

CV-SALTS Executive Committee Meeting - Summary Action Notes

For February 15, 2018 – 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) David Cory moved, and Rob Neenan seconded, and by general acclamation the January 3, 2018, and the January 11, 2018 Meeting Action Notes were approved.

- Dr. Longley provided a brief recap of the 2018 Multi-State Annual Salinity Summit. He suggested that CV-SALTS look at the Lower Colorado River Basin Salinity Economic Impact Model and consider how something similar could be applied to the Central Valley. Additionally, for Phase 2, CVSC leadership should be looking at current and future projects that may have application for the Central Valley, and opportunities for partnering on improving technologies.
- The Executive Committee congratulated Patrick Pulupa on being selected as the next Executive Officer for the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board.

2) Recap and Follow-up from January 19th Regional Board Workshop

- Daniel Cozad provided an updated on the January 19th Regional Board Workshop. There was general agreement that the presentations and panels were very professional and well done. Excellent work by everyone.

3) Remaining Policies in Basin Plan Format

4) Continuation of Morning Discussion

- Tess Dunham summarized the most recent revisions to the Salinity Control Program. All written comments on any of the policies discussed should be submitted no later than Friday, February 23, 2018. Some of the comments from the committee:
 - On pages 28-29 the highlighted paragraphs that begin, “An exception from the EC...” need to be edited to reflect the change cited above which eliminates EC.
 - Add a clarifying cross reference to the Salinity Control Program in the Tulare Lake Basin Plan language.
 - What is the rationale for the extension of interim salinity variance sunset at 15 years? Can language be added indicating that it can be continued after 15 years if it is a finding of the Board, instead of having to do a basin plan action?
 - Under “Policies regarding the disposal of oil field wastewater,” the language needs to be revised to allow oil field participation in the P&O Study.
- The committee then discussed the recent revisions to the Nitrate Control Program. Some of the comments from the committee:
 - Page 51, Last sentence of first paragraph, change “must” to “should.”
 - Page Footnote 16: Should it read “intended to mean the quality of the discharge **as applied to the ground OR** as it enters the Shallow Zone.”
 - Cannot be a problem for recharge basins.
 - Does this also need a temporal component?
 - Page 41: Table N-5.A is “contaminated” the correct term, should it be “polluted?”

- Page 43-45: All committee members were asked to review the sections on establishing Management Zone boundaries to confirm this language is the consensus proposal and is adequately captured.
 - Recognize one of the primary issues the Regional Board is looking at in the Preliminary Management Zone Proposal is the boundary line.
 - Ensure coordination between neighboring management zones.
- Richard Meyerhoff presented the first draft of the Surveillance and Monitoring Program. Some comments provided by the committee:
 - Page 56: Replace the term “statistically defensible” with the SNMP term “representative.”
 - Change the phrase “Work under the plan...” with “Implementation of the approved workplan...”
 - First report should be due 5 years after the approval of the Work Plan and QAPP, with reports then due every 5 years.
 - Clarify how the broader assessment is paid for, as individual dischargers gather their own information for submission to the lead entity.
 - Regional Board staff will be compiling the report that addresses the question, “To what extent has the Nitrate Control Program facilitated the provision of safe drinking water supplies to both municipal and domestic users.”
 - Page 57, Groundwater Requirements, Second paragraph: Change instances of “shall” to “should.”
- Bobbi Larson will prepare a revised version of proposed SMCL language.

5) Administrative Updates

- After discussion the committee recommended the following revisions to the Drinking Water insert:
 - There are other sources of contamination besides nitrate.
 - Agriculture is not the only source of nitrate contamination.
 - There are locations in the Central Valley with naturally occurring high salt concentrations.

6) Review Next Meetings - Schedule/Location

- 3/8 Policy Meeting 9:00 – 3:00 @ Sac Regional
- Groundwater Workshop tentatively planned for 3/22
- 4/19 Policy Meeting 9:00 – 3:00 @ Sac Regional