water Board’s Compliance Schedule Policy.”
 - Interim Salinity Permitting Approach - First bullet needs rephrasing. Define “high priority saline discharges and/or areas.” In bullet 4 eliminate the phrase beginning with “and subsequent Phases II and III...” Who determines what constitutes “minimum required level of financial support”?
 - Interim Permit Provisions – Begin the paragraph “Under the Alternative Salinity Permitting Approach permittees may be required ...” Last bullet: Add “or conditions” after “Comply with interim permit limits...” and clarify the phrase “appropriate and necessary.”

- Package Page 9
 - Consider moving references to the LSJR work to the front of the document.
 - Restructure the document to cover the Phased Implementation Program first, followed by Permitting.
 - Phased Implementation – Change 2nd sentence to read, “At the discretion of the Regional Water Board...”
 - Phase 1 – The Regional Board will implement the P&O study **in conjunction with stakeholders.**
- Package Page 10
 - Don’t want to start Phase 2 without the basin plan changes needed to implement.
 - Move the following sentence out of this section:
 - It is the intent of the Regional Water Board to encourage participation by permitted surface water and groundwater dischargers in the Phase I P&O Study as part of the Interim Salinity Permitting Approach.
 - Clarify the paragraph on Phase II Project Development.
- Page 11 – Table 1: Add Governance to Phase 1 tasks, 18 months is too long.
- Page 12
 - Phase III: Delete the word “all.”
 - Recommendations to Other Agencies: Richard will work with Tess and Jeanne to restructure this section.

3) Review Meeting Schedule/Location

- 8/17 Policy Meeting 9:00 – 3:00
- 9/14 Policy Meeting 9:00 – 3:00
- Admin Meeting 10/12 1:00 – 2:30
- 11/2 Policy Meeting 9:00 – 3:00
- Admin Meeting 11/14 1:00 – 2:30