

CV-SALTS Executive Committee Meeting - Summary Action Notes

For October 22, 2020 – 10:00 AM to 2:30 PM

Attendees are listed on the Membership Roster

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1) Welcome and Introductions

- a) Executive Committee Co-Chair, Debbie Webster, brought the meeting to order, and roll call was completed.
- b) Stephanie Hiestand moved, and David Cory seconded, and by general acclamation the September 17, 2020 Meeting Action Notes were approved.

2) Basin Plan Amendments – Implementation Update

- Anne Walters provided an update on implementation.
 - The public comment period on the proposed revisions to the Basin Plan Amendments and Draft Staff Report ended on Monday, October 19th. Four comments were received. Regional Board staff is in the process of developing a response to comments and any revisions needed in preparation for taking this item to the December Regional Board meeting.
 - The mailout date for the Notices to Comply for Salinity is still pending, awaiting US EPA approval. A status update from USEPA is expected after their internal meeting scheduled for October 22nd. Once the approval letter is received from USEPA Regional Board staff will need at least a couple of weeks to generate the Notices to Comply.

3) Management Zones – Status Update

- Daniel Cozad summarized the October 20th Management Zone Support and Coordination Call and provided updates on progress in the following management zones:
 - Kings, Modesto/Turlock, Chowchilla, Kaweah. Per Daniel, all the Zones continue to make excellent progress. At the request of the Management Zone group, the PEOC is producing a Spanish version of the Nitrate Control Program brochure. The new Spanish version should be available next month and will be posted to the website for use in Management Zone outreach activities.

4) PEOC Status Update

- Nicole Bell provided an update on Outreach activities.
 - Committee members were reminded to enter all outreach activities, and distribution of outreach materials, into the [Outreach Matrix](#).
 - Committee members were asked to provide comments on the draft [Salt Control Program](#) brochure included in the agenda package.
 - The [Fall 2020 Email Update](#) is scheduled for distribution on Friday, 10/23.
 - Registration information and link for the October 28th [Webinar: “Regulating Groundwater Quality Across CV-Salts, Irrigated Lands, and SGMA”](#) was included in the agenda package. Tess Dunham will be one of the presenters, and Daniel Cozad will be the moderator.

5) Prioritization and Optimization Study

- Bobbi Larson summarized the P & O Study focus and discussions covered in the August and September Executive Committee meetings. The committee was provided with a [P & O Study Discussion Document](#) outlining the key elements of the 10-year P & O Study as set forth in the

Basin Plans, the Committee's immediate focus on Task 3 of the work plan, and asked for input on the following overarching question:

"What additional information do you need to understand/be comfortable with moving forward with submitting the P&O Study Workplan to the Regional Water Board?"

Some of the concerns/comments expressed by the committee:

- A reliance on archetype studies may not be scalable to the level needed to adequately address salinity on a Central Valley-wide basis. It may be preferable to structure the study from the large valley-wide scale down to the archetype level.
- Look into the [National Alliance for Water Innovation \(NAWI\)](#) as a possible funding source for this work.
- For selecting archetypes also consider geographic balance and water source. Consider development of a matrix for criteria to be considered.
- Take advantage of data being developed by SGMA to help with the large-scale valley assessment.
- Moving water out of the valley reduces assimilative capacity. Need to look at concentrations as well as loads.
- The salinity management plan must be integrated with the water management plan across the valley.
- Make sure entire Central Valley is fully engaged early in the process, with clear understanding of what areas are being represented by what archetypes.

6) Review Meeting Schedule/2021 Calendar

- Mgmt Zone Support Mtg: **Tuesday, November 17, 2020 1:30 – 2:30 PM**
- PEOC Meeting: **Tuesday, November 17, 2020, 3:00 - 4:00 PM – Conference Call**
- Policy Meeting: **Thursday, November 19, 9:00 – 3:00 @ GoToMeeting**