

MEETING SUMMARY

CV-SALTS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE POLICY (TELECONFERENCE) SESSION NOTES – MAY 13, 2021 9-9:45AM PDT

PREPARED FOR: Kern River Watershed Coalition Authority (KRWCA)

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INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this meeting summary is to document the presentation and discussion items from the **May 13, 2021** CV-SALTS Executive Committee Policy Session. The main purpose of this meeting was to update the committee on the CV-SALTS basin plan amendments implementation status, P&O integrated scope of work status, Management Zone developments, and public education and outreach committee activities.

BACKGROUND

Central Valley Salinity Alternatives for Long-Term Sustainability (CV-SALTS) is a collaborative stakeholder driven and managed program to develop sustainable salinity and nitrate management planning for the Central Valley. The goals of CV-SALTS are as follows:

- Sustain the Valley's lifestyle
- Support regional economic growth
- Retain a world-class agricultural economy
- Maintain a reliable, high-quality urban water supply
- Protect and enhance the environment

CV-SALTS includes four working groups:

1. Technical
2. Public Education and Outreach
3. Economic Social Cost
4. Other (CEQA, policy development, etc.)

ACRONYMS

AID – Alta Irrigation District Archetype	NIMS – Nitrate Implementation Measures Study
ACP – Alternative Compliance Program	OAL – Office of Administrative Law
BP – Basin Plan	OPP – Office of Public Participation
BPTC – Best Practicable Treatment and Control	P&O Study – Prioritization and Optimization Study
EAP – Early Action Plan	SGMA – Sustainable Groundwater Management Act
GSA – Groundwater Sustainability Agency	SMCL – Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level
IAZ – Initial Analysis Zone	SNMP – Salt and Nutrient Management Plan
ICM – Initial Conceptual Model	SSALTS – Strategic Salt Accumulation Land and Transport Study
ILRP – Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program	WQO – Water Quality Objective
LSJR – Lower San Joaquin River	
MUN – Municipal beneficial use	
MZ – MZ	

SUMMARY AND RELEVANCE TO KRWCA

- **Basin Plan Amendments – Update and Implementation (Anne Walters/Patrick Palupa)** – MZ plans were conditionally approved and efforts to provide water began on May 7. Basin plan amendments will be up for adoption at the June 1 State Board hearing.
- **Management Zone (MZ) Updates (Daniel Cozad)** – MZs are working on outreach and are beginning to sample and test well water.
- **Prioritization and Optimization Study (Bobbi Larsen and Daniel Cozad)** – The consultant team will develop an outline for the integrated scope of work by June 30. After review by the CVSC Subcommittee, it will then develop an integrated scope of work, which the Executive Committee will have the opportunity to review and comment on. The integrated scope of work is expected to be approved in October and work is expected to begin November 1, 2021.
- **Public Education and Outreach Committee (Nicole Bell)** – The outreach matrix that documents outreach will be updated to include upcoming outreach activities (as well as ones that have already occurred). The website will be updated with links to MZs that will replace the old, static information on MZs. There will also be a map or similar tool that users can use to find their respective MZs.
- **Next meeting** – The June Executive Meeting on June 10 was moved to 11 am.

MEETING NOTES

BASIN PLAN AMENDMENTS – IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE - ANNE WALTERS AND PATRICK PALUPA (REGIONAL WATER BOARD)

- P. Palupa –
 - Thanks to those who participated in workshop at the end of April.
 - Letters went out last week to approve MZ plans.
 - Conditional approvals – need to continue to ramp up efforts to engage communities.
 - State Board update on CV-SALTS program – amendments up for adoption at June 1 hearing.
 - Encouraged by all the work by MZs.
- A. Walters –
 - Had meeting on May 11 with MZs to coordinate and reconcile participant lists, and Path A, for which there are about 20 applicants.

MANAGEMENT ZONE UPDATE – DANIEL COZAD

- Valley Water Collaborative – new database for participant info such as who wants testing, etc.; conducted Univision outreach; currently have 51 eligible applications for testing (but continuing to get more daily) and will start testing in a few days; conducting outreach through emails and presence at various community events and food banks.
- Chowchilla – based on feedback from workshop, reached out to food banks; have been testing and providing water.
- Kings – outreach event scheduled for May 25; coordinated with sampling and bottled water provider; received comments on EAP and addressing those.
- Kaweah – did web outreach and postcards; have 7 municipalities and some are choosing Path A; looking at a phone line in addition to using social media in multiple languages; have been at SWAP meets and food banks, community events; domestic well testing and landowner permission form info provided.
- Tule – used FoodLink 211 for outreach; have feedback from meetings; did second round of 5,000 postcards; have one fill station working and others being set up; will begin shortly to do sampling and testing.
- Tess and Daniel are continuing to coordinate with SAFR and SelfHelp.
- For households with compliant water - standardized letter informing that testing for nitrate was compliant, but may not be safe for other contaminants, was approved by State Board.

PRIORITIZATION AND OPTIMIZATION STUDY – DANIEL COZAD

- On agenda package page 7, there is a schedule for the development of the integrated scope of work that will be done by GEI and Larry Walker and Associates collaboratively.
- Draft outline scheduled to be delivered by June 30.
- CVSC Subcommittee will have chance to review and provide comments by July 9.
- Consultant team will review outline comments and provide revised draft.

- By August 12 consultant team will submit a draft integrated SOW based on outline; will be reviewed again by Subcommittee and Executive Committee.
- Final integrated scope of work will be submitted in October and Executive Committee will approve.
- Work expected to begin November 1

PARTICIPATION UPDATE – DANIEL COZAD

- As of the end of April there are 129 participants, and another 81 are in progress. Of those, 68 have paid by credit card.
- Total of 278 participants, which is probably about 15%.
- About 1,700 to go that represents the other 85%.
- Some are international firms that have facilities in California

PEOC UPDATE – NICOLE BELL

- Outreach matrix reminder
- Multiple tasks going on
 - Direct communication with MZs to capture outreach activities
 - Tracking sheet (outreach matrix) moving forward will be two-fold, meaning it will track activities that have occurred, but also upcoming outreach activities
 - Next email blast will go out in June
 - CVSALTS.info website – MZ page will be updated; will include links to individual MZs
 - Looking into including a map or similar tool so people can find their respective MZs

MEETING SCHEDULE - Next policy meeting – June 10, 11am PDT