

July 21, 2017

Via Electronic Mail

Public Comment
Tulare Lake Bed De-designation
Deadline: 7/24/17 by 12 noon

Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
P.O. Box 100
Sacramento, CA 95812-2000



SUBJECT: COMMENT LETTER – PROPOSED APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE TULARE LAKE BASIN TO REMOVE THE MUNICIPAL AND DOMESTIC SUPPLY (MUN) AND AGRICULTURAL SUPPLY (AGR) BENEFICIAL USES FROM GROUNDWATER WITHIN A DESIGNATED HORIZONTAL AND VERTICAL PORTION OF THE TULARE LAKE BED

Dear Ms. Townsend:

The Central Valley Salinity Coalition (CVSC) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments regarding the proposed amendment to the Tulare Lake Basin Plan to remove MUN and AGR beneficial uses from the Tulare Lake Bed. CVSC is a nonprofit association formed to coordinate a broad-based stakeholder led effort known as Central Valley Salinity Alternatives for Long Term Sustainability (CV SALTS) that has developed a Salinity and Nitrate Management Plan for the Central Valley Region.

As part of our work plan, CV SALTS identified this basin planning project as a critical archetype or component for overall salinity management planning for the Central Valley. Identification and setting proper beneficial uses for areas for accumulation of salt is a critical component of Central Valley salinity management and allows preservation of high quality waters in other areas. CV-SALTS mission is to further the proper and sustainable salinity and nitrate management for the Central Valley. CVSC members and CV-SALTS Executive Committee participated in and reviewed the Tulare Lake Bed Dededesignation studies and documents. During the four-year development and review process, the comments, recommendations and concerns of the group were addressed and incorporated into the final document approved by the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board.

CV-SALTS Executive Committee approved and CVSC Board of Directors strongly supports the proposed Tulare Lake Bed Dededesignation. We urge the State Water Board to support and approve the Tulare Lake Bed Dededesignation.

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

Daniel B. Cozad, Executive Director
Central Valley Salinity Coalition Inc.

cc: *Dr. Karl Longley, Chair, Central Valley Regional Water Board*
Pamela Creedon, Executive Officer, Central Valley Regional Water Board
Members, CVSC Board of Directors