

**MEETING NOTES
CV SALTS
Executive Committee Meeting
March 18, 2009**

Attendees: See attached Sign-in Sheet; phone participants included Karna Harrigfeld and Ernie Taylor

1. Welcome and Introductions; Review of Agenda

Dr. Longley called the meeting to order and welcomed meeting participants. Participants introduced themselves. It was agreed that item 2, Central Valley Salinity Coalition (CVSC) Progress, be moved to follow Item 4, Nominations Committee recommendations.

2. Approval of Meeting Notes

It was moved by Debbie Webster and seconded by David Cory to approve the meeting notes from the February 18, 2009 Executive Committee meeting. The motion carried.

3. Standing Rules on Committee and MOU Development

Daniel Cozad noted that the Standing Rules were approved at the February 18, 2009 meeting. The MOU, which will set forth the roles and responsibilities of the CVSC, Regional Water Board and State Water Board is still under development and will be presented at the April meeting.

4. Discuss/Approve Recommendations from the Nominating Committee

Nominating Committee Chair Gary Carlton reported that the Nominating Committee had met and recommends the following candidates for Committee Chairs:

A. Executive Committee:

Chair, Mona Shulman, Pacific Coast Producers
Vice Chair: Linda Dorn, Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District

B. Economic and Social Impact Committee:

Co-Chairs: David Cory, San Joaquin Valley Drainage Authority and Rob Neenan, California League of Food Processors.

The nominations were approved. Daniel Cozad reported that there is still a vacancy for Co-Chair of the Technical Committee to serve with Nigel Quinn; Rosa Lau Staggs and Dave Melilli will continue as Co-Chairs of the Public Education and Outreach Committee.

Following the election, Vice Chair Linda Dorn chaired the meeting, in the absence of Mona Shulman.

6. Discuss/Approve Program Goals

Daniel Cozad presented the program goals that had been brainstormed at the last meeting. The Committee reviewed each of the goals and made a number of revisions. It was agreed that the adoption of a Basin Plan Amendment should be more prominently stated. There was significant discussion regarding Goal 5, which addresses two concepts, development of a salt-nutrient management system and funding. The Committee requested that Daniel Cozad re-draft the goals based on the discussion and present a revised version of the goals and objectives at the April meeting.

7. Workplan Outline Status

Nigel Quinn reported that the work group has developed ranges of costs and will begin to develop rough scopes or work and a schedule for the work plan elements. Daniel Cozad noted that he has prepared a schedule for the tasks that requires concurrent actions and overlap of several tasks in order to meet the five to seven year time frame for completion. The timeline, which is too large to easily provide in hard copy, can be downloaded from the CVSC website.

Daniel also noted that on Tuesday, the State Water Board approved \$1.2 million in funding from the Cleanup and Abatement Account for CV SALTS and that several support letters had been sent in, including a letter from CVSC.

Dennis Westcott asked how the decision was made to seek funding for beneficial use and objectives work, and how that effort relates to the State Water Board's current effort to develop a salinity standard for agriculture in the South Delta. He expressed a concern regarding the coordination of the State Water Board effort with CV SALTS. Linda Dorn asked whether a detailed workplan for the State Water Board effort was available, and she and Nigel Quinn requested a presentation on the agricultural salinity standard work to the work group so that the State Water Board effort can be folded in to the CV SALTS workplan. Linda emphasized the need for more engagement with the State Water Board work; it is not enough for the CV SALTS committees to simply be "informed" about the State Board work.

Mark Gowdy noted that the South Delta effort is on a faster timeline than the overall CV SALTS program and encouraged participation from the committee. He stated he had received a letter from the CVSC for the upcoming scoping session requesting to be involved.

David Cory indicated that it is important for the Regional Water Board and the State Water Board to inform the committees about the issues and problems where they need input and suggested that CV SALTS can adjust its timeframes as needed to provide timely input.

Pamela Creedon expressed her view that the other salinity efforts should become involved in the CV SALTS stakeholder process to facilitate coordination, rather than establish separate, parallel stakeholder processes. CV SALTS should be the central “clearing house” for salinity issues in the Central Valley. She stated that she will arrange a meeting with State Water Board Chair Charlie Hoppin and the Executive Committee leadership to discuss the need for close coordination and cooperation between the various efforts.

Debbie Webster expressed concern that the processes need to be “melded” as much as possible, and that it would not be appropriate to develop water quality objectives in another process and then import them wholesale into CV SALTS.

It was agreed that a subcommittee be formed to identify the various planning and regulatory efforts addressing salinity and address the process issue of how to coordinate them through the CV SALTS umbrella. Linda Dorn agreed to convene the subcommittee, which consists of:

- David Cory (Economic and Social Cost Committee)
- Linda Dorn (Executive Committee)
- Mark Gowdy (State Water Board)
- Nigel Quinn (Technical Committee)
- Rudy Schnagl (Regional Water Board)
- Debbie Webster (CVSC)
- Daniel Cozad (CVSC Staff)

Lloyd Fryer raised a concern that the broad-based Leadership Group would be usurping the regulatory role of the State and Regional Water Boards. The Committee discussed the need to be clear that the CV SALTS work will inform and improve the basin planning process, but will not assume any regulatory authority belonging to the Boards.

8. Actions and Recommendations from the Economic and Social Impact Committee and the Technical Advisory Committee

Economic and Social Impact Committee and the Technical Advisory Committee:
TAC Chair Nigel Quinn reported that a technical workshop to review the Santa Ana Region model has been scheduled for May 14, with a follow up session on May 28. The first session will focus on learning what worked in Region 8 and what the CV SALTS process can “borrow”; the purpose of the follow-up session will be to take the lessons learned and adapt the draft workplan accordingly. The Committee is looking into videotaping the sessions or making them available via Go-to-meeting or Web-Ex for presentations.

The TAC also finalized the “Things You Can Do” document.

Public Education and Outreach Committee:

Daniel Cozad reported on behalf of Co-Chair Dave Melilli that the Committee would like the Executive Committee to consider approving two recommended projects proposed by the Water Education Foundation: (1) Prepare a “lay person’s guide “ to CV SALTS that would be posted on the Aquaforia website. The cost is \$2,700. (2) Prepare a Salinity Facts “slide card.” The cost for 3,000 slide cards would be \$6,000.

The Executive Committee discussed the two proposals, and determined that the Salinity Facts card would be premature until the PEOC decides upon the content. Bobbi Larson moved to recommend that the CVSC allocate \$2,700 in funding for the layperson’s guide. The motion carried.

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be April 14, 2009 at 1:30 p.m., at a location to be determined.

12. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.



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Meeting Sign-in

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