

**Meeting Notes  
CV SALTS  
Executive Committee  
May 13, 2009**

**Attendees:** See separate sign-in sheet and teleconference log.

**1. Welcome, Introductions, Agenda Review, Approve 4-14 Notes**

Item 4 (membership roster) moved to the top. April notes approved.

**2. Committee Membership Roster meeting participation documentation**

Mona wanted a way to discern between who in the meetings was on a particular committee and who was attending for informational reasons for the sake of voting purposes. **Daniel asked for feedback** on the rosters he had put together.

**3. CVSC Progress Evaluation Criteria Status/Accomplishments and Funding needs for Salt and Nitrate Sources**

Not many changes, but one error: salinity sources study NOT awarded. Should be awarded by the end of the week, with approval by the end of the following week. Work plan development meetings May 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. Gained two board members, representing the California League of Food Processors and the Wine Institute. 90,000 hits on the Web site last month; 30-35 unique visitors per day. Video links are back up. One woman mentioned that the left menu is pushed down to the bottom of the page. Salt News Feeds just implemented on site. Proposals for salt and nitrate source work range from just under \$200,000 to just under \$300,000; and, discussions will need to take place in regard to funding.

**4. Report from the Coordinating Committee Matrix**

Three teleconferences so far. Matrix categorized by program, project, or effort. What is **needed from the Executive Committee** is consensus on definitions, related actions, POCs, and CV SALTS' level of involvement. **Nigel volunteered** to add more detail regarding purpose and sub-tasks for Red Rock Ranch. Daniel suggested including timeline and milestones. It was clarified that the matrix covers specific projects and not just classes of projects. Pamela suggested to separate "Critical" and "Significant" and that all critical items need to go through the Executive Committee. She also wants everything that includes salts and nitrates to fall under CV SALTS. After much discussion, it was agreed that much work is needed, and underway, to engineer the processes on how the committees work together and projects are coordinated. **Daniel agreed to create a draft procedure.**

**5. Recommended Actions from Economic and Social Cost, Technical, and Education and Outreach Committees (Committee Chairs)**

Earth” documentary nominated for two Emmy awards. Trying to select top five messages for presentations and public events. Aquaforia draft created. Tri-fold public information brochure assembled and on the Web site. Printing needs will be explored; and, higher quantity equals lower unit price. The Coalition sent copies of the Documentary DVDs and supporting information to all members of the Assembly and Senate in February or March, and minimal feedback was received. Having a “brown bag” with legislators to discuss the current salinity situation in Australia is being considered. Links to the National Geographic article on Australia and the NPR article on the Central Valley are on the Web site.

Project review of Grasslands Bypass Basin Plan Amendment: the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) was not, at first, exactly clear on the format for their feedback. They are to take notes and get feedback from those interested and polish it all up for the next meeting. Potential watershed modeling tools: the TAC will have more recommendations for Amanda.

Scoping meeting: the TAC will need to narrow down the scope and form a subgroup to develop an NOP. Assume the July 15<sup>th</sup> meeting will take place. **Lisa has volunteered to come up with a list of items for the meeting.**

EC vs. TDS: this will be a long but fruitful discussion, ascertaining what is the best approach and educating all involved. This issue will be brought up in the first meeting with the consultant selected for the salinity/nitrate work. The TAC would like to have a workshop on this topic to get more educated before meeting with the consultants (not yet selected, but expected by the end of next week). **Tom has volunteered to put together a matrix comparing/contrasting the beneficial uses associated with each.** It was agreed that this process needs to be resolved quickly.

A leadership meeting is planned for the afternoon of either September 24<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup>. Daniel would like to work out the agenda earlier than August. **Rudy Schnagl and Bobby volunteered to be part of this agenda process.**

#### **6. MOU Development Process Version 2, Approve subject to additions**

The only change was to create parity between regional and state board sections. Still have a flag on benefits section that needs work. No comments have yet been received from state or regional boards. Daniel requested to lock the current language and just share revisions moving forward; this was approved. The MOU was approved without dissension. **The State Board Representative agreed to quickly provide comment so the agreement can be finalized.**

#### **7. Work Plan Budget and Schedule, Approve work phasing and scope development**

Daniel feels,

after receiving good input, that the current projected costs are about as good as can be expected moving forward. He highlighted on the schedule two large “clumps” of work being done simultaneously and commented that this is not the ideal/normal way to do things; but, it is the only way to get done within five years. The committee agreed with Daniel’s assessment and approved the budget and schedule “as-is” as an interim product, as complete as it can be right now, with the caveat that it is a “living” product, without dissension.

**8. Six-month agenda planning and 2009 Calendar, Committee meeting June 17th meeting and Scoping Meeting July 15, Technical Workshop May 14th, Leadership group meeting September 18 or 25?**

Daniel has created a plan looking six months out with the meeting dates and agendas so people can plan ahead; feedback/questions should be directed to either him or Mona. The May 14<sup>th</sup> meeting, from 9-3, is to discuss what was done and how, to review policy, and to review the technical aspects. Leadership group discussed under item 5.

**9. Executive Committee meeting adjourned**

# Meeting Sign-in

Meeting Executive Committee Date 5/13/09

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