

Text of email from Mark Gowdy to Mike Johnson November 5, 2013.

Mike,

I checked with management, and the following are answers to the questions posed at the last LSJR subcommittee meeting:

**Is it possible for the LSJRC to get early notification of changes to the SED prior to public release?**

Yes, as any changes to the plan language or SED are being drafted I'm happy to share verbally with the LSJR subcommittee and take feedback on either new (or existing) language for consideration in finalizing the next draft. Advance copies of the plan language or SED documents, however, cannot be provided to the LSJR subcommittee for more formal comment prior to public release of the next draft. Formal comments from the LSJR subcommittee (...that couldn't be worked out through discussion, or otherwise remain) can then be submitted to the State Board for consideration as part of the public comment period on the next draft.

**Can SWRCB clarify the meaning of the language in the SED which makes reference to potential interaction with the CV-SALTS process?**

The program of implementation (POI) for the southern Delta salinity objectives<sup>1</sup>, under item i) of Central Valley Board Regulatory Actions states: *"The State Water Board may consider future modifications to the southern Delta salinity objectives and program of implementation based on information and recommendations generated from the CV-SALTS efforts"* This language was provided in response to concerns that our salinity objectives and POI (which are on a necessary faster timeline) would somehow constrain future CV-SALTS efforts...in particular those of the LSJR objective subcommittee. It's a deliberately broad statement and basically reiterates the State Board's ability to reopen and modify such objectives based on new information in the future. More specific commitments to future actions or decisions by the State Board regarding still developing CV-SALTS policies and objectives is not possible. As development of CV-SALTS policies and objectives continues, coordination with State Board for input and approval should happen through the regular Regional Board basin planning process. (As I've mentioned before, the Division of Water Rights is not normally part of that process, but we are happy to continue sharing and discussing the technical aspects of our southern Delta objective setting process with the LSJR subcommittee.)

If there are any questions or concerns regarding the answers above, I'm happy to discuss further with you, and/or the whole group at the next meeting.

Thanks. – Mark