

## **CV-SALTS Policy for Review of Salt or Nitrate related Regulatory Activities, including Management Zones, Site Specific Objectives, Beneficial Use Designations, or Other Regulatory Required Studies**

### **Background**

The CV-SALTS Executive Committee originally developed and approved a policy and process to work with salt and nitrate management planning areas in late 2009 and 2010. This process has been modified so that it also may be used for studies, work plans, Management Zones, beneficial use and water quality objective studies and other regulatory related requests for review by CV-SALTS or its committees. This process is needed because any entities conducting salt and nitrate-related planning activities must be aware of similar planning being done by CV-SALTS to insure consistency in methodology and timely data exchange in order to develop a comprehensive Central Valley-wide Salt and Nitrate Management Plan. Contributions to the costs of significant project review and preparation of comments will be required to insure that resources are not diverted from completing the Salt and Nitrate Management Plan for the Central Valley by May 2016. The Central Valley Salinity Coalition (CVSC) Executive Director and Technical Project Manager (TPM) are the points of contact for project proponents (regulated entities) and the Central Valley Regional Board (Regional Board).

### **Policy**

The CV-SALTS Initiative is the program and identified process the Regional Board has approved for the development of a Central Valley-wide Salt and Nitrate Management Plan that will in part satisfy the requirements of the Recycled Water Policy. Proponents of any recycled water project or other regulatory process for which an SNMP, Management Zone or related study or assessment related to the management of salt and nitrate in the Central Valley that provides benefits to the region shall work through CV-SALTS (Resolution R5-2010-24). For proponents or stakeholder groups working on such projects, their project will be integrated with CV-SALTS and supported through implementation of the following steps:

1. Regional Board will refer project proponents to the CV-SALTS Process (Resolution R5-2010-24)<sup>1</sup> and notify the TPM and Executive Director of CVSC.
2. Proponents or related study/assessment groups will work as active participants<sup>2</sup> in the CV-SALTS Initiative and financially participate in the CVSC to support costs for the overall program in order to insure consistency with the Central Valley-wide SNMP.
3. Proponents will provide to the ED and TPM as listed on [www.cvsalinity.org](http://www.cvsalinity.org)
  - a. Description of proposed project purpose and area covered
  - b. Workplan of identified activities, timetable, responsible parties and budget
4. The ED and TPM will provide an initial review of the project and identify estimated cost/timeline of review
5. CV-SALTS will review and provide comments to the proponents.
6. Proponents will develop final workplan incorporating the comments provided
7. Proponents will provide regular updates (quarterly and at key project steps) updates of data and progress to the appropriate CV-SALTS Committee as identified in the final workplan.
8. The final report will be reviewed by CV-SALTS and dependent on timing, incorporated as part of the SMNP or provide the foundation of additional revisions.

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board\\_decisions/adopted\\_orders/resolutions/r5-2010-0024.pdf](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/adopted_orders/resolutions/r5-2010-0024.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.cvsalinity.org/index.php/docs/agendas-notes-and-materials/meeting-materials/2204-cv-salts-participation-v-8-approved-011113.html>