

**10 DECEMBER 2020 BOARD MEETING  
CONTESTED AGENDA ITEM**

**AGENDA ITEM: 8**

**SUBJECT:**

AMENDMENTS TO THE SALT AND NITRATE CONTROL PROGRAM  
(CV-SALTS)

**BOARD ACTION:**

CONSIDERATION OF BASIN PLAN AMENDMENT

**BACKGROUND:**

In State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) Resolution 2019-0057, dated 16 October 2019, the State Board directed targeted revisions to the Salt and Nitrate Control Program Basin Plan Amendment adopted by the Central Valley Water Board in Resolution R5-2018-0034 on 31 May 2018. This Basin Plan Amendment proposes revisions to the Salt and Nitrate Control Program based on State Board-directed revisions as well as non-substantive and clarification revisions from the Central Valley Water Board, and revisions resultant from disapprovals from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in a conditional approval letter dated 2 November 2020.

**ISSUES:**

Some commenters believe the Central Valley Water Board's use of site-specific values (determined by robust scientific studies) to determine applicability of a discharger for the Conservative Salinity Permitting approach is out of scope for this project, or should be broadened to let more site-specific values be used.

Some commenters would like more information included in the Basin Plan Amendment on financial assistance eligibility for nitrate-impacted water systems, including a list of factors proposed by the commenters to be considered for determining financial support for those systems.

Some commenters believe the 35 year exception for nitrate water quality objective exceedances is excessive and request the Central Valley Water Board conduct careful and thorough review of any nitrate exception requests, and maintain that time schedules be as short as practicable for each discharger or category of discharger.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adoption of the proposed Basin Plan Amendments to the Salt and Nitrate Control Program (CV-SALTS)

**REVIEWS:**

Management Review:	
Legal Review:	JMJ 11/17/20

**BOARD MEETING LOCATION:**

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board  
11020 Sun Center Dr. #200  
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

***Internet Zoom Meeting***