

Lower San Joaquin River Committee



Minutes from April 12, 2012 Meeting of the CV-SALTS Lower San Joaquin River Committee held at the Stanislaus County Ag Center, Room "G"

Those in attendance were:

John Beam, Grassland Water District
Jeanne Chilcott, Central Valley Regional Water Board
David Cory, San Joaquin Valley Drainage Authority
Karna Harrigfeld, Stockton East Water District
Jamil S. Ibrahim, PH, MWH Americas, Inc (Phone)
Jim Martin, Central Valley Regional Water Board
Nigel W. T. Quinn, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory
Ernie Taylor, California Department of Water Resources (Phone)
Roberta Tassej, US Bureau of Reclamation, Mid-Pacific Region
Dennis W. Westcot, San Joaquin River Group Authority
Jeff Willett, Municipal Utilities Department, City of Stockton

No attendance sheet was passed around.

1. Meeting called to order by Chair Dennis Westcot at 1:30 pm. Attendees and participants by phone introduced themselves and identified the organization they represent. There were no suggested changes to the Agenda.
2. The Minutes from the prior meeting of March 22, 2012 were reviewed and approved with minor changes, subject to any further comments by Committee members by COB on Monday April 16th.
3. State Water Board's Substitute Environmental Document Vernalis Flow and Salinity document release has been delayed to late May
4. Water Quality Criteria Study – Consultant is just beginning. Report is expected by summer
5. Aquatic Life Contractor – No one has been found to accomplish the work. The group will move forward without the information. Dennis report that similar analysis is being conducted in the Appalachians pertaining to affects of strip mining for goal.

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6. Coordinate Modeling – Nigel provided a perspective of CV-Salts. They are embracing the CDHM groundwater model used by USGS. The issue with the model is how to deal with water quality. Nigel feels the sub committee could make use of the model.
7. Work Plan - Dennis will develop a schedule of things to consider over the next six months needed to meet goals of the work plan. The subcommittee will discuss and agree to at the next meeting. Subcommittee needs to finalize the draft work plan and present to the technical committee. Dennis will present request approval of the work plan at the May meeting of the Executive Committee.
8. Regional Board Staff Report Salt tolerance of crops in the lower San Joaquin River (2010) Committee members needs to review report. Jim martin provided the committee with a summary of issues resulting in a group discussion. The committee should view the document as a science report. The committee recommended that the most sensitive crops should be looked at. Jin and Dennis will develop draft answers to the policies – to be taken to the Executive Committee.
9. Dennis asked committee members to think about and draft questions (Based on Dennis' example) the consultant should be able to answer, or what would it cost to get the answer. Provide questions to Dennis as they think of them, and Dennis will compile for the next meeting.
10. Jeanne presented the proposed scope of work to the committee for the contract administration contract. The committee was asked to review the tasks for deliverables and provide feedback to Jeanne by Friday, April 20. There was consensus by the committee to move forward.
11. Interim Committee Manager Scope of work. Jeanne asked the committee to comment back to her by next Tues, April 17.
12. The next meeting of the Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, May 31, 2012, 1:30 – 3:30 pm at the Stanislaus County Ag Center, Room “H and I” which is our regular meeting location. Meeting dates of Thursday June 28, 2012 and Thursday July 26, 2012 were also set at the same time and place.