

# CV-SALTS Executive Committee Meeting - Summary Action Notes

For October 12, 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) Tim Johnson moved, and David Cory seconded, and by general acclamation the August 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> meeting notes were approved.

### 2) Basin Plan Amendment Language

### 3) Continuation of Morning Discussion

- Jeanne Chilcott provided a general update on the small group work that had been done on the draft basin plan language since the August meetings. The goal is to have the language finalized and distributed with the Staff Report by the end of November/early December, in anticipation of a public workshop in January. There will be a full-day public hearing in March, followed by the Board Meeting on May 31 and June 1.
  - Committee members were asked to submit all comments on the 10/11 and 10/12 discussions no later than Friday 10/20.
- 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.”
- Some of the comments received from the committee on the draft for the Nitrate Control Program were:
  - Page 13
    - Provide enough flexibility to address unique situations such as:
      - Redefine Categories 1 and 2 to allow consideration of a pathway for areas with no groundwater table, a discharge that is meeting the nitrate limit, and no known nitrate issue.
      - Committee members were asked to provide examples to be included in the Staff Report to help clarify the approach.
    - For the shallow zone definition use the simpler, more general, definition from the Glossary of Terms.
    - Dr. Longley expressed concern about coming up with a viable working definition for “shallow zone” given the time constraints for adoption of the basin plan.
    - Include guidance documents on how to make the shallow zone determination and a reference in the language to the DWR domestic well database.
    - Simplify by looking at the shallow zone as the domestic well population (as opposed to the upper 10% of the domestic wells), and take a basin or two as a test case and see what that looks like.
    - The small group will work on incorporating the above suggestions and bring a revised version to the November committee meeting.
    - The committee agreed there should be a periodic review of the prioritization, with the first to occur within 5 years.
  - Page 14
    - Change all instances of “Non Priority” to “Non Prioritized”

- Page 17 – The committee discussed how to show impacts over a 20-year planning horizon. Tess summarized the committee’s discussion:
  - There are simplified ways to do a calculation using a spreadsheet or simple model. Look at impact under the area of discharge. Locally obtained and observed data and information is preferred over some type of predictive model.
  - Include language that deals with NPDES.
- Page 18
  - Include language specifying groundwater cannot overlap between management zones or individual dischargers. What is the impact of the individual discharger to management zone?
- Page 22 – In the Schedule for Implementation table indicate in each block when a step is NOT required or not applicable to Path A or B.
- Page 23
  - Use “zone of contribution” instead of “zone of influence.”
  - Add Path A and Path B to the titles.
  - Make sure the process or options for a discharger moving between Paths A and B are clearly delineated.
  - Time requirement for completion of Implementation Plan needs to be specified.
  - Need a clear framework with timelines and consequences for ensuring Early Action Plan is moving forward and milestones are being completed.
- Page 31-32
  - These pages were not discussed. Committee members were asked to review the Requirements and Guidelines for Proposing an ACP and send any issues/comments no later than Friday, 10/20.

#### 4) Subcommittee Updates

- Daniel Cozad updated the Committee on the recent actions of the PEOC.
  - The Dairy, POTWs, and Oil & Gas Inserts were presented for committee approval. After discussion, Nicole Bell moved, and Parry Klassen seconded and the PEOC was instructed to revise the inserts based on comments received from Pamela Creedon and finalize them for distribution.

#### 5) Review Next Meetings - Schedule/Location

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