

CV-SALTS Executive Committee
Wednesday, December 16, 2009; 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM

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

Executive Committee Chair Mona Schulman called the meeting at 1:38 followed by introductions of all present in-house and on teleconference.

1. Welcome, Introductions, Circulate Roster

Chair welcomed the group and telephone attendees and invited self introductions. The Chair indicated that a roster was being circulated.

- a. **Review/Approve Executive Committee Meeting notes from November 19th - Motion to approve by Member Cory and seconded by Member Quinn. The motion was approved.**
- b. **Circulate [Membership Roster](#) - done**
- c. **CVSC Membership Document recommended by the PEO Committee, Motion to approve as recommend by Member Quinn and Seconded by Member Longley and the document was approved.**
- d. **[MOA Document](#) – Approved by all parties in December State Board on 12/1/09 and Regional Board on 12/10/09. The document will be circulated for signatures in January.**

2. Review updates and changes [Policy Issues List](#)

Daniel reviewed the committee’s changes from the last version shown in version 5.

Suggestion that the State Board be included

a. **Policy issues list: Number 1** – Original number 1 divided into 1 and 1 a. There is an open line for a resolution by the Regional Water Quality Control Board related to the recycled water policy and CV-SALTS. A draft of the resolution has been prepared, but was not ready for presentation to the board at this meeting. The board members agreed that the board would want to review the resolution before it goes anywhere else.

b. **Development of Anti-Degradation whitepaper and presentations** - Next activity is to pull together the items necessary for looking at anti-degradation policy. As of this meeting, Daniel had not heard back from Rick Rasmussen at the State Board on the status of the anti-degradation policy. Daniel hopes that a presentation on the anti-degradation policy and how it affects CV-SALTS will be ready for the January meeting. At the February meeting, the committee can look at where they want to go with the policy and what the objectives mean.

The document was approved as amended.

3. Goals/Progress Criteria 2010 (Rudy/Daniel)

Daniel has prepared for the work plan that was presented at the meeting in the morning. It is a list of items that the Regional Board will use to judge if we’re making adequate progress. The work plan does need to be developed further. There will be at least one more version.

Daniel asked for feedback on the work plan.

4. Committee [Draft Work Plan](#) and [Agenda Planning Calendar](#)

Daniel presented the draft work plan and agenda planning calendar for feedback and comments from executive committee members. The idea behind the work plan was to include all the things that the committee ought to be thinking about working on into one document.

The first item is further develop the work plan.

Number 3 – Tasks to be accomplished – some of these roll up from other committees. The first couple are from the Technical Committee and the products of those projects need to be brought before the Executive Committee to be approved – from the scope to the final product.

Number 3c – Technical review of coordination efforts – that’s the matrix of all the other salt and nitrated things happening in the Central Valley and making sure those are integrated.

Review and approval of the work plan outline efforts. Beneficial Use and Objective Study and management alternative implementation efforts have been included and will be reported back to the Executive Committee.

Oversight and review of other committee efforts and discussions.

Policy issues

These items were listed in order, but is not intended to be exhaustive. There will be one more version to make sure that we’re delivering the items that the regional board wants to see.

For the other committees, we tried to identify funding associated with the efforts. Items 4 and 5 go into more detail about the individual efforts. #6 is the policy issues review. Under funding, there was no direct identification of funding dollars with the exception of the policy issues.

Plan implementation and budget, the budget has the budgets for the technical and Public Education and Outreach. The numbers for the Technical Committee come out of the work plan outline. A more detailed scope is necessary to verify whether those numbers are accurate. Most of the work in the Beneficial Use Study should be accomplished in 2010/2011 to be able to show to the State Board the work under the monies they’ve given us.

Preliminary Agenda Calendar – The drinking water strategy is new. There was an update on the Tulare Triennial review. Rudy informed the committee that they have sent out a notice for public hearings that the regional board is going to consider the triennial review in March. Written comments are accepted until the 2nd of February. We could put consensus comments together in January so they can be rolled into the comments for February.

5. Approve Beneficial Use & Objectives [Phase 1 Scope](#)

The RFP is not finalized in this phase because the way it may be contracted may change from the State Board. Looking for approval from the board for the scope of work. The rest may change. Daniel reported that the Technical Committee recommended that under evaluation criteria that they provide an example of how they will display that information. Once the proposal is approved by the committee, the committee hopes to release it January 28th.

Question about additional phases to address the issues that are not covered in this particular phase. Daniel replied that, yes, there would be additional phases.

Motion made by Member Cory to approve the content of the RFP presented by the Technical Committee. The details of the RFP will be based on the funding contract. Motion seconded by Member Quinn. The motion carried and the scope was approved.

Discussion and confirmation that the actual RFP will be longer and more detailed and that this approval is for the scope that the RFP covers.

6. Receive reports and recommended actions from Economic and Social Cost, Technical, and Public Education and Outreach Committee

- a. **PEOC** – Rosa is unable to make the presentation herself – looking for a co-chair for the committee. The Executive Committee recognized Rosa’s hard work and wanted to know the strategy for approaching other people to act as co-chair. Daniel stated that the committee will make a recommendation to the executive committee after their meeting in the afternoon.
- b. **Update on [Salt and Nitrate Pilot Study](#)** – On December 7, there was an information session and a chance to ask questions. The Yolo area is well underway, but there have been delays in the Modesto and the Tule area in terms of progress. The work was presented in detail about Yolo. There was some feedback provided on issues related to some of the diagrams and the inability to determine land use and other technical issues. There was more discussion at the morning’s meeting. The document is a template as to how other studies might be conducted. The committee has asked the guys to use their experience in conducting the studies of the three areas to provide guidelines as to how we would move forward when we move into other areas.

Written comments should go to Bob directly by December 21st. Daniel will take additional comments until January 15th.

- c. **Update on CAA Funding Contract and changes** – It should arrive any day from the Drainage Authority. The Education committee came up with \$65,000 that they would like to use for education and outreach purposes. Those requests have been worked into the work plan for that committee. The committee hasn’t had a chance to review that work plan, yet.

The Water Education Foundation has applied for USEPA grant for \$12,000 education outreach. We submitted a letter supporting them on behalf of CV-SALTS.

There will be a roll out of *California Environmental Data Exchange Network* ([CEDEN](#)), the State’s master database for water flow data that’s being developed by the State’s water resources. That could be an important source for data. It was suggested that the Technical Committee have a presentation on the current status, the interfaces and how to get data out of that system early in January to help CV SALTS retrieve the data needed for studies and action.

7. Introduction of Coordination Programs for future approval/policy

- a. **New Programs presented at the Technical Committee** – There is a pesticide study that’s looking at over 1000 water bodies in the area to see if how pesticides affect beneficial uses. Suggestion that CV-SALTS look at having this group present to the committee because they are looking at so many water bodies.

- b. **Policy issues related to Salt/Nitrate Best Management Practice** - The committee has been approached by the Regional Board and the Wine institute to look at a best practice document for salt and nitrate to see if the committee could identify how their results meet up with the CV SALTS mission and how to include them in the basin plan amendment in the hopes of identifying the right questions to ask and do the overall results of the best management practices improve salt management to a point where these measures get implemented. This provides the opportunity to get implementation of salt and nitrate management measures much faster. The issue was raised with the Technical Committee, but there are other questions that the executive committee may wish to consider on a policy level.

Discussion about how helpful this would be to developing best management practices and policies for CV SALTS projects across multiple areas of study.

8. **Next Meeting January 21** – [Draft 2010 Calendar](#) circulated. June 15-17 may be changed to the 9th and 10th.
9. **Adjourned at 2:45 pm**