

Lower San Joaquin River Committee



Minutes from June 28, 2012 Meeting of the CV-SALTS Lower San Joaquin River Committee held at the Stanislaus County Ag Center, Room "G"

Attendees are listed on Membership Roster

1. Meeting called to order by Chair Dennis Westcot at 1:30 pm.

- Attendees and participants by phone introduced themselves and identified the organization they represent.
- There were no suggested changes to the Agenda.
- The minutes from 5/31/12 were approved.

Action: Any additional changes to be forwarded to Dennis by COB on 7/2/12.

2. Update on SWRCB Decisions on Vernalis Salinity Objectives

- Mark Gowdy advised the committee that the latest estimate for completion is now some time in August.

3. Update on Water Quality Criteria Studies (Animal Drinking Water and Aquatic Life)

- Dennis Westcot updated the committee on the project status, which is still on target for completion in October. There is still a problem with finding a grad student to complete a portion of the work.

Action: Dennis will meet with Jeanne Chilcott and Jim Martin to discuss this issue and will advise Nigel Quinn of the outcome of that meeting.

4. Committee Membership/Mailing Lists

- Dennis met with MWH who compiled a San Joaquin River salinity stakeholder database for Reclamation. Reclamation offered for MWH to compare the database prepared for Reclamation with relevant Water Board list serves and/or other mailing lists related to San Joaquin River salinity (i.e. East Stanislaus Resource Conservation District mailing list) to develop a consolidated database and mailing list for the CV-SALTS Lower San Joaquin Committee. Dennis suggested for MWH to complete a first draft invitational letter to stakeholders to participate in the CV-SALTS Lower San Joaquin Committee.

Action: Lisa Beutler to assist Dennis with letter upon authorization from Reclamation.

- MWH also prepared web site templates for Reclamation. Dennis stated that Reclamation has offered the website for committee use. Per Jamil Ibrahim the web site platform, Concrete5, allows for convenient transfer if the web site were to be taken over by the committee or others at a later date. The web site template for Reclamation will likely have to be modified to reflect the objectives and intended audience of the committee.

Action: Jamil Ibrahim will provide Reclamation the most recent versions of the index and templates developed for the web site to Reclamation for distribution to the committee.

5. Decision-Making Procedures

- Lisa Beutler reviewed a range of options for decision-making procedures and explained when and how they are typically used.

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- Dennis Westcot advised the committee a procedure needed to be in place by October-November.
- Committee members were asked to review the documents on decision-making from Dennis and Lisa and provide comments back to Dennis, who will consolidate and return to the group for discussion at the next meeting.

Action: **Committee members to review documents on decision-making from Dennis and Lisa and provide comments back to Dennis, by (when) _____ who will consolidate and return to the group for discussion at the next meeting.**

- Discussing the need for turn-around, the group asked for quick return of notes and action items for their review and follow-up on meeting information.

Action: **Meeting Notes & Action Items to be provided by (who) _____ within one week after a meeting.**

6. Committee Documentation/Use of Websites - Update

- This was discussed under agenda item #4.

7. Workplan - Update

- Dennis Westcot will provide an update at the next meeting.

8. Development of Information on Existing Water Quality

- The committee agreed to have DWR prepare a presentation showing current and historical salinity data.

Action: **Dennis and Ernie Taylor will meet to determine the specific questions to be used to direct the compilation of the data.**

9. Basin Description for Basin Plan Amendment

- Dennis Westcot received one comment for a change to the document related to striking a reference to a specific drain.

Action: **John Herrick will forward language to Dennis to change the description of the delta from “river channels and dike islands” to “levee or dike.”**

Action: **Committee members were asked to forward any other changes to Dennis.**

10. Description of the Historical Water Use and Buildup of Salinity for the Basin Plan Amendment

Action: **Karna Harrigfeld and John Herrick will provide comments for inclusion in the reference document to Dennis by July 15th.**

11. Problem Statement for the Basin Plan Amendment

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- Dennis Westcot requested that committee members closely review the problem statement and email feedback to him.
- A copy of the supporting documents for this agenda will be forwarded to Chester Anderson.

Action: **Committee Members to closely review the Basin Plan Amendment problem statement and email comments to Dennis by (when) _____/**

Action: **(Who) _____ to provide a copy of the supporting documents for mtg. note item 11, to Chester Anderson by (when) _____/**

12. Water Quality Criteria for Municipal and Domestic Uses

- The committee agreed to use the white paper developed by the CV-SALTS Technical Project Manager to fulfill this item.

Action: **Dennis Westcot will forward a copy of the white paper to LSJR Committee members by _____.**

13. Long-Term Committee Manager RFQ, and review process

- Per Jim Martin the RFQ has been forwarded to all consultants who have previously expressed an interest in CV-SALTS issues. It has also been forwarded to members of the Technical Advisory Committee and Executive Committee. Submissions are due July 10th.
- Jim asked that committee members forward the RFQ to any qualified candidates.
- The selection committee will be comprised of the following: David Cory, Karna Harrigfeld, Nigel Quinn, a Regional Board Staff Member, Daniel Cozad and Richard Meyerhoff.
- Joe McGahan is to be copied on all selection committee communications. A request was made for Joe to mail out hard copies of the proposals to selection committee members.
- Daphne Orzalli will coordinate the meeting notifications for the selection committee.

14. Review Items for Executive Committee and Future Agenda Items

Action: **David Cory will reiterate the website concern to the Executive Committee and explore the possibility of coordinating the work on both websites.**

15. Development of Questions for Data Analysis

- This item was not covered.

16. LSJR Committee Adjourned