

CV-SALTS Executive Committee Meeting - Summary Action Notes

For October 11, 2017 – 10:00 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.

2) Basin Plan Amendment Language

- Jeanne Chilcott provided a brief overview of the ongoing work on the basin plan language and the anticipated timeline for workshop, hearing, and consideration for adoption of the basin plan amendment.
 - Due to time constraints the committee agreed to reschedule the 11/2 Executive Committee meeting to 11/09.
 - Committee members were asked to submit any comments on today's discussion no later than Friday, October 20th.
- Jeanne Chilcott began presented the most recent revisions to Salinity Management Strategy.
- Some of the comments received from the committee on the draft for the Salinity Management Strategy were:
 - Page 5 – Need to be clear on language that current management options only address 15% of the salt.
 - Page 6
 - In Phase 2, rather than “may be modified,” indicate “will be reevaluated” based on P&O findings.
 - Change all occurrences of “existing” to “standard.”
 - Page 8
 - First bullet under Standard approach for groundwater, in place of “no new or expanded allocation” of assimilative capacity, “limited use” might be more appropriate.
 - Text needs to reflect that the Regional Board has discretion in allocation of assimilative capacity.
 - Page 9
 - 1a – add “in the region” to the phrase, “protective of salt sensitive crops **in the region.**” Replace “scientifically defensible” with “conservative.”
 - 3 – There was general agreement that assimilative capacity would be more readily available with participation in the P&O Study. Committee members were asked to forward examples of when continuation of previously approved assimilative capacity would be “appropriate.”
 - 4 – Delete the first sentence that begins, “The Regional Water Board will limit...”
 - Page 10
 - 5 – Delete the first sentence.
 - Page 11 – Include a separate paragraph that clarifies what is meant by “meeting milestones,” and to show progress. Also need something on dischargers who do not opt in, or fail to participate.
 - Page 12
 - What are the circumstances in which a discharger would not be allowed to participate in the P&O study and Alternative Salinity Permitting Approach?
 - 2 – Consider using “Setting Permit Provisions” instead of “Limits.” The Board has the authority to put in a limit, and discretion to set a performance goal.
 - 4 – SNMP phrasing is “to the extent the board finds it appropriate and necessary...”

- Public Education and Outreach materials must convey that permittees cannot wait until the effective date to start the planning process.
- Page 14 – Transition from Phase I to Phase II will be reworked based on the morning discussion on that issue.
- Are there ways to incentivize participation of the proactive dischargers? Recognition and/or adjustment in fees for permittees who have invested in improvements.
- SMCLs – A small group will meet with the water purveyors to discuss their concerns and their proposed alternative language.
- Drought and Conservation Policy was not discussed, Jeanne requested the committee review the policy and provide input on that document by 10/20.

3) Review Next Meetings - Schedule/Location

- 10/12 Policy Meeting 9:00 – 3:00
- 11/9 Policy Meeting 9:00 – 4:00
- Admin Meeting 12/14 1:00 – 2:30