

CV-SALTS Executive Committee Meeting Notes

Tuesday, January 17, 2012 – 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Teleconference Only

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Attendees are listed on the Membership Roster

AGENDA

1) Welcome and Introductions Chair

- The meeting was brought to order by Vice Chair, Jeff Willett. Chair, Parry Klassen, took over upon arrival on the call.
- a. David Cory moved to approve, and Linda Dorn seconded, and by general acclamation the December 12, 2011 meeting action notes were approved.
- b. Roll call was completed.

2) 2011 CV-SALTS Progress Milestones Status Updated

- Daniel Cozad reviewed current status of individual milestones. Elements in work during January-February time frame:
 - 5-Year Work Plan and Critical Path items to be covered in detail in agenda item #8.
 - July-December semi annual report to be covered in agenda item #3.
 - Contracts for completing 5-year workplan tasks show a January-February target but could be pushed into March.
 - In response to a request from Jeanne Chilcott, Daniel will include “Date Completed” for all tasks in future Milestone updates.

3) 2011 July-December 6 Month Progress Report

- Daniel Cozad presented an overview of the 6 Month Progress Report.
 - After review committee members made the following requests for revision to the final document:
 - Linda Dorn requested that the total expenditures to date from the Cleanup and Abatement funds be included in the report.
 - Jeanne Chilcott requested that a summary of specific accomplishments during July-December be included in the introductory section of the report.
 - Tim Johnson moved, and Nigel Quinn seconded, and by general acclamation the “CV-SALTS 2011 Accomplishments July-December” was accepted, including the requested revisions as noted above.

4) Mgt. Practice Subcomm – Effective Management Practice Evaluation

- Parry Klassen reviewed the status of the BMP Subcommittee’s progress on development of a standard management practice template and reference toolbox.
- Parry also covered the USDA’s Specialty Crop Research Initiative, and indicated they had submitted a grant proposal to the program at the end of November.
- Additionally, Daniel Cozad and Parry met with State management at NRCS in late November and obtained agreement from NRCS to work with CV-SALTS in various aspects of the implementation phase. NRCS has two staff members who specialize in salt and nutrient management.

5) Technical Project Management: Work Action Recommendation

- Daniel Cozad reviewed the status of technical tasks completed through the end of November. At that time the San Joaquin Valley Drainage Authority and the Program Manager elected to temporarily suspend activities on technical projects until finalization of the current basin planning activities.

- David Cory moved, and Nigel Quinn seconded, and by general acclamation the committee agreed to hold off on any more technical work until there is specific direction on what that technical work is determined, ratifying staff and Authority actions.
- 6) Subgroup evaluating MUN Archetypes and CV Work plan
- Jeanne Chilcott reviewed the subgroup's activities since the last Administrative call.
 - a. The group met with representatives from EPA and the State Board on January 10th. Representatives from those groups will be included in future meetings.
 - b. The next small group meeting will be mid-February.
 - c. Tim Johnson advised that Roberta Firoved would be the contact at the Rice Commission for this subgroup.
 - d. The subgroup would like to have Richard Meyerhoff review their draft when completed. After the next meeting the subgroup will present the work to the Technical Advisory Committee for concurrence on focus and direction for the project.
- 7) Groundwater Resources Assoc/CV-SALTS Co-sponsored Conference June 13-14 2012
- Daniel Cozad reviewed the proposed schedule for this conference to be held in Fresno. The tentative dates are June 13-14.
 - June 13th will be more oriented towards nitrates/nutrients. June 14th will focus on salt and nutrient management programs and proven salinity management solutions.
 - There will also be a workshop on CV-SALTS for the Regional Board members on the afternoon of June 12th.
 - Daniel advised committee members that they should anticipate several members being asked to make presentations on the 13th and/or participate on the 12th.
 - Nigel Quinn also suggested another outreach opportunity for CV-SALTS might be the California Water and Environmental Modeling Forum (CWEMF). The conference will be in Folsom in the April-May time frame. Nigel advised the committee that he would be happy to work with anyone interested in putting a presentation together. If there is enough interest CV-SALTS can have a dedicated session.
- 8) Five Year Work Plan & Strategy Framework Introduction
- Daniel Cozad introduced the initial drafts of these documents. The documents are to be covered in more depth at the January 19th Policy Session.
 - J.P. Cativiela inquired about the inclusion of monies spent on groundwater monitoring during 2011 as a stakeholder contribution. Daniel will forward the Stakeholder Contribution Form developed last fall, on which the contribution can be submitted and reviewed.
 - Daniel indicated that the Strategy Framework draft had been included in the package primarily to encourage members to review it. David Cory indicated that he had read through it and felt that it synthesized the process down very succinctly, and encouraged others to read it.
- 9) Set next meeting objectives and date – February 14th Admin Call, February 16th Policy Session
- The next Administrative Call will be February 10th at 10:00 AM.

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