

CV-SALTS Executive Committee Meeting - Summary Action Notes

For November 19, 2020 – 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.
- b) Stephanie Hiestand moved, and David Cory seconded, and the October 20, 2020 Meeting Action Notes were approved by consensus. There were no objections.

2) Basin Plan Amendments – Implementation Update

- Anne Walters provided an update on implementation.
 - The USEPA approval letter has been received and the tentative mailout date for the Notices to Comply for Salinity is December 16th. Anne provided a summary of the three elements that had been disapproved. Committee members requested the mailout date be moved to the first week of January, and the due date for Notices of Intent be delayed until early July. Regional Board staff will discuss the change in schedule internally, and advise the committee of any change to the timeline.
 - The proposed revisions to the Basin Plan Amendments are scheduled to go before the Board on December 10. Regional Board staff is finalizing the response to comments. Copies of the comment letters received can be requested via email to Anne.

3) Management Zones – Status Update

- Management Zone representatives provided an update on the ongoing community outreach activities in their respective areas. All zones continue to make good progress. In addition to the regularly scheduled monthly meetings, key leaders from the management zone groups have been holding discussions with Environmental Justice representatives. Copies of the following outreach plans and zone activities were included in the agenda package:
 - Kings(Kings Water Alliance), Modesto/Turlock (Valley Water Collaborative), Chowchilla,

4) Prioritization and Optimization Study

- Bobbi Larson and Richard Meyerhoff presented the latest revision of the P & O Study work plan. Committee members were asked to submit comments on the revision to Bobbi no later than December 5th. In a memo to the committee dated 11/11/2020 the key additions/revisions to the work plan were listed as follows:
 - Clarifying text regarding the integration/concurrent approach to Task 3.1 (Characterization/data synthesis); 3.2 (establishment of numeric salinity targets) and Task 3.3 (salt management tools). (Page 4-21)
 - Clarification of the approach to data gathering for salinity sources. (Pages 4-24-4-25)
 - Expanded description of process for archetype area selection and role. (Page 4-27)
 - Clarification regarding the selection of models and tools. (Page 4-32-4-33)
 - Additional references to Executive Committee/stakeholder input opportunities and decision points.

Some of the concerns/comments expressed by the committee on the workplan:

- Given the length and scope of the project how is the need for flexibility captured in the work plan? Regional board suggested the need for future adaptations/modifications could

- be incorporated into the approval letter. Richard Meyerhoff referred the committee to Task 2.1.1.6 “Support Workplan Adaptive Management Process.”
- Clarify language in Task 4.3 regarding what is meant by “entire Central Valley Region.”
 - Page 4-24 – Clarify what is meant by the term “private.” Consider replacing with “unpublished” or “not publicly available.”
 - A multi-purpose model that can address multiple issues is preferred over multiple small ones.
 - Necessary to have a model that can integrate both surface water and groundwater.
 - Nigel Quinn will provide Richard with a link to a more recent reference document.
 - In Task 3.2 add clarifying language indicating this is for modelling purposes, not regulatory.
- Tess Dunham presented the P&O Participation Agreement. A request was made to add clarifying language regarding the scenario in which an entity has multiple permits.

5) PEOC Status Update

- Daniel Cozad provided an update on PEOC activities.
- Committee members were reminded to enter all outreach activities, and distribution of outreach materials, into the **Outreach Matrix**.
 - A salinity webinar is in the planning stages, tentatively planned for January.
 - The following documents have been translated into Spanish for use in community outreach efforts: New Nitrate Control Program Offers Choices for Compliance SP, New Nitrate Control Program SP

6) Review Meeting Schedule/2021 Calendar

- The committee reviewed the proposed 2021 Meeting Calendar. The calendar was approved by consensus. There were no objections.
- Mgmt Zone Support Mtg: **Tuesday, January 12, 2021 2:00 PM or TBD**
- PEOC Meeting: **Tuesday, January 12, 2021, 3:00 - 4:00 PM – Conference Call**
- Policy Meeting: **Thursday, January 14, 9:00 – 3:00 @ GoToMeeting**