

CV-SALTS Executive Committee Meeting

June 23, 2011 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Teleconference Only

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Attendees are listed on the Membership Roster

AGENDA

1) Welcome and Introductions Chair

- The meeting was brought to order by Chair, Parry Klassen.
- a. Mike Nordstrom moved to approve, and Nigel Quinn seconded, and by general acclamation the June 16, 2011 meeting action notes were approved
- b. Roll call was completed.

2) Water Quality Criteria RFP Status

- Per Daniel Cozad there are two proposals that have been received and are currently under review. The LSJR Committee will be ready on 7/21/11 to make a recommendation to the Executive Committee.

3) 2011 CV-Salts Progress Milestones Status Updated Status and Program Funding

- Daniel Cozad provided a brief status update for the following areas:
 - Knowledge Gained Committee – on schedule to deliver expanded framework document in July
 - Technical Project Manager – currently on schedule
 - Best Management Practices – meeting scheduled for 6/27, also projecting a July completion
 - Schedule for updated Strategy and Workplan is based on the discussion at the last policy meeting. Daniel is working on a report outlining progress through June that will be presented at the next Executive Committee Administrative meeting.
 - Funding – Not much change in the obligation of Cleanup and Abatement funds. Member contributions for 2011 have been updated, and San Joaquin County joined as a new member.

4) Technical Project Manager RFQ Status

- As of 6/23/11 no proposals have been submitted. Deadline for submission is July. Two firms have committed to submitting proposals.

5) Tracy v. California State Water Resources Control Board Summary

- Tess Dunham provided a detailed overview of this decision for the Committee. Tess stressed that it was very important to note that this is still a narrow decision, in that it is applicable only to municipal dischargers discharging effluent subject to South Delta water quality objectives.
- Karna Harrigfeld requested that a copy of the final decision be posted to the CV Salinity Coalition website.

6) Calaveras Salt-Related Regional Board Basin Plan Amendment

- Pam Buford briefed the Committee on this potential basin plan amendment for a mine site in Calaveras County. She stressed it is a very site specific case because of the fractured bedrock aquifer and is not a good comparable test case for the other ongoing de-designation discussions at CV-SALTS. Jim Martin is attending the scoping meeting and will provide a brief summary at the next CV-SALTS meeting.
- At the end of the Calaveras discussion, Bruce Houdesheldt suggested that since a number of the issues being dealt with by CV-SALTS are also priority issues in the Triennial Review

that it would be valuable to schedule an update from Betty Yee. It was agreed that Daniel would schedule that update for the next CV-SALTS administrative meeting.

7) Delta Plan Letter Consideration

- After discussion, Nigel Quinn moved to approve, and Joe DiGiorgio seconded, and by general acclamation the letter, with David Cory's edits, was approved with the inclusion of the additional changes:
 - Replace "forth" in line 3 with "fourth"
 - Replace "all water users should be participating with CV-SALTS" with "all users of Central Valley water should be participating with CV-SALTS"

8) South Delta Water Agency Letter

- The letter from John Herrick was discussed and in response to the letter it was agreed that
 - Nigel Quinn would contact Mr. Herrick in an effort to clarify what is being asked from a technical standpoint, and
 - Daniel Cozad would query Pamela Creedon for her input on the matter
 - The issue will be included as a follow up item for the next Executive Committee administrative meeting.

9) Knowledge Gained Committee Update

- Michael Steiger briefed the Committee on subcommittee progress. The Knowledge Gained Committee requested specific guidance from the Executive Committee regarding the scale to be used for the study.
- After discussion it was agreed that the whole Central Valley is not an appropriate scale, but that there are a variety of scales that might be useful, (e.g. watersheds, groundwater basins, water districts, etc.), and that a building block approach would be best.

10) Management Practice Subcommittee Update

- Parry Klassen provided the update; the next BMP meeting is scheduled for 6/27. 2 FREP proposals have been put forward by CURES, if funded work would begin Jan 2012:
 - Developing a template for a nutrient management plan (3 year study)
 - Development of an electronic database of salt and nitrate management studies from the FREP archives (2 year study)

11) CV-SALTS Website Subcontract Design Update

- Preliminary wire frame due from designers this week, and will be sent to Committee members who have indicated they would like to review. Finalized design will be presented at the next Executive Committee meeting.

12) Set next meeting objectives and date (July 21, 2011) and conference call date

- Due to the number of pending items requiring more extensive discussions the next administrative meeting will be a half-day meeting instead of a conference call. The meeting is schedule for Tuesday, August 9th.
- Pam Buford inquired if it would be possible for Tim Moore to provide more description of what outcomes he is looking for prior to each policy session. This would help everyone prepare ahead of time in reviewing documents prior to the meeting. Daniel indicated he would talk to Tim about setting meeting objectives for the policy sessions.