

# Lower San Joaquin River Committee



## Minutes from August 30, 2012 Meeting of the CV-SALTS Lower San Joaquin River Committee held at the Stanislaus County Ag Center, Room “G”

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### Attendance:

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| 1. John Beam, Grassland Water District                            | 9. Debra Liebersbach, Turlock Irrigation District            |
| 2. Sherman Boone, East Stanislaus Resource Conservation District  | 10. Jim Martin, Central Valley Regional Water Board          |
| 3. Andrea Bowling, East Stanislaus Resource Conservation District | 11. Nigel W. T. Quinn, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory |
| 4. Jeanne Chilcott, Central Valley Regional Water Board           | 12. Ernie Taylor, California Department of Water Resources   |
| 5. David Cory, San Joaquin Valley Drainage Authority              | 13. Dianna Waller, USDA-NRCS                                 |
| 6. Karna Harrigfeld, Stockton East Water District                 | 14. Dennis W. Westcot, San Joaquin River Group Authority     |
| 7. John Herrick, South Delta Water Agency-SDWA                    | 15. Jeff Willett, City of Stockton                           |
| 8. Jamil S. Ibrahim, PH, MWH Americas.Inc (Phone)                 | 16. Tom Orvis, Stanislaus Farm Bureau                        |
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### 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.
- Items 13-16 listed on Agenda will not be covered.
- The minutes from 6/28/12 were approved.

Action: Any additional changes to be forwarded to Dennis by COB on 9/4/12.

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

- Mark Gowdy was not in attendance. This item was not covered.

### 3. Workplan Development (Workplan Task I)

- Dennis Westcot presented a modified schedule for the workplan. The time frame for completion of some items has been compressed, but the end date remains unchanged.

Action: Dennis will update the document with a “REVISED AS OF \_\_\_\_\_,” and replace the green and red highlighting with alternate colors.

### 4. Budgeting/Funding/Financing/Contracting (Workplan Task II) - Update

- Jim Martin advised the committee that the approved contract with ESRCD should be received next week.

### 5. Stakeholder Outreach and Involvement (Workplan Task III)

- Dennis Westcot updated the committee on the development of the stakeholder distribution list. The committee decided a new Lyrus list should be developed and utilized. A binder to retain copies of all documents for public access will be retained in

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the ESRCDC office. Jeanne Chilcott advised the committee that it is the documents that the committee uses to make final decisions that must be preserved for the administrative record.

Action: **Jamil Ibrahim will provide the list they have developed to Reclamation to share with the committee. Dennis and Jamil will review that list, and any contacts without email addresses will be given to the Regional Board staff to search their list.**

**All members were asked to review the list and send any omissions to Dennis.**

- The outreach letter will come from CV-SALTS, signed by both Parry Klassen & Dennis Westcot.

Action: **Jeanne Chilcott will ask Pamela Creedon if she is willing to co-sign the letter.**

## **6. Basin Description – finalization (Workplan task IV)**

- Dennis Westcot reviewed the current basin description language for the committee, and advised the committee that in order to stay on track with the workplan time table this item must be concluded at the next meeting.

Action: **Karna Harrigfeld had some specific edits that she will forward to Dennis. Any members with edits should forward to Dennis so they can be included in the final version for the next meeting.**

## **7. Historical Water Use and Salinity Buildup in the Basin – finalization (Workplan Task V)**

- Dennis presented the current version of the document. Nigel Quinn recommended the document be retained by the committee as a living document. John Herrick and Karna Harrigfeld still have significant comments they would like included in the document.

Action: **Dennis Westcot will add John and Karna's comments in a redline version and distribute for review at the next meeting.**

## **8. Problem Statement – finalization (Workplan task VI)**

- The committee reviewed the two-page statement and provided multiple suggestions for inclusions and revisions. Dennis requested all members review the document again and submit their edits.

Action: **All members should forward comments on the current draft to Dennis.**

## **9. Review of SJR Beneficial Uses – Draft Report (Workplan Task VII)**

- Dennis Westcot presented 5 recommendations for changes to beneficial use designations for the river.

Action: **All members are to review proposed recommendations and provide comments back to Dennis by September 14<sup>th</sup>.**

## **10. Water Quality Criteria – (Workplan task VIII)**

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- Dennis Westcot has begun developing a library of water quality criteria documents, and will begin summarizing these documents for the committee. This will form a basis for future discussions of what ranges to be used for water quality objectives.

Action: **Members should email Dennis if you want copies of any of the documents from the library.**

## **11. Delineation of Water Quality Criteria (Workplan Task IX)**

- This item was not covered

## **12. LSJR Committee Adjourned**

- The committee set the following meeting dates: September 27<sup>th</sup> and November 1<sup>st</sup>