DRAFT Fair Share Funding Recommendation

This draft was developed from the April 4, 2013 meeting but members of the group have not had the opportunity to comment upon the Draft and may make corrections on the Call.

The Executive Committee requested a group review the concept of how archetypes or other elements of CV-SALTS should be funded when there is Benefit to individual stakeholders.

A group with all interested represented was difficult to schedule because of the interest and schedule of the critical individuals. The group reviewed the MUN in Surface Water Archetype issue paper. The group discussed overall funding for the CV-SALTS process and the funding of archetypes where specific benefit could be determined.

Budget Allocation Recommendation

The Group recommends the Executive Committee take the following actions on the Admin Call:

1. Obligate $200,000 from CAA funding for the CEQA and related needs in the workplan as presented by the Regional Board
2. Authorized staff to develop the scope of work to and solicit contract support with selection and contract approval to be approved by the Executive Committee
3. Discuss the request by the City of Davis to add the Willow Slough Bypass area to the list of discharge sites and determine a budget to be contributed by the City of Davis.
4. Direct the funding committee and CVCWA to discuss with the MUN archetype participants their commitment and ability to fund the project and/or CV-SALTS efforts to completion over time to allow budget flexibility
5. The Executive Committee affirm the purpose of the project: to gain the opportunity to modify the Beneficial Uses of other surface waters in other basins with the template from this archetype, They requested more time and information to determine which water bodies may be appropriate to recommend and to allow organizations to identify the benefits that may accrue to CV-SALTS and to areas that may contribute. Defer further funding to allow this review.

Broader Funding Discussions

CV-SALTS projects which have obvious direct benefits to one or more agencies or groups beyond that accruing to the Central Valley, should contribute to the project or the CV-SALTS process within their ability. Contribution needs which are presented with limited lead time result in the lowest level of stakeholder funding due to existing budgets. The group requested an estimated level of funding for technical and other projects be identified for future funding so organizations have the opportunity to budget for them if possible. Benefits to participants and potential funding entities should be clearly identified where stakeholder funding will be requested.

The group committed to continue to meet to discuss and determine funding levels and mechanisms that can be obtained for projects and overall CV-SALTS process.