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Via Electronic Mail

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**SUBJECT: COMMENT LETTER – BAY-DELTA PHASE II WORKING DRAFT  
SCIENCE REPORT**

Dear Ms. Creedon:

As you are aware a broad-based stakeholder led effort has work together cooperatively on regional policy issues and technical studies to jointly develop a salinity and nitrate management plan (SNMP) for the Central Valley Region, known as Central Valley Salinity Alternatives for Long Term Sustainability (CV SALTS).

Over more than 10 years hundreds of stakeholders, staff and consultants have met and worked side by side with Regional and State Water Board staff participants to develop this SNMP. The Executive Committee believes this plan's careful evaluation of conditions and options provides the basis for a sustainable future for Central Valley waters and water users. The SNMP required compromise and while consensus occurred throughout most of the SNMP, it documents areas where not some participants could agree. The CV-SALTS Executive Committee has guided SNMP development based on the Program Work Plan approved in March 2013 with funding provided by the State Water Board Cleanup and Abatement Account and matching funding from the Central Valley Salinity Coalition.

The Executive Committee appreciates the support and hard work of all stakeholders, consultants, Water Board staff and all others assisting in bringing this plan to completion. The completed SNMP has been posted along with all of the supporting technical appendices and studies at the CV-SALTS website under documents/final SNMP or at this link:

<http://www.cvsalinity.org/index.php/docs/central-valley-snmf/final-snmf.html>.

The CV-SALTS Executive Committee transmits the Complete Final SNMP to the Regional Water Board for consideration and urges that they continue to work with the CV-SALTS stakeholders to develop the Basin Plan amendment needed to implement the plan.

Parry Klassen  
Executive Committee Chair

cc: Dr. Karl Longley, Chair, Central Valley Regional Water Board