

**DRAFT MEETING NOTES  
CENTRAL VALLEY SALINITY POLICY GROUP  
Executive Committee Meeting  
January 13, 2008**

Attendees: See Sign-in Sheet/Telephone Participants List Attachment A

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

Dr. Karl Longley, Executive Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. and welcomed meeting participants. Participants introduced themselves.

**2. Review of Agenda and Purpose**

Dr. Longley noted that after two years, CV-SALTS is entering a period of concerted effort to develop a salinity management plan. Such plans will be required for groundwater basins in California under the Recycled Water policy slated for adoption by the State Water Resources Control Board on February 3, 2009. The Committee needs to develop funding, and meet the deadlines established by the Executive Officer to show sufficient progress.

**3. CVSC Update, Funding and Status**

Daniel Cozad reported that CVSC has raised \$135,000 in member contributions and is expecting another \$130,000 in future billings. In addition, several agencies have requested to direct a portion of pending administrative penalties totaling \$138,000 to a Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) for the salt sources survey.

The coalition website is up and running in beta test mode at [www.cvsalinity.org](http://www.cvsalinity.org), and the coalition will be taking over e-mail distribution from the Regional Water Board staff very soon. Please let us know if you have any problems or suggestions.

**4. Progress Evaluation Criteria and CVSC Proposal**

Daniel Cozad summarized the Coalition proposal to address the Executive Officer's criteria for significant progress. Pamela Creedon stated that it is important to have a clear structure in place so that contributors can understand how they can participate and know that their money is being spent well. Executive Committee members and the Regional Board EO indicated the proposal was appropriate as presented.

## 5. Workplan Outline Presentation

Daniel Cozad walked through the revised workplan, which was prepared by Daniel and Lisa Holm with input from the subcommittee. He reviewed the plan elements, which include:

1. Program Management
  - a. Program development
  - b. Procurement
2. Technical
  - a. Identification of salt constituents and data requirements
  - b. Develop regional database and populate
  - c. Monitor or other methods to fill data gaps
  - d. Develop conceptual models and decision assistance tools
  - e. Implementation planning and analysis
3. Policy and Decision-making
  - a. Identify management goals
  - b. Identify beneficial uses and achievable protective levels
  - c. Identify water quality goals, objectives and limits
  - d. Regulatory and non-regulatory implementation planning
4. Document Preparation
  - a. CEQA documents
  - b. Draft Basin Plan Amendment
  - c. Long term monitoring and compliance

**Action: Slides and Work Plan outline are attached. Comments on the current version of the workplan should be sent to Daniel Cozad by February 1, 2009.**

## 6. Salt Sources Economic/Technical Committee Recommendation

Economic and Social Impact Committee Chair Linda Dorn explained that the focus of the proposed RFQ is Phase I, development of the workplan. The Committee recommended that the Executive Committee approve the salt sources survey outline and direct the Technical Committee to develop an RFP and list of qualifications, which will be transmitted to the CVSC with a request for funding and solicitation of proposals.

Debbie Webster asked that the document be clarified to indicate that only nitrogen species pertinent to water quality are to be addressed in the scope of work.

**It was moved by Bobbi Larson and seconded by Debbie Webster to approve the recommendation. The motion passed.**

## **7. Committee Chair Policy Review Draft and Nominations**

Daniel Cozad reviewed the working policy draft. It was agreed that the title of the document should be changed to “CV SALTS Committee Standing Rules.” In response to a question, Pamela Creedon reviewed the CV SALTS organization chart and indicated that entities are not required to join the coalition in order to contribute resources but that all studies and efforts need to be coordinated through CV SALTS. Dr. Longley suggested that the organization chart be appended to the Standing Rules.

Pamela Creedon noted that the group still needs to address the governance structure and issue resolution. Daniel Cozad suggested that the Standing Rules could be expanded to address these matters.

## **8. Other Recommended Actions from the Economic and Social Impact, Technical, and Education and Outreach Committees**

### *Education and Outreach Committee:*

Daniel Cozad reported on behalf of Co-Chairs Rosa Lau-Staggs and Dave Minelli regarding the following committee activities:

1. The Committee requests that the CVSC distribute the 20 minute version of the CV SALTS documentary to all legislators with a cover letter, in cooperation with the Water Education Foundation. It was moved by Debbie Webster and seconded by Rob Neenan to recommend to the Coalition that the video be distributed. The motion passed.

The Committee asked that the video also be available on the Coalition website.

2. The Committee is exploring a newsletter or other mechanism for communicating among committees.
3. The Committee is seeking feedback on the CV SALTS Fact Sheet.
4. The Committee is continuing to work on message development.

### *Technical Committee:*

Chair Longley reported that Nigel Quinn is willing to serve as co-chair of the committee, and that another co-chair is needed.

## **9. Meeting Schedule**

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be February 18, 2009 at 1:45 p.m.

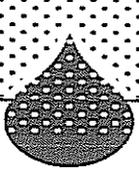
**10. Additional Items**

Pamela Creedon reported that the Regional water Board has requested \$1 million in funding from the State Cleanup and Abatement Account to be used for data gathering and information collection relating to establishing beneficial uses and development of water quality objectives. The State Water Board will consider allocating the funding at its February 3, 2009 meeting.

**11. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Attachments  
Sign-in Sheet  
Work Plan for Comments



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