

Central Valley Regional Water Board Member Working Groups as of 12/1/2023

Board Working Groups

1. Executive Work Group: Mark Bradford, Nick Avdis

This group helps guide the Regional Board's Executive Team when they are deliberating on policy issues between meetings. This Work Group would be composed of the sitting Board Chair and Vice Chair. Issues to be addressed by the Executive Work Group would include:

- Assessing progress in meeting the Board's Strategic Plan Objectives
- Continuous assessment of the Portfolio Management Process
- Engagement with the Executive Officer and Lead Prosecutor on Enforcement Prioritization
- Evaluating content in the EO Report
- Board Meeting Planning
- Issue-Specific Engagement

2. Basin Assessment Work Group: Sean Yang (Delta MeHg)

Issues addressed by the Basin Assessment Work Group include those matters that are generally addressed through the Board's monitoring programs that aren't related to specific permitting programs (such as tracking harmful algal blooms) and matters that are being considered under the Board's Basin Plans (Tribal Beneficial Uses, Triennial Review, TMDLs):

- Triennial Review
- Harmful Algal Blooms
- The Delta Program
- Tribal Beneficial Uses
- Total Maximum Daily Loads (including Mercury)

3. Irrigated Lands Work Group: Nick Avdis, Sean Yang

One of the Board's largest programs, the Irrigated Lands Program is at the cutting edge of numerous water quality issues, including SGMA implementation and our own CV-SALTS Program. The Agricultural Program interfaces with disadvantaged communities, growers of all sizes throughout the region, and numerous other state and federal agencies, including CDFA, USGS, DPR and USDA.

4. Environmental Justice Work Group: Denise Kadara, Elena Lee Reeder

Early Action Plans established by the CV-SALTS' Nitrate Control Program, and the continuation of these programs in the Management Zone Implementation Plans, are a special area of focus for environmental justice communities. There is a need for continued executive coordination with State Water Board staff and leadership, representatives from environmental justice communities, and other stakeholders to help guide these programs.

5. Litigation and Petitions Work Group: Nick Avdis

There are occasional needs for Board members to be delegated the responsibility to work with the Board's management team on ongoing litigation, including petitions pending before the State Water Board.

6. Forest Management Work Group: Mark Bradford, Sean Yang

A large part of our region is covered by forested lands, and an even larger part of the region is vulnerable to wildfire. Programs in this area are rapidly evolving, and it would be useful to have Board members that had more in-depth knowledge about not only what the Board is doing in this area, but also what other agencies/departments (CalFire, CNRA, USFS, BLM, DWR, etc.) are working on.

Board Representation on Panels/Council

1. PG&E Stewardship Council: Soapy Mulholland (Former Member)
2. Clear Lake Blue Ribbon Panel: Bob Schneider (Former Member)