

Lower San Joaquin River Committee



Minutes from January 21, 2016 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.
- 01-21 participants are listed on the Attendance Roster.
- Review/approve notes from October 29, 2015 – Dennis Westcot moved, and Karna Harrigfeld seconded and the 10/29/15 notes were approved.
- Announcements – Committee members held a discussion regarding documents developed by the LSJRC being used as reference material for the Executive Committee's 1/15 drought policy development discussion. There was concern that there were more useful and appropriate documents available, had the LSJRC committee co-chairs been consulted on the selection of the materials.
- The committee reviewed the status of October action items and Announcements/Updates. See discussion of non-consensus document under #3 below.

1. Real Time Management Program - Update

- Nigel Quinn – Contracting issues are causing a bit of a slowdown. USBR is working on renewal of 34 North and Systech Water Resources contracts. Work with the model is showing more flow in the system than can be accounted for, suggesting the need to consider enhancing the monitoring network.
- The presentation for the committee to demonstrate the model is still pending and will be scheduled when contracting issues are resolved and committee members are available for an in-person meeting.

2. Regional Board BPA Update

- Jim Brownell:
 - Drafts for internal review on the Response to Comments document have been completed.
 - Staff Report is in work and approximately a month behind the timeline provided at the last meeting, estimated now for March timeframe.
 - Peer Review anticipated for March. David Cory requested that the peer review questions be reviewed by the committee before they are sent out.
- The committee held a lengthy discussion regarding the Non-Consensus Document proposed in the October meeting. Committee members expressed frustration that the document had not been produced as discussed in October.
 - After discussion, Mike Johnson was asked to draft a document that lays out the issues that have been expressed regarding Appendix D. Once the draft is ready a small group could be formed to discuss a way to resolve the issue, or if preferred, the issue could be brought back before the full committee.
 - David Cory recommended the committee consider holding the follow up meeting at the Regional Board office and including the permit writers in the discussion.
 - It was agreed that document could be expanded with other non-consensus issues in the future if necessary.

3. Project Schedule

- The committee selected the following meeting dates for 2016:
 - March 3rd (Mike Johnson will secure a meeting room.)
 - April 7th – Ag Commissioner's room is available
 - Mike Johnson will schedule the remaining meetings for 2016, targeting the first or second week of the month.

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