SUBJECT: RESOLUTION R5-2008-0181 IN SUPPORT OF DEVELOPING A GROUNDWATER STRATEGY FOR THE CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

Affected Water Quality Control Plan(s):
Sacramento, San Joaquin, and Tulare Lake

Agency/organization: CVRWQCB

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Committee: **Executive**
Meeting Date 14 July 2009

Action needed: Input
Deadline for action: 31 August 2009

Project Summary:
On 4 December 2008, the Central Valley Water Board adopted Resolution R5-2008-0181 in support of Developing a Groundwater Strategy for the Central Valley Region. The resolution directs staff to work with stakeholders and interested person to develop a comprehensive, consistent, and coordinated strategy for the protection of the beneficial uses of groundwater throughout the Central Valley Region. Our goal is to develop a long-term strategy that will identify high priority activities, recognize the water boards core responsibilities and existing commitments; and build on existing processes.

It is important to note that developing this Strategy is not a regulatory program, and it is consistent with the State Water Boards Strategic Plan. We anticipate it being a part of the Central Valley Region's Strategic Planning Efforts.

Prior to scheduling stakeholder workshops staff are gathering information on the various agencies with roles that directly, or indirectly, can affect the quality of groundwater. This information will be provided for the stakeholder workshops to aid in the identification of deficiencies, conflicts, or gaps in protection of groundwater quality. Stakeholder workshops are scheduled for the week of 24 August 2009, in Rancho Cordova, Redding, Fresno, and Delano. Workshop format is still under development.

Questions for the committee's consideration:
- How should strategy development be coordinated with and informed by CV-SALTS?

Additional Information:
Resolution R5-2008-0181
http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/adopted_orders/resolutions/r5-2008-0181_res.pdf