

Lower San Joaquin River Committee



Minutes from October 29, 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.
- 10-29 participants are listed on the Attendance Roster.
- Nigel Quinn asked if someone could give a brief synopsis of the last Executive Committee discussion on nitrates. This item was added to the end of the agenda.
- Review/approve notes from September 30, 2015 - Karna Harrigfeld moved, and Nigel Quinn seconded and the 9/30/15 notes were approved.
- The committee reviewed the status of September action items and Announcements/Updates
 - Mike Johnson the issue and found no reference to “11 components needed for implementation of the 2004 Salt and Boron TMDL”.
 - Per Anne Littlejohn the “questions about WARMF Appendix B” item is being deferred to the next meeting awaiting clarification from the Regional Board legal staff.

2. Real Time Management Program - Update

- Michael Mosley – They are in the process of preparing the presentation for next month. The presentation will focus on a high level discussion of the forecast, the dashboard, and the kind of information that’s in the dashboard and how it can be useful in the decision-making process. Michael asked that if anyone wanted something specifically addressed in the presentation to please let him, or Nigel, know.
- Nigel Quinn – Nigel stressed the importance of coordinating input from local expertise in the watershed to improve the output generated by the model. Karna Harrigfeld suggested there were some opportunities for the RTMP to get on additional distribution lists for access to actual and projected operations. Nigel asked that Karna email him and Michael Mosley with those lists that might be the most helpful.

3. Regional Board BPA Update

- Anne Littlejohn provided an overview of the current timeline for the BPA.
 - Target date is to have Draft Staff Report ready for internal review in January.
 - Peer review in February.
 - Public workshop target date is sometime in June.
 - Formal public notice and update Draft Staff Report would go out after the workshop.
 - Targeting Thursday, October 13th or Friday October 14th for Board hearing.
- It is anticipated that some of the work may be ready for the LSJRC to review and discuss by late January, early February.

4. Committee Products

- The committee discussed the proposed stakeholder positions document, and agreed that Mike Johnson should draft a brief document in bullet point format.
 - David and Karna will review the draft once it is completed. The stakeholder positions document will then be placed on the next agenda for discussion.

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5. Project Schedule

- The committee discussed the plan for extension of Mike Johnson’s current contract, and funding for the Committee Manager position through 2016.
 - After discussion, the committee agreed to recommend:
 - The SJVDA extend the contract for the LSJR committee manager through January 31, 2016, with no change in funding for the contract, and reallocate the funds in this contract for use in other CV-SALTS efforts, and
 - The Central Valley Salinity Coalition contract directly with Michael L Johnson Consultants for the rest of the 2016 LSJRC efforts.
- David Cory provided a brief summary of the Executive Committee’s Policy Discussion on nitrates held on October 22nd.
- The committee selected January 21 as the first meeting of 2016. Mike Johnson will secure a meeting room for that date. The remainder of the 2016 schedule will be finalized once the CV-SALTS 2016 master schedule is approved.

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