

**Joint Economic and Social Impact and  
Technical Advisory Committees  
Thursday, August 10, 2010 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM**

**Attendees:** See [Roster](#) for attendance.

**Technical Committee Co-Chair Lisa called the meeting shortly after 9:00 am followed by introductions of all present in-house and on teleconference.**

- 1. Welcome, Introductions, Circulate [Roster](#)**
- 2. Review/Approve [July 15 Technical Committee Meeting Notes](#)**

**Motion to approve by Co-chair Quinn; Seconded by Member Longley - approved**

- 3. Beneficial Use and Objectives Phase 1**
  - a. Presentation of Mapping and Viewer

Over the past four months, Kennedy Jenks has been finalizing a geodatabase with 12,000 beneficial use records with another 10,000 spacial entities. The geodatabase has been linked to a web tool. There are three components: the smart map, the database, and technical memo documents. The map zooms with a click of the mouse on a particular area. Users can select which beneficial use study and general base map features they wish the map to demonstrate. The map will also identify the specific features of a particular piece of real estate. The General base maps feature boundaries and hydrologic units and areas. Identifiable features, beneficial use and water quality information of a particular water body are listed in easy-to-read tables, as well as guidance sources for a particular area. These details are also available through the database with information links and links back to the interactive map. Maps can also be printed out in a PDF format.

Suggestion that assigning beneficial uses should include sources of drinking water policy instead of or above tributary rule to accommodate those waterbodies that don't have municipal water assignment, but the respective tributary does.

Agreement that the website and database could be updated with various qualifiers to show the connection between the tributary rule and the beneficial uses of a water body.

Suggestion that a help button or option be included to address questions about the various buttons and features. Agreement that a How-to-Use feature will be added.

Water bodies that are not included in the basin plan and not assigned with tributary rule will be indicated with a dashed line.

- b. Presentation of [Tech Memos 1, 2 and 3](#) and questions

Basin plan data/literature review recommendations:

- Salt tolerance of crops and developmental stages information is lacking
- Models validation for study sites of Salt and Nitrate Sources Pilot Implementation Study Report
- Prioritization of beneficial uses
- Methodology for “indicators” – ecosystem, crops for regional planning

Question about protocol and how the information presented on the website and database would be protected. Members suggested that there be a disclaimer and that a watermark be added.

Comments and feedback need to be received by August 27.

**4. Technical Subcommittee Meetings Updates from [Active Subcommittees](#)**

- a. BMP Subcommittee Update – next meeting: 8/19/10 3pm Mgt Practice Eval

The subcommittee started with a review of the BMP program document. The board requested that the subcommittee look specifically at issues related to how to judge the effectiveness of a basin plan objective. The subcommittee is working on a document that describes the framework for review of management practices. At the next call, there will be two or three salt management practices related to nitrate for the committee to review and for feedback. Through that, the subcommittee will propose a process for review and review those by sector.

- b. Knowledge Gained Subcommittee [Process Recommendations](#) - Next Mtg: 8/18/10

The subcommittee decided to break up the workload into three phases: administrative, technical and policy. The committee members were presented with a list of administrative processes, technical and policy. The subcommittee developed 15 recommendations.

#1: Day-to-day management projects (eg: BUOS subcommittee) through TAC, including project review: what worked, what didn't and how the project fits into CV-SALTS overall.

#2: The subcommittee will develop a list of questions that need to be answered.

#3: Subcommittee will be working toward establishing what information members will need to manage those plans and use them as guidelines for reviewing the projects.

#4: The subcommittee discussed contracting and putting together an RFQ to put the scope of work together and bring accountability to the committee overall.

#5: Project expectation should be clearly spelled out.

#6: Reporting commitments needed to be spelled out and what kind of level a contractor has to have to work with CV-SALTS.

#7: Critical stakeholders in each project need to be identified and if local involvement is needed, and this should be reviewed on a regular basis to make sure that the right people are involved.

#8: CV-SALTS needs to develop a peer review process that would find, identify, select peer reviewers at the beginning to go through the entire process, reviewing the technical elements through to the final report.

#9: Contracting schedules should be balanced with scope and complexity.

#10: Identify all the funding needed for the initial project and any changes and set that money aside at the beginning. This will limit CV-SALTS' ability to make changes to those projects in-process.

#11: Develop rules for project subcommittees.

#12: Look at project scopes and see how well they implement items in the work plan or can one project be leveraged to get more out of a work plan or what was learned from a project that could change the work plan.

#13: A person in the project subcommittee to help the contractors develop the most effective presentations they can.

#14: Stakeholder involvement plan at a policy and technical level

#15: The Regional Board should weigh in on Performance specifications and direction early in the process, especially if their data is involved.

Three additional reports will be prepared and presented to the committee in September, October, and November.

Committee Discussed the recommendations and determined they fit well with the overall review of the program underway.

Approval to send to the Executive Committee by general acclamation

- c. Phase 1 BUOS Subcommittee Update – next meeting scheduled for 9/3/10
- d. Lower San Joaquin River Committee update – next meeting scheduled for 8/30/10

**5. Irrigated Lands Salinity Management Integration – [Regional Board presentation](#)**

- a. Presentation and materials provided by Joe Karkowski
- b. Materials at the link cover the presentation please refer to the handout
- c. Discussion of the efforts and coordination ensued and Irrigated Lands coalition members provided background and perspectives.

**Some portion of this presentation was not recorded when the phone connection was lost.**

Suggestion that the Lower San Joaquin River committee put on a workshop to address these issues. All these issues need to be worked through the Executive Committee to prioritize the issues and needs prior to addressing the policy issues.

**6. Site Specific Objectives Modeling/AGR – Discussion of Comments – CANCELLED**

General Discussion of the model and Dr. Grattan's observations were presented and discussed, Dr. Longley was out of the room during this discussion. Dr. Grattan recommended that CV-SALTS do work to support all the plans and models to get consensus rather than have each group or researcher do it. Dr. Grattan mentioned that the report had been modified and the new report should be available in the next few weeks.

**7. Review and approve [BUOS Stakeholder Identified Issues](#)**

There will be more issues identified, but it was decided that editing to the list would be stopped and presented to the committee for review and approval.

**Motion to approve Member Cory; seconded Co-chair Quinn; approved**

**8. Questions for Data and Database Planning Review**

- a. Data collection and management discussion review

Daniel compiled a list of questions out of the previous meeting to examine what opportunities there are for working with existing databases for CV-SALTS' data management needs. Daniel asked for proposals for dates and times for a workshop. Suggestion that CV-SALTS co-sponsor this event with CWEMF. Much of the feedback was that presenting presenters with a list of questions to answer was not the best way to go about it.

Nigel volunteered to spearhead the action on this and will report back to the committee.

**9. Review and discuss Progress Demonstration List items**

- a. Policy and Framework – Technical issues to be discussed in Executive Committee

Looking to the Executive Committee for feedback and recommendations for prioritization. The main objective is to identify to people what project is being worked on. A policy statement needs to be established, the framework of the project identified (how are all the different pieces and activities going to fit), revisit the work plan and make sure the work plan is supporting the framework. In this way, the work can be moved forward.

- b. Nitrate Study from State Board for the Tulare Lake Basin UCD Study Kick-off Aug 17  
They asked for an indication of who from CV-SALTS was going. Several members indicated they would be participating.

**10. Actions/Recommendations/Report to Executive Committee**

- a. State Water Plan attendee for CV-SALTS

State-Wide Water Assessment Network is having their kick-off meeting on August 19. It is a three-year process and CV-SALTS should have at least one member to attend over the three-year period. There is a salt chapter in the water plan. Lisa said she would participate, though not in every meeting. Nigel also said he would attend some of the meetings.

Actions to be reported are  
Approved Administrative assessment recommendations  
Beneficial Use issues final

**11. Next meeting date, ~~September 16, 2010~~ to be Determined based on the action of the executive committee.**

**12. Adjourned**