

CV-SALTS Executive Committee Meeting - Summary Action Notes

For August 17, 2017 – 9:00 AM to 3:00 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.
- b) Debbie Webster moved, and Tim Johnson seconded, and by general acclamation the June meeting notes were approved, with the following revision: Add Jeanne Chilcott to the Salinity Small Group, and remove Patrick Pulupa.

2) Basin Plan Amendment Language

- Tess Dunham presented the most recent revisions to the “Policy for Control and Permitting of Nitrate Discharges to Groundwater in the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Basins and in the Tulare Lake Basin.” Committee members were asked to provide written comments within one week.
- Some of the comments received from the committee on the draft for the Nitrate Control Program were:
 - Page 7
 - Needs to be broader than just total nitrogen.
 - Goal 3 should be “Achieve” managed restoration, not “implement.” Add “reasonable, feasible, and practicable.”
 - Add a definitions section.
 - Page 9 – Need the date for Bulletin 118. Typo on Table 2 title.
 - Page 11 – Articulate the fact that if someone misses the Notice of Intent deadline it is assumed that they are NOT in the management zone.
 - Page 13 – Delete the following sentence: “Early Action Plans shall not be necessary for discharges in Category 1.” Add language that incentivizes early action. Remove the word “Baseline” from footnote 7. Category 1 should be “discharge when it reaches the receiving water.”
 - Page 14 – Clarify in Category 4 that assimilative capacity is not an automatic option.
 - Page 18
 - Can additional criteria be specified for formation of a management zone to address potential gerrymandering?
 - Under Intent and Purpose of a Management Zone clarify the wording of the last bullet, (management zone does not provide the authority).
 - Insert a time table into the document to highlight what is due when in the timeline.
 - Page 19
 - Delete “approved” from “obtaining an approved exception.”
 - The Early Action Plan might be better as a separate section.
 - Use “Groundwater Sustainability Agency.”
 - Use the term “permittees” instead of “dischargers.”
 - In final paragraph under Preliminary Management Zone Proposal, “communicate the availability of the Proposal to other **stakeholders**.”
 - Where in the Preliminary or Final Proposal is the listing of current activities?

- Page 20
 - Rewrite timeline for development of management zone implementation plan as follows:
 - “Timeline for development of a Management Zone Implementation Plan will be as directed by board staff, but no later than 6 months from Board acceptance of the Final Management Zone Proposal.”
 - Include some examples of what replacement water looks like. Consider using the terms emergency/interim/permanent.
- Page 21 – Bullet #2 – add “or have a plan for dedesignation.”
- Page 22 - #7 – last sentence – Change “may” revise to “will need” to revise.
- Page 23 – Allocation of Assimilative Capacity
 - Add in a requirement to do an assessment of impact to those not in the management zone.
 - Add concept that management zones cannot overlap.
 - Consider adding identification of hotspots and plan for restoration.

3) Other Basin Plan Language Sections Review or Development Status

- Jeanne Chilcott updated the committee on progress of the various program pieces. To ensure continued progress it was agreed that the October 12th Admin Meeting should be rescheduled as a full day policy meeting.

4) Subcommittee Updates

- Daniel Cozad updated the Committee on the recent actions of the PEOC.
 - The 11 x 17 printed brochures are available.
 - The Northern Ag and Southern Ag Inserts were presented for committee approval. After discussion, David Cory moved, and Tim Johnson seconded and the PEOC was instructed to revise the inserts based on committee comments and finalize them for distribution.
- There will be a second Oil & Gas meeting August 18th at 8:30 to discuss how an Oil & Gas Committee may be organized.

5) Review Next Meetings - Schedule/Location

- 9/14 Policy Meeting 9:00 – 3:00
- 10/12 Policy Meeting 9:00 – 3:00 < Added to schedule.
- 11/2 Policy Meeting 9:00 – 3:00
- Admin Meeting 12/14 1:00 – 2:30