

CV-SALTS

Large Group Meeting

September 11, 2020

8:00am

Via teleconference

NOTES

In attendance:

Sarah Woolf – Water Wise

Kristi Robinson – Water Wise

Christina Beckstead – Madera County Farm Bureau

Allison Macias – Fagundes Dairy

Stephanie Sherrell – Touchstone Pistachio

Brandon Tomlinson – Chowchilla Water District

JP Cativiela – Dairy Cares

Angela Islas – Self Help Enterprises

Eddie O’Campo - Self Help Enterprises

Samantha Lopes – Farmland Management Services

Jeannie Habben – Madera County

Jason Rogers – City of Chowchilla

Geoff Vanden Heuvel - Dairy

Bree Ramos – Madera County Farm Bureau

Scott Wickstrom

Jeff Troost

Layne Baroldi- Synagro

Vicki Kretsinger Grabert - LSCE

Stephanie Anagnoson – Madera County

Michael Borelli

Michael York – Cowifornia Dairy

Richard Meyerhoff- GEI

Tami Mc Vay – Self Help Enterprises

Marc Frelier – FNS (Ag)

949-309-9224 (unidentified caller)

Mutual Understanding of Agreement (MOA) with Madera Farm Bureau:

The purpose of the MOA with Madera County Farm Bureau is to formalize the entity that will have authority to contract for services and collect money and pay bills (LSCE) on behalf of the participants. Signed MOA’s with participants should be completed in next 30 days. The development of a governance structure and board will continue to move forward while the MOA is the governing document.

Governance

The governance/board is being modeled after the Valley Water governance. Discussion about what industries should be represented on the 11-person board was as follows:

- 3 representatives of Eastside San Joaquin Coalition
- 2 representatives from Dairy Industry (pending an analysis of total dairy acreage compared to ILRP acreage)
- City of Chowchilla
- County of Madera
- Manufacturers
- Poultry
- Prison
- DAC

County of Madera – Much of the work is parallel to SGMA, and some of the work is the same, coordinating and sharing information will assist in not duplicating efforts.

Manufacturers – Layne Baroldi will work with staff to facilitate a discussion with manufacturers on what type of board representation works best for their industry.

Poultry – Poultry has indicated in the past that they do not have interest in an active role on a board. Staff will confirm their interest.

Dairy – Dairy had research done to show acreage that is used for Dairy forage vs other agriculture (ESJ). This data will be shared with CV-SALTS to help in discussions about 3 ESJ 2 Dairy Board seats. Scott Wickstrom indicated he has ag and dairy ag and indicated support for the 3/2 as the appropriate number of seats.

JP Cativiela indicated in Valley Water the 3/2 Seats appointed the additional board members. The group seems to be leaning toward a more inclusive approach. He also reminded the group that the representative that will sit on the board should have interest in being on the board and should be a discharger or have a discharger permit.

Community Outreach

Planning a community outreach virtual event in early October, introducing CV-SALTS, the issues, and work being done for resolution. LSCE and GEI will present data. Staff is looking to replicate the information CV Clean Water Association recently presented on CV-SALTS.

JP Cativiela asked that the information be presented in plain language to the affected users. Ex: Here is the issue. Here is where the issue is located. Here is what an EAP looks like. Here's where you get water. Here's how you get involved.

Madera County – GSA Advisory Meeting – October 1st

The county can give CV-SALTS time for a brief introduction.

Madera Regional Water Management Group – Meeting September 28th, 2020 1:30pm

Time for a presentation can be arranged. Self Help is working with RWMG Grant funds to test wells for water quality.

Other

JP Cativiela asked about the budget and if there will be any additional consultants brought on. Christina Beckstead indicated she does not plan on any additional consultants being brought on at this time. There is a total of \$55,000 in seed money committed and the total budget to get through March deadline is \$275,000.