

# CV-SALTS Executive Committee Meeting

August 9, 2011 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM

Sacramento Regional Sanitation District Offices – Sunset Maple Room  
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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. David Cory moved to approve, and Mike Nordstrom seconded, and by general acclamation the July 21, 2011 meeting action notes were approved
- b. Roll call was completed.

### 2) State Board Hearing on CV-SALTS Progress in Winter 2011

- Jeanne Chilcott advised the committee that the Division of Financial Assistance had contacted the Central Valley Water Board staff to determine the status of the annual CV-SALTS presentation to the State Board. Per language included in Resolution #2010-0042 this annual requirement must take place by September each year.
- Regional Board staff was able to negotiate a later presentation date and presented the Executive Committee with a list of potential State Board meeting dates in the Sept-Nov time frame. After discussion David Cory moved, Mike Nordstrom seconded, and by general acclamation November 15<sup>th</sup> was set as the target date for the annual presentation to the State Board.
- Resolution language specifies the progress report will include:
  - A detailed accounting of expenditures
  - Services received
  - A line item report of in-kind and contract services contributions from Coalition members and/or additional public and private entities
  - A summary of work accomplishments to date
  - A timeline for completion of work
- The detailed line item reports of in-kind services from committee members are to be forwarded to Jeanne and Daniel no later than the end of October. Daniel Cozad will be working with Jeanne on drafting the presentation. It was proposed that the presentation to the State Board be a joint presentation by both CV-SALTS and Regional Board staff.

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

- Daniel Cozad provided a six-month progress report for the committee in the Jan-June Progress & 2011-Program Planning.
- A discussion was held on what projects should be documented, and how, for the CV-SALTS Initiative Program Funding Report. Jeanne Chilcott suggested that although it was important to include dollars being spent via regulation, the characterization of program funding would carry a lot more weight when including those projects being initiated outside of the regulatory process.
- Joe DiGiorgio brought up a concern that there might be current projects under consideration that might make sense in a CV-SALTS setting, but will not get funded unless they know it will help them through the regulatory hurdles that may or may not be there in the future. Daniel and Joe will work together to determine the best way to characterize this type of pending project status.

- Daniel will format and distribute a Contribution Form for members to submit specific project expenditures for inclusion in the ongoing Program Funding report and the annual presentation to the State Board.
- 4) South Delta Water Agency Letter
- Nigel Quinn and John Herrick briefed the committee on their proposal to develop a study to identify sources of information on leaching in the South Delta where there is a lack of data.
  - Mark Gowdy will also work with Nigel and John on developing this study for review by the Technical Advisory Committee and subsequent recommendation to the Executive Committee.
  - August 26, 2011 was set as the next Technical Advisory Committee meeting date.
- 5) Technical Project Manager Recommendation
- CV-SALTS received submissions from four firms and interviewed three teams. Michael Steiger, EKI, was selected as Technical Project Manager. Additionally, Richard Meyerhoff, CDM, was selected for some specialty consulting services related to basin planning.
  - It was the recommendation of the Selection Committee that the Executive Committee authorize the contracts with EKI and CDM for the TPM scope at a cost not to exceed \$400,000 for a term of 3 years;
    - and to direct the Selection Committee, Program Manager, and Technical Project Manager to again review the Statements of Qualifications for the necessary skills required by other CV-SALTS technical efforts, in an effort to quickly secure the services of these firms without having to go through another full round of procurement.
  - Linda Dorn moved, and Royce Cunningham seconded, and by general acclamation the Technical Project Manager selection was approved.
  - Daniel Cozad expressed appreciation for the time, attention and detail that the Selection Committee reviewers put in to reviewing the Statements of Qualifications.
- 6) Triennial Review Update on Salt-Related Issues
- Betty Yee briefed the committee on the Triennial Review Process and its relation to the current CV-SALTS process.
  - The Triennial Review results in a prioritized list of basin planning issues, and a basin planning amendment may result.
  - The current Triennial Review Workplan has been released for public review and comment.
  - The workplan identifies 14 high priority issues. Although "Salt & Nitrate Management" is listed as #1, per Betty the issues are not ranked and all 14 issues are considered of equal priority and are numbered for identification purposes only.
  - Written comments on the workplan are due August 29, 2011 and the public hearing for the Review is set for October 2011.
  - The Triennial Review Presentation is available on the CV-SALTS website.
- 7) San Joaquin Delta Flow and Salinity Standards Update
- Mark Gowdy reviewed the current status of the development of the basin plan amendment which began in 2009.
    - On track to have a draft circulate for public review in early December, with a board workshop in January
    - Tentative adoption hearing in June 2012
  - A discussion of the Variance Policy and Interim Salt Program (also addressed in the Triennial Review discussion) took place. Betty Yee clarified that this is a short-term Central Valley-wide program intended to offer relief from salinity requirements while CV-SALTS is under development. EPA is insistent that these short-term variances exist only for the CV-SALTS development period, after which the program is retired.

- 8) Calaveras Salt-Related Regional Board Basin Plan Amendment
- Jim Martin summarized the Regional Board's work on finding an alternative permitting approach for the Royal Mountain King Gold Mine
    - This is based on an individual site and individual permit (fault zone/fractured bedrock)
  - Primary importance of this issue is that a basin plan is under consideration that would de-designate these areas of poorer water quality, and remove MUN and some of the other uses
  - Jeanne Chilcott pointed out that although it is a pretty isolated area, the board does look at de-designating uses and, although rare, the State Board does recognize this as a potential solution in certain circumstances.
- 9) Water Quality Resource Management Strategies
- Jeanne Chilcott advised the committee that she is working with Jose Faria, at the request of the Department of Water Resources, to review the current salinity management strategy in the California Water Plan.
  - Jeanne and Jose are requesting the involvement of CV-SALTS in an effort to ensure that the appendices in the new plan accurately reflect the goals and objectives of the CV-SALTS initiative. Inclusion of CV-SALTS concerns in the Water Plan has positive implications for future CV-SALTS funding strategies, specifically in support of the argument for why a CV-SALTS implementation program should be a bond eligible cost.
  - Specific topics to be included in the water plan suggested by Jeanne were
    - Groundwater salinity management
    - Demonstration of the domino/ripple effect of Central Valley salinity issues throughout the state
  - The following people volunteered to collaborate with Jeanne and Jose on preparing the draft for the rewrite by October 14: Leila Khatib, Nigel Quinn, Parry Klassen, Linda Dorn, Daniel Cozad and Paul Martin.
- 10) Knowledge Gained Subcommittee Update
- Michael Steiger briefed the committee on the status of subcommittee projects and requested the Executive Committee approve the Framework Document.
  - Linda Dorn moved, and Paul Martin seconded, and by general acclamation the Framework Document was approved.
  - Jim Martin and Michael Steiger suggested that it would also be beneficial for the Technical Advisory Committee to review the document. Nigel Quinn agreed and the item was added to the August 26<sup>th</sup> Technical Committee Meeting agenda.
- 11) Management Practice Subcommittee Update
- Per Parry Klassen, the next subcommittee conference call is scheduled for August 22<sup>nd</sup>.
  - As of yet there is no update on FREP, selection notification is expected in September.
- 12) CV-SALTS Website Subcontract Design Update
- Per Daniel the beta version will be up for a week.
  - Charles Gardiner will be putting together summary material for content.
- 13) Set next meeting objectives and date (August 18, 2011) and conference call date
- The next Policy Session is scheduled for August 18<sup>th</sup>.
  - The next Administrative Conference Call is scheduled for Tuesday, September 13, 2011 from 10:00 – 12:00.