

Policy for Control and Permitting of Salinity Discharges in the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Basins and in the Tulare Lake Basin (Draft Outline)

- I. Background/Introduction to Salt Management Strategy (SMS) (provide contextual information)
 - A. Purpose and Applicability (Long term plan to bring salt into balance in the region; replace existing salinity management requirements in Basin Plans, impacts SW and GW dischargers)
 - B. Salt Management Goals (Three goals stated in the strategy)
 - C. Overview of Salinity Management Strategy (Introduction to sections below: Three phased implementation program over approximately 30 years; Interim salinity permitting approach; other introductions as needed)
 - D. Compliance with Existing Salinity-related Water Quality Objectives (Statement that establishment of SMS does not change any existing site-specific salinity objectives in the Region or Delta)
- II. Phased Implementation Program
 - A. Phase 1 - Prioritization and Optimization Study
 - 1. Purpose (General description of activities to be completed with anticipated outcomes)
 - 2. Schedule (Estimated 10 years; identify big picture milestones, discretion of the Board to adjust schedule if progress being made)
 - 3. Participation
 - a. General expectations (coverage, SW/GW)
 - b. Relationship to discharge permits (but more detail below in Section III)
 - c. Funding and governance
 - d. Lack of participation (overview; more detail below in Section III)
 - B. Phase 2 – Environmental Permitting, Funding, and Engineering and Design
 - 1. Purpose (Brief description of activities to be completed)
 - 2. Schedule (Estimated 10 years; milestones to be determined based on outcome of Phase I; discretion of the Board to adjust schedule if progress being made)
 - 3. Participation General expectations, mention of relationship to permits; but more detail below in Section III)
 - C. Phase 3 – Implementation/Construction (Brief description of anticipated activities; schedule/participation to be determined based on findings of Phases 1/2)
- III. Interim Salinity Permitting Approach
 - A. Purpose and Applicability (Interim during Phase 1 and potential for renewal/modification under Phase 2; all discharges to SW/GW; new vs. existing dischargers)
 - B. Process and Overview of Approach (Incorporate findings/governing principles as needed from SMS)
 - C. Interim Permit Provisions (Based on SMS; expanded upon as needed)
 - 1. Groundwater and Non-NPDES Surface Water Dischargers
 - a. Minimum WDR requirements (existing vs. new discharges?)
 - b. Participation in Phase 1 P&O Study
 - c. Opting out of P&O Study
 - i. Compliance with water quality objectives
 - ii. Allocation of assimilative capacity in groundwater
 - iii. Issuance of time schedules

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2. Surface Water NPDES Dischargers
 - a. Minimum NPDES permit requirements (existing vs. new discharges?)
 - b. Participation in Phase 1 P&O Study
 - c. Opting out of P&O Study
 - i. Compliance with water quality objectives
 - ii. Allocation of assimilative capacity in groundwater
 - iii. Issuance of compliance schedules
- IV. Nexus with Other SNMP Policies Related to Salinity Management (As needed, references/links to related sections in the new *Policy for the Control of Salt and Nitrate Management in the Central Valley* or other Basin Plan Implementation Chapter sections)
 - A. Salinity Variance Program
 - B. Exceptions Policy for Discharges to Groundwater
 - C. Offsets Policy
 - D. Drought & Water Conservation Policy
 - E. SMCL Guidance
- V. Recommendations to Other Agencies