

Lower San Joaquin River Committee



Minutes from April 23, 2015 Meeting of the CV-SALTS Lower San Joaquin River Committee

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

- Meeting called to order by Co-Chair, David Cory.
- 04/23 participants are listed on the Attendance Roster.
- Dennis Westcot moved, and Nigel Quinn seconded, and the 03/26/15 minutes were approved.
- The committee reviewed the status of March action items and Announcements/Updates
 - Per Mike Johnson all action items had been addressed.

2. Real Time Management Program – Update

- Nigel Quinn provided updates for the program.
 - A workshop for the Technical Review Team was held 4/22. The workshop focused on the work that USBR has sponsored with 34North and Systech, and also talked about WARMF Online.
 - Anyone interested in attending these workshops should contact Nigel
 - Nigel is in the process of getting a couple more monitoring stations reporting.

3. Technical Services Update - Update

- Karen Ashby provided a status update on current tasks.
- Item 1 - The Task 4 Summary Report discussion. The report had been previously distributed to the committee on 4/14/15.
 - Since the committee had previously discussed sections 1-4 at length, Danielle Moss began by providing an overview of the new sections 5 and 6.
 - The committee discussed at length Dennis Westcot's comment questioning the validity of Project Alternative #6. Per Dennis the 1010 number is not feasible to implement with present irrigation practices.
 - Karen Ashby suggested that Alternative 6 be moved into Section 5.2 of the Report and the explanation for why this Alternative was rejected listed there.
 - Per Tom Grovhoug the LWA team will formalize Dennis' comment and include in the Comment Matrix and forward to Mike Johnson.
 - The committee agreed that Dan Steiner should review the Report to ensure the references used for the New Melones Operational Model results are accurate. Danielle Moss will contact Dan and forward his comments to Mike Johnson by 5/1.
 - Dennis Westcot requested a number be cited for the phrase "high quality, low TDS water," on page 29.
- Item 2 – Language for relaxation of objectives:
 - The committee agreed to use irrigation/non-irrigation vs. cold/warm season.
 - The following phrase was suggested to be added to the end of footnote a) "...”provided that such a management plan/agreement protects the beneficial uses in the river, and does not result in increased reliance on New Melones releases to achieve water quality.”
 - For footnote b)
 - David and Karna will check with diverters (Bobby Pierce & Peter Rietkerk) to see if 2200 is an acceptable number given a prolonged drought condition.
 - Once that information is obtained Mike Johnson will forward to LWA to come up with the appropriate language.

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- Jim Brownell will explore the flexibility in the MUN numbers.
- Dennis Westcot will forward the VAMP language to the committee.

4. Project Schedule

- The committee will hold an additional meeting to finalize outstanding Task 4 issues on May 12th at 2:00 PM, in Davis at the LWA Office.

5. Review Action Items: Items for Executive Committee and Future Agenda Items