



Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Concerning a Salt and Nitrate Management Plan for the Central Valley

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Central Valley Water Board will accept comments regarding a Central Valley-wide Salt and Nitrate Management Plan (SNMP), which was developed through the stakeholder-led CV-SALTS initiative.

The SNMP is intended to provide a framework for the Central Valley Water Board's regulation of salt and nitrates throughout the entire Central Valley. Full implementation of the SNMP will require that the Board amend the Water Quality Control Plans for the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River Basins and for the Tulare Lake Basin ("Basin Plans"). SNMP-related Basin Plan amendments may propose that the following strategies, policies, policy revisions, and guidance discussed in the SNMP be integrated into the Basin Plans:

- Nitrate Permitting Strategy;
- Salinity Management Strategy;
- Guidance to Implement Secondary Maximum Contaminant Levels;
- Salinity Management to Provide Reasonable Protection of AGR Beneficial Uses in Groundwater (AGR Policy);
- Management Zone Policy;
- Offsets Policy;
- Revision of the Salinity Variance Program;
- Revision of the Exceptions Policy for Waste Discharges to Groundwater; and
- Drought and Water Conservation Policy.

Attachments to the SNMP include technical and regulatory supporting documentation, reference materials, proposed substitute environmental documentation, and anti-degradation and economic analyses. A copy of the SNMP, its associated attachments, as well as other supporting documentation can be accessed at:

<http://www.cvsalinity.org/index.php/docs/central-valley-snmp/final-snmp.html>

The Central Valley Water Board will also post these documents, along with additional summary material, on the Board's website no later than **10 February 2017**:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/salinity/index.shtml

A copy of the SNMP can also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Central Valley Water Board's office in Rancho Cordova at 11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114 on weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Staff contact information: Glenn Meeks at (916) 464- 4701, Glenn.Meeks@waterboards.ca.gov.

The Board is inviting the public, stakeholders, and representatives of other agencies to submit written comments on the SNMP from **19 January 2017** through **21 February 2017**. Written comments must be submitted to the above email or postal address by **21 February 2017**.



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NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Central Valley Water Board will conduct a public hearing to consider a resolution that would direct Board staff to develop Basin Plan amendments to implement the SNMP. The hearing will be conducted at the following date and location:

Date: 9 March 2017
Time: 9 A.M.
Place: Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
11020 Sun Center Drive #200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

At the March 9 hearing, CV-SALTS stakeholders and Board staff will give presentations to the Board on the proposed SNMP strategies, policies, policy revisions, and guidance. Following the presentations, the Board will consider approving a resolution accepting the SNMP and directing Board staff to initiate Basin Plan amendments to incorporate recommendations from the SNMP into the Basin Plans. A more detailed agenda will be available prior to the meeting date. Related workshop material will be posted on the Board's website (below) no later than **24 February 2017**:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/salinity

At the hearing, there will be no sworn testimony or cross-examination of participants, but the Central Valley Water Board may ask clarifying questions. Opportunity will be provided for oral presentations by interested persons. To ensure a productive and efficient workshop, oral presentations from any interested persons may be limited to 3-minutes at the discretion of the Board Chair.

If you have any questions, please contact Glenn Meeks at (916) 464-4701 or by e-mail at Glenn.Meeks@waterboards.ca.gov.

The meeting facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzardi at (916) 464-4839 at least five working days prior to the meeting. Individuals requiring language translation services are requested to contact Ms. Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzardi at (916) 464-4839 at least 14 days prior to the meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you know who would be interested in this matter.

Original Signed By

Adam Laputz, Assistant Executive Officer Date