

**Draft Schedule of Policy Discussions for the CV-Salts Executive Committee in 2012**

#	Date	Focus Area	Related Technical Support Tasks
1	3/26/12 (4/5/12)	Define "Point of Use" and "Point of Compliance." Describe Pros & Cons of alternative regulatory approaches. <i>Strawman Position Paper #1a</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Identify MUN surface intakes as a GIS map layer</li> <li>2) Identify MUN wells as a GIS map layer</li> <li>3) Identify other active wells as a GIS layer (from DWR)</li> <li>4) Identify POTW outfalls as a GIS layer</li> <li>5) Create GIS layer to identify prior category B &amp; C segments</li> </ol>
2	4/19/12	Define "Existing Water Quality" taking into consideration spatial and temporal variability. Define "assimilative capacity" and what it means to "lower water quality" in order to implement the state antidegradation policy. <i>Strawman Position Paper #1b</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Survey and describe existing water quality databases</li> <li>2) Survey and describe existing surface water management zones</li> <li>3) Survey and describe existing groundwater management. zones</li> <li>4) Preliminary water quality analysis of pilot locations</li> </ol>
3	5/24/12	Identify candidates for Implementation Planning Prototypes among economically-disadvantaged communities with severe nitrate contamination of local drinking water supplies. <i>Strawman Position Paper #2</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Identify and summarize similar efforts already under way</li> <li>2) Identify "zones of common interest" for potential offsets</li> <li>3) Determine readiness-to-proceed &amp; perform needs analysis</li> </ol>
4	6/12/12	<b>Regional Board Workshop</b>	
5*	7/19/12	Define what constitutes "Reasonable Protection of Existing and Probable Future <u>MUN</u> uses" with respect to electrical conductivity and some specific individual ions. Determine the whether and when to use secondary MCLs as water quality objectives. <i>Strawman Position Paper #3a</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Summarize current state of knowledge regarding the effects of elevated EC (salinity or TDS) and hardness concentrations on drinking water supply and other domestic purposes</li> <li>2) Identify and summarize unique concerns related to specific ions (e.g. sodium, chloride, boron, etc.)</li> </ol>
6*	8/23/12	Define what constitutes "Reasonable Protection of Existing and Probable Future <u>AGR</u> uses" with respect to electrical conductivity and some specific individual ions. <i>Strawman Position Paper #3b.</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Summarize current state of knowledge regarding the effects of elevated EC (TDS) concentrations on crop yields with specific attention to seasonal tolerances</li> <li>2) Create GIS layers need to support the Ag Zoning Map</li> </ol>
7*	9/20/12	Describe appropriate water quality monitoring requirements to determine which surface and groundwaters "are exceeding or are likely to exceed" water quality objectives for EC and nitrates. <i>Strawman Position Paper #4.</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Survey and summarize existing water quality monitoring and reporting programs</li> <li>2) Identify exemplars used to implement similar regulatory purposes in other regions/states</li> </ol>
8*	10/18/12	<u>Tentative:</u> Define what constitutes "Maximum Benefit to the People of California" as needed to implement the state antidegradation policy (68-16). Establish default demonstration requirements.	TBD
9*	11/8/12	<u>Tentative:</u> Determine when and how Pollution Trading Programs and/or Offset Projects (incl. Mitigation Banks) may be used as an alternative compliance strategy within the SNMP.	Consideration of these tentative policy topics is dependent on achieving satisfactory resolution of the prerequisite issues scheduled for discussion in the preceding months. It may be necessary to continue discussing some of the higher priority issues into the fall of 2012 in order to meet the statutory deadlines imposed by the Recycled Water Policy.
10*	12/13/12	<u>Tentative:</u> Define the conditions and criteria for authorizing the use of Temporary Conditional Variances and/or Long-Term Compliance Schedules where needed to facilitate attainment of water quality standards.	

*\*Topics 5 & 6 cannot occur until topics 2 & 3 are resolved. Topics 7, 8, 9 & 10 cannot occur until topics 5 and/or 6 are concluded.*