

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

RESOLUTION NO. R5-2010-0024

PREPARATION OF SALINITY AND NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLANS
PURSUANT TO THE RECYCLED WATER POLICY

WHEREAS, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region (Central Valley Water Board), finds that:

1. On 31 January 2006 the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) and the Central Valley Water Board held a joint workshop to receive information on salinity in the Central Valley.
2. In response to the information received at the workshop, the State Water Board and the Central Valley Water Board have initiated the Central Valley Salinity Alternatives for Long-Term Sustainability (CV-SALTS) initiative. The goal of this project is to develop a salinity and nitrate management plan for the Central Valley that will be implemented through amendments to the Water Quality Control Plans (Basin Plans).
3. The State Water Board and Central Valley Water Board established a CV-SALTS Leadership Group to take to lead in raising funds and preparing the salinity and nitrate management plan. In October 2006, the Leadership Group held its first meeting and established four committees to conduct work between the annual meetings.
4. The four committees meet regularly and are comprised of the Executive Committee, Technical Advisory Committee, Economic and Social Impact Committee, and the Public Education and Outreach Committee. These committees have been meeting on a regular basis since early 2007.
5. Committee members represent government agencies, non-government agencies, industry, consultants, and other interested parties working together to develop a salinity and nitrate management plan for the Central Valley. Committee meetings are open to all who wish to attend.
6. In 2008 the Central Valley Salinity Coalition (CVSC) was formed as a non-profit member organization that works to organize, facilitate, and collect funding for efforts needed to complete the Basin Plan amendment work and efficiently manage salinity and nitrates in the Central Valley.
7. The State Water Board, the Central Valley Water Board and the CVSC have signed a Memorandum of Agreement to memorialize understandings regarding the representation and governance of CV-SALTS; coordination of salinity management, regulatory and planning efforts in and affecting the Central Valley Region; and funding for CV-SALTS projects.

8. On 3 February 2009 the State Water Board adopted the Recycled Water Policy, Resolution No. 2009-0011 (Policy). The Policy became effective on 14 May 2009.
9. The Policy calls for local water and wastewater entities, together with local salt and nutrient contributing stakeholders, to fund and control a collaborative process open to all stakeholders to prepare salt and nutrient management plans protective of groundwater within their basins within 5 years. These plans will be submitted to the Regional Water Boards and elements of the plans will be incorporated into the Basin Plans, as appropriate.
10. The approach selected by the CV-SALTS initiative is consistent with the Policy to ensure coordination and consistency in the development of management plans within the Central Valley. To ensure coordination and consistency of planning and in order to avoid duplication of efforts and conserve resources, parties interested in developing plans pursuant to the Policy should work through the CV-SALTS initiative process.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. The Central Valley Water Board expects parties developing salinity and nutrient management plans pursuant to the Policy to conduct the work in conjunction with the CV-SALTS Initiative. The Central Valley Water Board additionally expects that any salinity and nutrient management plan considered for approval by the Board will have been reviewed by the CV-SALTS Executive Committee. The Central Valley Water Board will consider any comments or recommendations from the CV-SALTS Executive Committee prior to making a decision regarding any salinity and nutrient management plan submitted for Board approval.

I, PAMELA C. CREEDON, Executive Officer, do hereby certify the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region on 18 March 2010.

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PAMELA C. CREEDON, Executive Officer