

# CV-SALTS Process/Policy for Support of Grant Proposal or Projects

## Background

CV-SALTS and the Central Valley Salinity Coalition gain benefit from projects with accomplish tasks or gain information that would otherwise have to be done by CV-SALTS or which support efforts aligned with CV-SALTS. It is important to support project and proposal which may bring funding to such projects as such stakeholder support is seen favorably by granting agencies and foundations.

## Policy

Under existing practice, the CV-SALTS Executive Committee approves any letter sent in support of a proposal. Meetings generally occur monthly and depending on the deadlines this may preclude action on important proposals. While proposed efforts exist on a continuum, this process outlines a policy for approval of the following categories of proposals:

1. Support for proposals requiring matching funds or in-kind support – Exec. Committee Action
2. Support for Work Plan contributing projects – Committee or chair vetting
3. Support for committee coordinated proposals - Committee or chair recommendation
4. Support for aligned or supporting proposals – Committee or chair awareness

**Category 1:** Requires Executive action at a regular or special meeting to approve funding, if funding is removed it may fit into another category for approval. Program Director will prepare a letter for or from committee approval.

For all other categories, if proposal appears controversial or if timing allows for Executive Committee Admin approval the support letter will be added to the next agenda. For support letters not approved they will appear on the Admin consent calendar at the next meeting for ratification.

**Category 2:** Projects should be vetted and reviewed by the appropriate technical or other committee; if consistent with the approved Work Plan the Program Director will prepare a letter of support.

**Category 3:** Project would be coordinated with the chair, committee or subcommittee who would recommend support. The Program Director will prepare a letter of support.

**Category 4:** If a request for proposal support is received and is aligned with the overall efforts of CV-SALTS the Program Director will forward to appropriate Committee chair for objection and if none is received will prepare letter of support.

Proposals may not fit exactly into any one category so the Program Director should use judgment to follow the closest category or default to Executive Committee action. Under any category if a stakeholder expresses strong objection to the proposal it will be forwarded to the Executive Committee for review and action.