

CV-SALTS Executive Committee
Thursday, August 12, 2010 1:30pm to 3:30pm

Executive Committee Chair Mona Shulman called the meeting to order at 1:40 followed by introductions of all present in-house and on teleconference.

1. Welcome, Introductions, Agenda Review, Approve Consent Calendar

- a. Review/Approve [July 15, 2010 meeting notes](#)

Motion for approval Member Longley; seconded Member Odenweller- approved

- b. Circulate the Committee [Membership Roster](#) for sign-in
c. [Accomplishments](#)

Daniel reported one new CVSC Board Level member should be coming on board soon.

2. Policy and Framework Discussion and review

- a. Policy and Framework opportunity and need – [Concepts](#)

Committee members were presented with a list of elements of concepts to include in an overarching policy statement – what is CV-SALTS and how it's going to be used – and then the framework (outlining the scope: immediate, short-term, and long-term) and how the activities and projects are going to help fulfill that process.

A proposal was made that most activities and subcommittees stop until the executive committee decides on what the goal is and how CV-SALTS can get there. Knowledge Gained and Lower San Joaquin subcommittees should continue. Proposal generally agreed to by committee members.

Recommendation that some of the technical committee issues be added to the agenda for the Executive Committee so the issues can be addressed. The Committee agreed.

Motion by Member Cory to move Executive Committee meeting to 9:00 AM on September 16, 2010; Technical and Public Outreach committees will be suspended; Knowledge Gained, BUOS, and Lower San Joaquin subcommittees will continue. Seconded by Member Longley. Approved.

Daniel suggested that materials be compiled into a package of documents/reports/summaries for committee members to review prior to the meeting.

3. Leadership Group Workshop Agenda

- a. Review [Draft Agenda](#) – discussion presentations
b. Approve [Summary Agenda](#) for Workshop

Based on the Policy and Framework discussion, Daniel asked whether there could be a subcommittee meeting to put something together, or whether the leadership meeting should be postponed.

Significant discussion ensued on the merits of holding the meeting and of moving it.

Agreement to put the leadership meeting off for at least six months to February or March was discussed. Suggestion to put out a notice to the leadership group why it's being postponed and that be carefully worded to provide an update on the progress and the rationale for the delay.

Daniel will draft an explanation letter for feedback to be discussed on a conference call for August 16.

Motion by Member Hughes to postpone leadership meeting until at least February Member Longley Seconded - Approved.

4. Progress Criteria Milestones Update

- a. Informational Update on in-kind timekeeping

Daniel found a number of web-based programs that would provide the in-kind contribution tracking for \$1000-\$2000 per year.

Darrin Polhemus Recommended that in-kind arrangements should be laid out deliverables and the costs associated as a credit like a contract or proposal. Daniel agreed that this would be easier for all.

- b. Request PEO Consider Newsletter or similar option

Based on the DAC Engagement Plan, Daniel suggested that the PEOC start a newsletter when the committee reconvenes aimed at an audience above general-public and below CV-SALTS attendee audiences.

- c. Discuss progress and schedule changes
- d. Discuss the water plan element and participation

DWR is gearing up for the 2013 update, which will be out in 2014. This is an opportunity for CV-SALTS members to participate. There is a salt chapter in the water plan. The water plan will be read by tribal governments, disadvantaged communities, environmental justice groups, legislative staff, Regional Water management groups, water board staff.

Recommendation that two CV-SALTS members commit to attend the meetings. Interested members will need to apply and provide verification of their qualifications to sit on the board. Meetings are every six weeks for three years.

Their review will look at basin hydrology, ground water supplies, environmental needs. How they address those needs will be taken from the advisory committee, SWAN, and other groups.

First step is for CV-SALTS to identify your project, including the policy and framework, then the group can see where they need to go, identify any overlaps and see what documentation DWR already has. The group is responsive to input.

Planned issues to be discussed are expanding current scope, discussing what should be done in the event of a water disaster (if the water table collapses). DWR is looking for key issues and recommendations from its chapters.

The first advisory meeting is August 25. Karl and Gail will be attending.

5. Receive Reports and Recommended Actions

a. Economic and Social Cost/Technical Committee

i. Review/Approve [Process Recommendations](#) from Knowledge Gained

15 recommendations of how to manage the project from the RFP through to final report.

Main recommendation – Continuing pilot studies, to have a project subcommittee to manage those projects from the beginning to the end; either the TAC or the Executive Committee institutionalizing and coming up with roles and responsibilities for those subcommittees to reach a general consensus on how to move forward with the work.

Suggestion that the process recommendation document be included in the discussion for next week.

- Beneficial uses standing list was approved

ii. BUOS Phase 1 deliverables comments due 8/27/10

iii. BMP Subcommittee work products in process

b. Public Education and Outreach Committee

i. Approve [Final Outreach Workshop Report](#)

What are the policy implications and what's going to happen with the discussion are the main issues that people have brought forward.

ii. Approve [DAC Engagement Plan](#) and Newsletter recommendation

In reaching out to the disadvantaged communities it is critical to get their leaders and advocates involved and informed. The committee is recommending a quarterly newsletter to provide the right depth of materials.

iii. [IRWM Letter Coordination](#)

The PEO Committee recommended that they get the salt information in the water plan out to the IRWM groups. The committee members were provided with a list of the IRWM groups that are working on the budgets for their planning grants, which will run for the next 2 years. The goal is to get them to include salinity management in those grant applications. This was reviewed and endorsed by DWR.

c. Lower San Joaquin River Committee

i. Project area, administrative record, timing and funding

The subcommittee has held three meetings, to date. The next meeting is on August 30. Committee members will be examining what needs to be placed in the basin plan amendment. They will be looking at issues of the geographic scope of the basin plan amendment, where they want to go, how much can they can accomplish in the current schedule, and develop a game plan.

The committee will continue to meet and come back to the executive committee with any questions or needs for clarification.

d. Funding and Fundraising Subcommittee

i. Finding Plan and [Vision Document](#)

The vision document is written for supporting lobbying and fundraising, and includes elements of potential discussion members may encounter in September. It's written in lay terms. The focus is on what the world is going to look like once CV-SALTS has completed the basin plan amendment and begin implementing the basin plan amendment. It takes three views: an expansion (the status quo), a maximum step, and an interim step of regional management and the various opportunities. The subcommittee decided that the focus in asking money really needed to be on the implementation of the plan, which is what people would want to spend money on.

Recommendation that this document should be included in the policy and framework package.

ii. DWR Funding Round 1 – Delta Update

DWR has released PSPs. The first batch is for funding primarily Delta work. Each of the projects are already identified. Phase 2 money is also for Delta work and there is a short time frame to get proposals in. There are two other phases: San Joaquin River work and Sacramento River Basin. Not all the phases will be funded.

The second batch was for integrated plan funding. The first was for planning grants for regional groups that do not have plans or need to update their plans. The second pot is for implementation of projects that are already in plans. Most of the money is going to be used on infrastructure, but may have opportunities for salt management.

6. Review Terms of Office from [Standing Rules](#)

These were approved in 2009. Each of the different committees are described in detail. Executive Committee officers serve for two years. Mona's chairship will need to be addressed as she has served for almost 2 years and other chairs should be reviewed.

7. Next Meeting September 16, 2010 at 9:00 AM–

Daniel will send out a package of information within two weeks to be included in the discussion for the next meeting.

8. Adjourned