
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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California Rural Legal Assistance, Inc. (Community Equity Initiative), and Santa Clara University Department of Environmental Studies and Sciences (Environmental Justice and the Common Good Initiative) (CRLA et al.)

Community Water Center, Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability, Environmental Law Foundation, Clean Water Action, and Asociación de Gente Unida por el Agua (CWC et al.)

Sustainable Conservation

Dear CRLA et al., CWC et al., and Sustainable Conservation:

Thank you for your comments regarding the Priority 1 Management Zone Implementation Plans (MZIPs) for the Central Valley Water Board Nitrate Control Program. The MZIPs were due on 5 September 2023 and the public review period extended from 1 November 2023 through 22 December 2023. Four comment letters were received on 22 December 2023. Both CWC et al. and Sustainable Conservation each submitted one comment letter to the Central Valley Water Board. CRLA et al. submitted two comment letters regarding the Kings Water Alliance and Valley Water Collaborative (Modesto and Turlock Management Zones).

The Central Valley Water Board has prepared a document responding to the written comments in your letters. Please see Attachment 1: *Central Valley Water Board Response to Written Comments Concerning the Priority 1 Management Zone Implementation Plans for the Nitrate Control Program*. Also, provided in Attachment 2 is a 14 March 2024 letter to the Central Valley Water Board with the subject: *Management Zone Responses to Comments Submitted on September 5, 2023 Management Zone Implementation Plans*. In some cases, the Central Valley Water Board's response to comments document references this letter. The attached documents will also be posted on the Central Valley Water Board's website.

We appreciate the ongoing collaboration with CRLA et al., CWC et al., and Sustainable Conservation in the development and review of MZIPs. We look forward to engaging with you further regarding the incorporation of MZIPs into permit revisions for the Nitrate Control Program. If you have any questions, please contact Angela Llaban at angela.llaban@waterboards.ca.gov or (916) 464-4649.

Sincerely,

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ATTACHMENT 1: Central Valley Water Board Response to Written Comments Concerning the Priority 1 Management Zone Implementation Plans for the Nitrate Control Program

ATTACHMENT 2: Management Zone Responses to Comments Submitted on September 5, 2023 Management Zone Implementation Plans

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