

Lower San Joaquin River Committee



Minutes from January 17, 2013 Meeting of the CV-SALTS Lower San Joaquin River Committee held at the Stanislaus County Ag Center, Tuolumne Bldg. Conference Room

1. Meeting called to order by co-chairs Karna Harrigfeld & David Cory at 1:30 PM.

- Attendees are listed on the Membership Roster.
- Some agenda items were eliminated or deferred as noted in the meeting notes below.
- The minutes from 11/1/12 were approved, and updates given on some 11/1/12 Action Items.

Action: Jeanne Chilcott requested that going forward each agenda include review of the status of action items as noted in the meeting notes. This review will be included in item #1 of future agendas.

The committee reviewed the action items from 11/01/12. Based on discussion, Jeanne will forward the list of members nominated to participate in the Selection/RFQ Review Committee for Committee Manager. Those members are: Ernie Taylor, Sherman Boone, Jamie Meek, Debbie Liebersbach, Karna Harrigfeld, Jeanne Chilcott, and Nigel Quinn OR Michael Mosley. (Michael will contact Nigel and advise the committee which of them will be participating.)

Parry Klassen suggested action items identified as requiring further follow up be automatically rolled over to the next meeting agenda.

2. Update on SWRCB Decisions on Vernalis Salinity Objectives

- Mark Gowdy was not in attendance, but Karna Harrigfeld presented a summary of a written update (see below) provided by Mark:

"As you're aware the draft SED was released for public comment on Dec. 31st, with the Board workshop scheduled to begin on March 20th. The notice and associated documents are available on our website at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/bay_delta/bay_delta_plan/water_quality_control_planning/2012_sed/

Since the notice was issued, it has been decided that the deadline for written comments will be extended until sometime after the workshop, but that new date has not been finalized yet. A notice with the details will be issued shortly."

Action: If Karna has been able to review all the water quality sections by February 14th she will provide an update at the next committee meeting. ***Note that during the meeting an email was received that extended the comment deadline until noon on March 29, 2013***

3. Workplan Development

- Per Jeanne Chilcott the workplan is final. This item was not discussed.

4. Budgeting/Funding/Financing/Contracting

- Items 4a and 4c were not discussed.
- 4b. Long-Term Committee Manager RFQ and Review Process

Action: Jeanne will circulate the RFQ to committee members again, and consult with Joe McGahan and Pam Buford regarding direct contracting options.

If no direct option is available, Karna Harrigfeld moved to approve, and Parry Klassen seconded, and by general acclamation the committee authorized Jeanne to send out the RFQ to the current list, adding any additional names provided by committee members, by the end of next week. Members should forward any additional names to Jeanne.

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Action: Parry Klassen moved, and Sherman Boone seconded, and by general acclamation the committee approved a no cost extension to the existing Interim Committee Manager contract until 6/30/13. The remaining funds will be used to utilize Dennis Westcot's expertise to review, select and transition to the new long-term committee manager. Karna and David will meet with Dennis Westcot to determine the most effective way to utilize his expertise to help the project move forward in the interim. Karna Harrigfeld and David Cory will serve as interim managers until the new long-term committee manager is in place.

5. Stakeholder Outreach and Involvement

- The committee discussed the status of the outreach letter and the possibility of conducting **the annual CV-SALTS Central Valley Water Board** workshop in Modesto in June to highlight the LSJR project.

Action: David and Karna will discuss the status of the outreach letter with Dennis. Jeanne will discuss the workshop plan with her management to determine Board member availability.

6. Basin Description – finalization

7. Historical Water Use and Salinity Buildup in the Basin – finalization

8. Problem Statement – finalization

- Karna indicated she is still working on an updated chart to be included in the Problem Statement.
- Jeanne reminded the committee items 6, 7 & 8 are final drafts and one of the tasks for whomever is selected as the Technical Team for the effort is for them to produce in final versions for the report supporting a basin plan amendment.

9. Review of SJR Beneficial Uses

10. Water Quality Criteria

11. Delineation of Water Quality Criteria

12. Review of Established Water Quality Objectives

13. Establishment of Water Quality Objectives (Ranges)

14. Contracting for Development of SED and Technical Work

15. June Regional Board Review and Presentation

- Items 9-15 were not discussed.

16. LSJR Committee Adjourned

- The March 14th meeting was rescheduled to March 18th.

Action: Daphne Orzalli and Jamie Meek will confirm meeting dates and room assignments for the following meetings:

February 14th, March 18th, April 10th, May 9th, June 13th

17. Additional Items

- Jeanne Chilcott requested the addition of "Salt and Boron TMDL & Real Time Management Program" as a standing item in future agendas. USBR and CVWB staff will coordinate presenting information for the item.

Action: Michael Mosley will provide a preliminary status update on the Real Time Management Program at the February meeting. Parry Klassen also requested that the "Regional Monitoring Program Portal" also be added to the February agenda.