

## OUTLINE

### Policy for Control and Permitting of Nitrate Discharges to Groundwater in the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Basins and in the Tulare Lake Basin

- I. Introduction
- II. Summary of Ambient Groundwater Conditions
- III. Implementation Program for Meeting Water Quality Objectives
  - Protect Drinking Water
  - Protect Existing High Quality Waters
    - Triggers
    - Reach Balance
  - Managed Restoration, where feasible and reasonable
  - Range of timeframe for meeting objectives
  - Aggressive Restoration Results
- IV. Prioritization of Groundwater Basins
  - [placeholder with current table – may be adjusted due to information provided during Basin Plan Amendment process]
- V. Process of Notification to Dischargers
- VI. Implementation Steps After Receiving Notification from Central Valley Water Board
- VII. Establishment of Management Zones for Permitting Nitrate Discharges to Groundwater
- VIII. Permitting Nitrate Discharges to Groundwater for those Participating in a Management Zone
- IX. Permitting Nitrate Discharges to Groundwater for Those Not Participating in a Management Zone or Where No Management Zone Exists

- X. Considerations for Granting Alternative Compliance to Nitrate Discharges to Groundwater
  - a. Criteria and Considerations for Allocation of Assimilative Capacity for Nitrate Discharges to Groundwater
  - b. Criteria and Considerations for Granting an Exception to Meeting Nitrate Water Quality Objectives
  - c. Criteria and Considerations for allowing Offsets