

July 18, 2016

Jeanine Townsend, Clerk of the Board  
State Water Resources Control Board  
1001 I Street, 24<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
Transmitted via email only

Public Comment  
Proposed Drinking Water Fee Regs  
Deadline: 7/29/16 by 5:00pm



Re: Comment Letter – Proposed Drinking Water Fee Regulations

Dear Ms. Townsend:

The Central Valley Salinity Coalition and the The CV-SALTS initiative appreciates the opportunity to comment on the revised Drinking Water Fee Regulation. CV-SALTS is a stakeholder led group that is developing the Salt and Nutrient Management Plan for the Central Valley Region. This group is made up of permitted dischargers, regulators, federal and state partners, as well as communities, environmental justice advocates, and others.

The Central Valley Salinity Coalition and Executive Committee of the CV-SALTS supports the staff recommendation to reduce fees for water systems serving Disadvantaged Communities. We urge the Board to continue to work to keep fees as low as possible for all users, but support staff changes recommended in the revised text modifying Section 64310. We understand that this change will result in systems that do not serve disadvantaged communities paying slightly higher fees, but we believe this I needed to help ensure the disadvantaged communities do not pay a disproportionate share of the cost burden for regulating clean drinking water. We also appreciate the time and effort the Division of Drinking Water puts toward these communities that often require significant assistance to provide reliable safe drinking water to their residents and businesses.

We appreciate your consideration of this request in helping reduce the adverse water quality and economic impact of salt and nitrate in the Central Valley.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel B. Cozad".

Daniel B. Cozad  
Executive Director  
Central Valley Salinity Coalition, CV-SALT