

# Lower San Joaquin River Committee



## Minutes from August 1, 2013 Meeting of the CV-SALTS Lower San Joaquin River Committee

### 1. Welcome, Introductions, Agenda Revisions/Approval, Notes

- Meeting called to order by Committee Co-Chair Karna Harrigfeld, at 1:00 PM.
- The minutes from 6/19/13 were approved with the following changes:
  - Item #5 was revised to include the following: “Jeanne Chilcott noted that a full framework will need to include organization structure, data management, funding, and process for determining how to provide funding for physical infrastructure, if needed.”
- Nigel Quinn advised the committee that due to a scheduling conflict he would be unable to draft an abstract for the International Salinity Forum, but would have time to work with someone who is interested.

### 2. Update on SWRCB Decisions on Vernalis Salinity Objectives

- Mark Gowdy was not in attendance. A pre-release draft is still expected toward the end of the year.

### 3. Review Status of Workplan Elements

- Committee members discussed revisions they still felt needed to be made to the Problem Statement, Basin Description and Basin History documents.

Action: **Mike Johnson will incorporate proposed revisions to the Problem Statement he receives from Dennis Westcot and John Herrick, and forward to Nigel Quinn for further revision no later than Wednesday, August 7<sup>th</sup>. Additional comments on any of the three documents should be forwarded to Mike Johnson no later than Friday, August 9<sup>th</sup>. Mike will revise the documents based on comments received and forward to the committee by August 16<sup>th</sup>.**

### 4. Discussion of Aquatic Life Criteria document

- Mike Johnson briefed the committee on the current status and findings of the Aquatic Life study. One concern was the potential impact of current study findings which shift the focus from TDS to chloride.
- The Final Report is anticipated to be ready for review at the September meeting of the CV-SALTS Technical Advisory Committee.

### 5. Technical Services Contract Update

- Jim Brownell advised the committee the State Board had received the signed contract back from East Stanislaus, and it should have final approval by the kickoff date, August 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Jim also provided an update for the dataset being provided to LWA. He stressed the importance of ensuring that WARMF meets peer review requirement, specifically with regard to the level of metadata.

Action: **Jim Brownell will provide Tom Grovhoug with the 2004 Staff Report to review. A conference call will then be scheduled with the LWA team and the team providing the dataset.**

### 6. Salt and Boron TMDL & Real Time Management

- Nigel Quinn provided the update for the project. The document is scheduled to be finalized next week. It will then go through an internal review by Reclamation. Once the internal review is complete it will be forwarded to the LSJRC for stakeholder review and buy-in.

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## 7. Water District Questionnaire

- Jim Brownell and Mike Johnson presented the draft of the district questionnaire.

Action: **Committee members should forward suggestions for additional questions, or changes, to Mike Johnson by August 21<sup>st</sup>.**

## 8. Discussion of Policy Questions

- After discussion it was agreed that the committee should review any pertinent policy issues already discussed in the CV-SALTS Executive Committee.

Action: **Mike Johnson will contact Tim Moore and Daniel Cozad to obtain any available Executive Committee consensus documents, and/or policy recommendations, for review by the LSJR committee at the September meeting.**

## 9. Stakeholder Outreach and Involvement

- Mike Johnson advised the committee had received eleven responses to the stakeholder letter distribution.

Action: **Mike Johnson will request a copy of the outreach strategy document from Roberta Tassej, USBR.**

## 10. Review Action Items: Items for Executive Committee and Future Agenda Items

- November meeting has been changed from 11/7 to 11/15 from 10-12.

Action: **Mike Johnson will check with the Farm Bureau for room availability.**

## 11. LSJR Committee Adjourned