

**Meeting Notes
CV SALTS
Executive Committee
September 16, 2009**

Attendees: See Committee [Roster](#)

1. Welcome, Introductions, Agenda Review, Consent Calendar

- Chair Shulman welcomed the group and started introductions of participants and those on the conference call. The committee reviewed the August Executive Committee Meeting Notes. Upon motion by Member Cory and a second by Member Longley, the August meeting notes were approved without change.
- Chair Shulman passed around the roster and asked the attendees to ensure their names were present and correctly listed as member or participant, and if not, to add at the bottom.
- Consent Calendar Items – Groundwater Strategy Response Letter. Chair Shulman after general consent decided to remove this item from the consent calendar and put it on a future agenda. The technical committee will address the changes and discussion in that section below.

2. The Salinity Coordination Process Update

Daniel Cozad gave a brief update and presented the Matrix and pointed out the changes that will affect the Basin Plan. He explained the use of different strategies to complete the charts. He also discussed studies that the technical committee is reviewing and items the board staff are working. The Regional Board staff will be testing this approach with all 11 divisions within the Regional Board. Cozad has asked for updates on the Matrix which could be incorporated into it.

3. MOA Document Comments – SWRCB

Chair Shulman and Daniel Cozad introduced the MOA Document and the changes to it and asked Member Polhemus to talk about the State Board's proposed changes in the MOA Document. Member Polhemus replied that the changes were only in Section 2 as the legal counsel was a little concerned about the wording related to fundraising. The correct version is submitted for the Executive Management review as a handout.

Member Polhemus stated that the Board will have to act and pass a resolution, which he will be able to get on for review in the October meeting if the final changes are completed very quickly.

Chair Shulman had a question about some issues with CVSC acting as the administrator to collect funding. Chair Shulman also stated that the prior draft was approved and as there were changes to it, the revised draft has to be reapproved.

Cozad suggested that there are also formatting issues for the approval with the State and Regional Boards need and so he would be willing to work closely with Member Polhemus to finalize the documents and a final document can be submitted for the October meeting for Executive Committee Approval.

The Committee approved the approach and had no issues with the proposed changes. The Committee approved the agreement as to content of the changes and CVSC will be responsible for final approval when in final agreement for and execution with the State and Regional Boards.

4. Policy Issues List and Program Goals

Chair Shulman introduced the Policy Issue List and Daniel Cozad presented and led discussion on the statements and questions. He addressed questions on some of the issues and indicated that they could be changed or developed over time. The policy issues list was discussed. Several members provided their comments and recommendation and thoughts.

Significant discussion and changes related to:

- levels of protection and salinity management
- Background and naturally occurring levels
- Need for background or whitepapers for certain questions
- Agriculture and other specific uses of water and sources of salt
- Economics and who pays for the costs
- Point of Regulation or compliance
- Cross media issues

The committee recommended the Questions in part 2 be formatted into Issues as the list of 1-9.

The overarching plan concepts were discussed and will be approved if no other comments are received. The changes will be incorporated and a Subcommittee formed to take a look at the revisions and priority and help prepare position or white papers for future discussion.

5. Receive Reports and Recommended Actions from Economic and Social Cost, Technical, and Public Education and Outreach Committees (Chairs)

A draft letter was prepared for Pam Buford regarding the answers of the question she posed to the technical and executive committees. This item was removed from the consent calendar and will require rework based on the comments in the Technical Committee. It was agreed to address all the technical issues collectively and there should be coordination with the groundwater strategy and CV-SALTS with regards to salt/nitrate issues.

Review DRAFT Leadership Meeting Agenda

A latest draft of the Leadership Meeting agenda was presented and changes and suggestions will be incorporated.

PEOC Report - PowerPoint and marketing plan

The Public Education and Outreach Committee developed a PowerPoint material. PEOC dedicated their time to find different approaches and how to increase the membership to help fund CV-SALTS project. PEOC also put together a work plan for the audience engagement. They have also developed groups of agencies and want to develop a quality speakers' list to make sure the people are knowledgeable about the issues and are available to reach different areas.

Update on Salt and Nitrate Pilot Study

A brief update was provided on the Salt and Nitrate Pilot study by Quinn. The only sort of controversial area was how they're going to get the groundwater model up to the surface-water model because two completely different models were designed in different ways. There were some common data that needed to be coordinated between models and additional work will be needed to clarify these issues.

6. Introduction of Coordination Programs for Future Approval & Policy

There were no new programs.

7. Six Month Agenda Planning and 2009 Calendar

The Leadership Meeting agenda is slated on September 24th at 1:30 to 3:30 pm, which is going to be Web broadcast. The committee reviewed the changes from the last meeting. The next meeting after the Leadership Group Meeting is October 29, 2009.

8. Executive meeting adjourns at 3:30