

CV-SALTS Executive Committee Meeting - Summary Action Notes

For February 21, 2013 - 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Attendees are listed on the Membership Roster

AGENDA

1) Welcome and Introductions

- a) Chair Parry Klassen brought the meeting to order, and roll call was completed.
- b) David Cory moved to approve, and Dennis Westcot seconded, and by general acclamation the January 24th action notes were approved with the following revision:
 - Under item #2 revise the statement attributed to Jeanne Chilcott to read:
“Jeanne Chilcott stressed that basin plans must specifically provide the Regional Board the authority to grant variances and noted that a basin plan amendment to provide that authority is currently underway.”
 - Karl Longley and Daniel Cozad provided the committee with a brief summary on the Multi-State Salinity Conference held in Las Vegas. CV-Salts attendees were Dr. Longley, Daniel Cozad, Pamela Creedon, Tim Moore and Tess Dunham.

2) Confirm Consensus Recommendations from 2012 Policy Discussions for Inclusion in the Salt and Nitrate Management Plan

- The session discussions were based on the “Recycled Water Policy: Salt & Nitrogen Management Plans” handout provided by Tim Moore. Based on the handout the committee discussed the following five areas of SNMP development:
 - 1) Identify Groundwater Basins & Sub-basins
 - 2) Assign Appropriate Beneficial Uses
 - 3) Establish Water Quality Objectives
 - 4) Develop Implementation Plan
- One goal of the discussion was to identify outstanding policy decisions that require finalization before the technical work can move forward. Several items will return to the committee for further discussion.
- References to Tulare Lake Groundwater Basin will be changed to Tulare Lake Bed Management Zone to clarify this as the Tulare Lake archetype project.
- To better inform the committee as to what pending policy decisions may be needed in support of the technical work, Nigel Quinn suggested the Technical Committee should provide a 1-2 hour briefing at a future meeting.
- Tim Moore requested Richard Meyerhoff take a look at how the 23 integrated regional boundaries align with the boundaries of the 22 Initial Analysis Zones.
- In the discussion of 3A) MUN, Debbie Webster requested that appropriate averaging periods be included in the objective. Tom Grovhoug recommended the use of clarifying language in a narrative objective that would give the flexibility to deal with the consumer acceptance issue. This item will return to the committee for further discussion.
- Tim will rewrite 3B1 to reflect Dennis Westcot’s comments regarding seasonal impact on application of nitrates on sensitive crops.
- 3B2c – Defining “Reasonable Protection” Quantitatively will return to the committee for finalizing. Also in 3B Debbie Webster recommended adding the increase in salinity due to recycling of water in AGR.
- Richard Meyerhoff suggested a category 3C be added for Aquatic Life.
- Tim suggests that under item 5, items 5B (BPTC), 5D (Point of Compliance), & 5G (Maximum Benefit) are priorities for CV-SALTS. Item 5B will be changed from BPCT to BPTC.

- 3) Essential Elements for Inclusion In Basin Plan Amendment
 - For Item 7) on “The List,” CTR will be replaced with Human Health.
 - Tim Moore requested committee members review “The List” and if any item/issue presented in categories 1-5 on the previous pages has not been brought forward please let Tim know.
- 4) Status Update on Technical Studies/Projects
 - Richard Meyerhoff presented the Technical Deliverables Timeline. This chart provides the status of CV-SALTS Technical Projects as of February 13, 2013 and will be updated periodically and kept posted on the website. Committee members were asked to notify Richard of any errors.
 - Committee members agreed to present an update to the Regional Board at the July board meeting, either July 25th or 26th.
- 5) CEQA/Economics Consultant Proposal Request to Include CEQA Scoping & Related Work
 - Jeanne Chilcott will check on the possibility of combining the CEQA Scoping with the Board Update in July.
- 6) Future Items
 - The next Admin meeting is March 8th, and the next Policy Session will be March 28th.

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