

CV-SALTS Executive Committee Meeting - Summary Action Notes

For August 15, 2019 – 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 June 20, 2019, Meeting Action Notes were approved.

2) Basin Plan Amendments – State Board Consideration Schedule

- Patrick Pulupa and Anne Littlejohn provided an update on the CV-SALTS Amendment. The SWRCB Public Meeting is scheduled for September 17, 2019. The State Board is still working on finalizing Response to Comments and drafting resolution language. Regional Board staff will be following up with USEPA to further clarify concerns raised regarding variances:
 - At what threshold level will variances kick in?
 - What was the intent of changing the wording in the amendment for the variance to also be applicable to Industrial?

3) Management Zones Early Action Plans

- Richard Meyerhoff provided an update on the Management Zone Pilot projects for Turlock and Kings River. A copy of the Revised Early Action Plan for the Turlock Management Zone and the Comment/Response Summary were included in the agenda package. Both Management Zone projects are scheduled to meet the last week of September, (Turlock 9/24, AID/Kings 9/23).
 - The committee discussed the key changes in the July revision of the Early Action Plan. Some of the feedback from the committee:
 - Add the word “Drinking” to “Public Access Water Facility Program” and “Alternative Water Program.”
 - Point of Use and Point of Entry could be utilized in an overall interim strategy, but a clear understanding of the effectiveness of the different treatment systems is needed.

4) Management Zone Proposal

- Richard Meyerhoff presented an outline for a Preliminary Management Zone Proposal. Drafts of Section 2 (Proposed Management Zone) and Section 3 (Initial Assessment of Groundwater Conditions) have been provided to stakeholders in both Turlock and AID/Kings. A full draft will be circulated to the stakeholders around the first week of September. Executive Committee members should forward comments on the Proposal Outline to Richard no later than Friday, August 23rd. Some of the feedback from the committee during the meeting:
 - How are dischargers that are under a general permit that do not receive a Notice to Comply being incorporated into the process?
 - In Section 4.1.1 – Change “Permitted Dischargers” to “Permitted Dischargers Receiving a Notice to Comply”

5) Management Zone Efficiencies

- The committee discussed the “Lessons Learned” in the Pilot Management Zone Projects and the proposed templates to be developed. Some of the issues highlighted during discussion:
 - Given the time-consuming nature of the Management Zone development process even Priority 2 areas should begin preliminary work soon after implementation begins in the Priority 1 areas.
 - Defining an acceptable boundary and identifying stakeholders early in the process is critical.
 - Due to imprecision in some of the databases, local knowledge is very important in the data gathering process.
 - Essential for public water systems/water purveyors to be engaged and have a clear understanding of the Management Zone process.
 - Include in Templates: Implementation Plan and Long-Term Costs associated with Management Zone development.
 - Include a Governance template, with types of governance, hierarchies etc.

6) P&O Study and Cost Estimate

- Richard Meyerhoff presented the revised P & O Study Workplan. Richard will add a task to look synergies of implementation across the Central Valley.
- The committee voted to approve using the Executive Committee Policy Meetings to review any upcoming dedesignation requests. There were no objections.

7) Literature Review – Nitrate and Cancer

- Tim Moore presented a summary of several comprehensive reviews of the literature that all have concluded that an association between nitrate in drinking water and cancer has not yet been established because the research data is inadequate and inconsistent.

8) PEOC Update

- Nicole Bell provided an update on Outreach activities. The committee was asked for input on the following Outreach items:
 - The P&O Fact Sheet, “*Central Valley Salinity Management: De-designated Areas*”.
 - Tim Johnson moved, and Stephanie Hiestand seconded, and the committee voted to approve the fact sheet, to include grammatical changes provided by Melissa Thorne.
 - Committee members were asked to review the website changes (new landing page and secondary pages) and provide comments no later than August 30th.

9) Review Meeting Schedule/Location

- SWRCB Public Meeting: **September 17, 2019, 9:30 a.m. – CalEPA Bldg. 1001 I Street**
- Policy Meeting: **September 19, 2019, 9:00 – 3:00 @ Regional San**