

# CEQA Scoping Meeting: Salt and Nutrient Management Plan for the Central Basin and West Coast Basin (CBWCB)

Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board  
in conjunction with CBWCB Stakeholders

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# Meeting Agenda

- Background on the Salt and Nutrient Management Plan Requirement (*RB Staff*)
- CEQA -Regulatory Background (*RB Staff*)
- Implementation Alternatives (*CBWCB Stakeholders*)
- CEQA Checklist (*CBWCB Stakeholders*)
- Q&A Session

# The Recycled Water Policy's SNMP Requirement



- Adopted February 2009
- Supports Strategic Plan Priority to promote sustainable local water supply
  - Optimize recycled water use
- Ensure long term beneficial use of water
  - Protect basin water quality

# Achieving a Balance



- Policy recognizes that increased Recycled Water Use may increase pollutant loading to groundwater basins
- Policy achieves balance through Salt & Nutrient Management Plan requirement

# Stakeholder Process



- Collaborative process
  - Local water and wastewater entities
  - Local salt/nutrient contributing stakeholders
  - Open to all stakeholders
- Locally driven and controlled
- Stakeholder funded
- Regional Board Participation

# Salt and Nutrient Management Plan (SNMP) Requirement

- SNMPs for every basin/sub-basin in the state
  - Consistent scope, detail dependent on site-specific factors
  - May address constituents other than salts and nutrients
  - Inclusion of stormwater recharge/ reuse component is critical
  - Completion by 2014
  - Implementation plans to be adopted by Regional Water Boards as Basin Plan Amendments.
  - Compliance with CEQA

# CEQA -Regulatory Background

- California Environmental Quality Act = CEQA
- State and Regional Boards' basin planning process has been certified by the Secretary of Resources as exempt from certain requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), including preparation of an initial study, negative declaration, and environmental impact report (14 CCR §15251(g)).
- [A] lead agency shall call at least one scoping meeting for [a] project of statewide, regional, or areawide significance (Public Resources Code §21083.9).

# CEQA -Regulatory Background-2

The “certified regulatory program” of the Regional Board, however, must satisfy substantive requirements (23 CCR §3777 (a))

- Written report including a description of the proposed activity
- Alternatives analysis
- Identification of mitigation measures
- Environmental checklist



# Program Alternatives

- Considered by State Board as part of Policy Adoption
  - Earlier Version of Policy (March, 2008)
  - No Project
  - Current Policy (February, 2013)

# SNMP Elements

- Basin-wide Monitoring
- Annual CEC Monitoring
- Water Recycling/Stormwater Recharge
- Source Identification/Assimilative Capacity/Loading
- **Implementation Measures**
- Anti-degradation Analysis

# Potential Environmental Impacts

- Potentially Significant Impact
- Less than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated
- Less than Significant
- No Impact