

**CV-SALTS Executive Committee
Meeting Notes
Thursday, November 19, 2009
1:30 pm to 3:30 pm**

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

1. Welcome, Introductions, Agenda Review, Consent Calendar

Vice Chair Dorn welcomed everyone **called the meeting called to order at 1:30 followed by introductions of all present at the** Water Education Foundation or on the phone. She then called for self introductions. The Membership roster was circulated for sign-in.

- a. Review/approve [Executive Committee Meeting Notes](#) for October 29th 2009
Daniel Cozad mentioned that the notes were more detailed this month due to a new transcriptionist that is learning what we need and learning about salinity. He thanked Chair Shulman for detailed review and shortening them. After review the minutes were approved upon motion of David Cory and second by Nigel Quinn.

A second item, the one page membership document was handed out. It was approved by the PEO Committee last month, but was left off the agenda. By consensus, it will be added to the consent calendar in December.

2. Final form [MOA Document](#), [Fact Sheet and Resolution](#) for the RWQCB & SWRCB December Agendas

Regional and State Board staff reported that the MOA document was on the agenda for the December 10 and December 1 board meetings respectively. It may be on the consent calendar and significant participation is not expected at the State Board.

3. Review changes [Policy Issues List](#)

The committee approved the Policy Issues List with changes noted to several sections. Daniel agreed to make changes to the document and post.

a. Policy Issue 1, Summary for Review

The committee reviewed the text of the discussion of Policy Issue Number 1, Spatial Issues – Regional and Subregional Organization. Minor changes in wording and punctuation were noted. The committee discussed the interplay between the IRWM plans. Discussion ensued regarding IRWM plans that were not fully implemented and the level of participation of those groups. Discussion ensued regarding CVSalts and incorporating IRWM plans and salinity and nutrient management programs.

Discussion ensued regarding Recycled Water Policy planning. Integrating the Recycled Water Policy program into CVSalts is viewed as a work in process, as CVSalts will have input only on the salinity and nutrient management issues. It was noted that CVSalts is not the regulatory body, and that the Recycled Water Policy would require appropriate approvals. CVSalts role is to provide guidance, until any Basin Plan amendment is finalized.

Discussion ensued regarding engaging other stakeholders, particularly those who do not currently view themselves as having a “salinity issue”. This issue has been deferred for further discussion. Daniel noted that the Anti-Degradation issues will be addressed in January.

4. Goals/Progress Criteria for 2010 Regional Board

Rudy Schnagl reported that Board Staff is working on the document for 2010. Discussion on presentation readiness in December ensued with the Chair indicating that December would be preferable to January.

5. Committee Work Plan Formulation and [Agenda Planning](#) and [Draft 2010 Calendar](#)

The Committee reviewed the Policy planning agenda and draft calendar. The committee requested any other conflicts to be submitted so that the calendar could be finalized. The Annual Leadership Group meeting is set for one of three potential days in September, hopefully to be held at the State Board. The committee desires to have that date and venue set well in advance so that the meeting can be publicized to Leadership Group members, to increase attendance.

6. Salinity [Guideline Withdrawal](#) Impacts

Ms. Creedon reviewed the withdrawal of the Salinity Guidance Memorandum previously adopted by the Regional Board. The Guidance had been challenged by The California Sportfishing Association, and the Regional Board made the decision to withdraw the Guidance rather than dispute the petition. The fact that the Office of Administrative Law had taken up the petition and the time required to dispute the petition was a significant factor in the withdrawal. Ms. Creedon clarified that the Guidance was not intended to be a regulatory document, merely to state in memo form what the Regional Board was doing with regard to salinity in permits. This may result in the challenge to new permits, however, the Regional Board will take steps to ensure that staff does not rely on the Guidance document, or cite it in permits.

7. Receive Reports and Recommended Actions from Economic and Social Cost, Technical, and Public Education and Outreach Committees

a. Presentation of the [PowerPoint](#) and [marketing plan](#) from PEOC

In the absence of the Chair of the PEOC committee, no report was given, other than to note that a draft presentation and other educational materials are posted.

b. Update on Salt and Nitrate Pilot Study

The Chair of the TAC reported that Larry Walker & Assoc. has provided an update on the Salt and Nitrate Pilot Study. Discussion ensued regarding data gathering, and the difficulties encountered in compiling data for the study. The Regional Board indicated that data requests could be sent to them for response. Discussion ensued regarding targeting specific data to narrow the amount of data needed. The Consultant is on track to provide a draft report in January.

c. Update on the CAA Funding Contract

Rudy Schnagl reported that the contract is agreeable to both the Drainage Authority and the State Board. The final hard copy should be send to the Authority shortly. This contract is needed to proceed with the Beneficial Use and Objective Study.

8. Introduction of Coordination Programs for future approval/policy

- a. New Programs presented at the Technical Committee
 - i. Triannual Review –Tulare Basin
 - ii. Drinking Water Policy

Antony Toto presented the issues and efforts related to the Triannual review of the Tulare Basin Plan. There are many things that stakeholders would like to review or have updated, staff time is very limited. Discussion ensued related to positions and funding limitations for planning. Holly Grover presented progress and update from the Drinking Water Policy group and its efforts, much good work was underway before stoppage due to State budget problems. Work will soon be proceeding. For additional information see the Economic and Technical Committee Notes.

9. Next meeting December 16th as shown on [2009 Calendar](#)

The next meeting is set for December 16, 2009, at the new location Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District. The address will be sent to participants and posted on the website.

10. Executive Committee Adjourns