

# CV-SALTS Executive Committee Meeting - Summary Action Notes

For Thursday, May 24, 2018 – 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM

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. David Cory moved, and Mike Nordstrom seconded, and by general acclamation the April 13, 2018, and May 3, 2018 Meeting Action Notes were approved.
- b) Daniel Cozad provided a general overview of what the CV-SALTS schedule may look like for the remainder of 2018. June and July meetings may not be needed, but August – November meetings will remain on the schedule. Daniel identified three CV-SALTS focus areas in the next few months.
  - The grant funding process to support development of early management zones is nearing completion.
  - Scoping for the P&O Study needs to be completed.
  - Continuing outreach efforts that should be completed prior to implementation.

### 2) Comments Received and Staff Responses

- Jeanne Chilcott provided a summary of the broad issues that were reflected in the comments received. Twenty-seven written comments were received by the Regional Board. The broad issues that resulted in clarification or revisions to the document:
  - Comments pointed out that the review period for the Nitrate Control Program was not as clear in the document as the review period for the Salt Control Program. Clarifying language was added to emphasize the review period for the entire program.
  - Concern regarding the process for reprioritization of high priority basins. Language was added to help clarify the type of information the board would need to see, and how the process would work. Two appendices are being developed to provide examples, Appendix I for Salt and Appendix J for Nitrate.
  - Clarification was requested regarding dedesignation. If you are dedesignated for MUN and AGR how are you incorporated into the Salt Control Program? The response attempted to clarify by identifying this is a Central Valley-wide program and the areas of concern would be key salt management areas that need to be incorporated into the P&O study in some manner. This remains an area of concern and will be one of the issues brought up with the Board on May 31.
  - Several comments were received asking why the boron limit was not removed in the Tulare Lake Basin. In response to comments the section was revised by removing the limit and replacing it with language that refers to the “appropriate water quality objective for boron.”
  - Clarification was requested on the intent and use of applying SMCLs to protect the MUN beneficial use.
- Other issues or concerns that were raised in the comment period:
  - A recommendation to NOT go through the process, and NOT change the compliance determinations for nitrate in groundwater.
  - The mechanism to ensure safe drinking water under the Management Zone approach is not robust enough.
  - Concern with how the determination of Management Zone boundaries is made.
  - Clarification on the conditional prohibition and early revision of permits.

— Concern that the use of exceptions and variances would undermine the protection of beneficial uses.

➤ Some clarifications/revisions discussed during the meeting:

— The following revision to Page 40, #4 of the Staff Report were suggested during the meeting:

- Delete “impact of the discharge is temporary or de minimis, such that...”

— Add additional supporting information to Appendix A for the Tulare Lake Basin discussion of elevated salinity levels.

— Regarding “minimum financial support” required for the P&O study, add “as determined by the lead entity.”

3) Presentation Preparation for May 31st

- Jeanne Chilcott advised the plan is to have three panels, (EJ, Water Purveyors, CVSC). Participants who have slides should get them to Jeanne ASAP, NLT Wednesday @ 2:00 PM.

4) Review Next Meetings - Schedule/Location

- Regional Board Hearing & Adoption: May 31-June 1
- Policy Meeting: June 21, 2018, will most likely be a conference call.
- Policy Meeting: August 16, 2018, @ Sac Regional, 9:00 - 3:00