

Project Charter

Project Title: Evaluation of the Municipal and Domestic Supply Beneficial Use (MUN) in a portion of the historic Tulare Lakebed

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Stakeholders: State Board, Staff, CV-SALTS, Dischargers, Water Users

Project Purpose:

- Evaluate appropriate designation of the Municipal and Domestic Supply (MUN) beneficial use and application of the State Water Board Sources of Drinking Water Policy (Resolution 88-63) in a designated portion of the groundwater in the historic Tulare Lakebed.
- Amend the Water Quality Control Plan for the Tulare Lake Basin as appropriate for MUN beneficial use for a portion of the Tulare Lakebed.
- Amend the Water Quality Control Plans for the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River Basins and the Tulare Lake Basin (Basin Plans) to incorporate a framework (template) for evaluating the applicability of the MUN beneficial use and associated water quality objectives and implementation requirements in groundwater basins.

Project Scope Description: Evaluate appropriate designation of MUN beneficial use and application of the Sources of Drinking Water Policy (Resolution 88-63) in a designated portion of the groundwater in the historic Tulare Lakebed. This project is being conducted in coordination with CV-SALTS and one of its stakeholders TLDD.

1. Coordination Activities (CV-SALTS Technical Project Manager responsible)
2. Project Delineation (TLDD contractor responsible)
3. Data Evaluation (TLDD contractor responsible)
4. Data Gathering Activities (TLDD contractor responsible)
5. Technical Analyses (TLDD contractor responsible, TAC and Regional Board Review)

6. Basin Plan Amendment Preparation (To be contracted with Regional Water Board staff review)
7. Basin Plan Amendment Process (Regional Water Board staff responsible)

Project Deliverables: Workplan Schedule is attached. Regional Board staff will be responsible for tasks highlighted in yellow remainder of tasks to be contracted through CV-SALTS and/or stakeholders.

Major Milestones

<i>Summary Milestone</i>	<i>Due Date</i>
CEQA Information Document and Workshop Notice	December 2012
Initial CEQA Scoping and Public Workshops	March 2013
Data Compilation & Evaluation	December 2012
TAC & Regional Board Review of Data Compilation & Evaluation	February 2013
Project Area Characteristics	March 2013
Municipal/Drinking Water Systems Analyses	March 2013
TAC & Regional Board Review of Project Area & DW Systems Analyses	April 2013
CEQA Draft Report	June 2013
Economic Analysis	June 2013
Basin Plan Amendment Preparation (Preliminary & Final Draft Staff Report)	September 2013
Technical and Administrative Review of proposed Final Staff Report (Final BPA)	Feb 2014
Basin Plan Amendment Process to Regional Board Approvals	Feb 2014
Prepare Administrative Record	Feb 2014
Submittal to State Board	March 2014

Assumptions & Constraints

Assumptions: The project will consist of the evaluation of MUN in a portion of the Tulare Lakebed. Using the Tulare Lakebed MUN evaluation as an archetype may result in the development of a framework for MUN evaluations throughout the Central Valley Region. It is assumed that this basin plan amendment will be completed prior to other CV-SALTS initiated basin plan amendments.

Work will be performed by CV-SALTS (their contractors or stakeholders) to complete technical work required and will draft the amendment, complete CEQA report, and the Economic review. Regional Board staff will review and finalize draft amendment and move amendment through Board approval process. Basin planning includes monitoring and surveillance to assure beneficial uses are protected. Monitoring of zones with MUN beneficial use may occur in the future.

Constraints: As this is at the initial stages of CEQA Scoping, a specified outcome is not guaranteed. The data collected may not warrant moving forward with a Basin Plan Amendment. Available funding may be a constraint on surveillance and monitoring identified in the Tulare Lake Basin Plan. The budget is also a constraint as this is mainly a CV-SALTS driven project and Regional Board staff resources for basin planning are limited. This project is related to current permit development for new evaporation ponds to be operated by TLDD.

Risks: Data dependent. Data and technical analysis may result in modification of the scope of work. Budget. The project was identified by CV-SALTS, therefore, it is not a project identified in Regional Board Basin Planning budget and annual workplan. Staff diversion. Due to reduced staffing of CV-SALTS staff may be diverted to higher priority tasks. Level of interest or opposition in the project may impact budget and resources.

Internal Dependencies: This project will require review and input from technical staff, executive management, and the Board's attorney. Project Team and permit staff coordination for data review and information exchange. Coordination between project team and permit staff will be facilitated by David Sholes


External Dependencies: Funding and completion of technical work by stakeholder and CV-SALTS. Review and approval of work products/documents by CV-SALTS Technical Advisory Committee and Regional Board.

Budget:

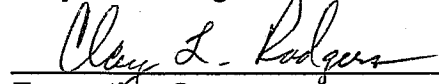
<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Personnel</i>	<i>Contract</i>
2012-2013	0.2	N/A
2013-2014	0.5	N/A

Project Charter Date: 7 February 2013

Sign Offs:



Project Manager

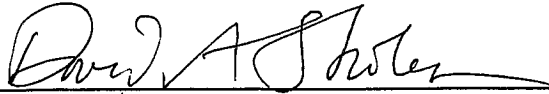


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