**Central Valley Water Board Notification**
*Purpose:* To notify all dischargers within a prioritized area of the need to comply with the SNMP’s nitrate management requirements

**Dischargers Develop Preliminary Management Zone Proposals**
- **Priority 1:** Within 270 days of notification
- **Priority 2:** Within one (1) year of notification
*Purpose:* Provide all dischargers within a specified priority area where a management zone is in development with enough information to make an election for complying with the nitrate requirements of the SNMP via Pathway A or Pathway B.

**Pathway A: Individual Discharger**

**Step 1 - Dischargers Submit Notice of Intent (NOI)**
- **NOI includes:**
  - Initial assessment of public supply/domestic well impacts for nitrate
  - Submittal of EAP, if any wells impacted
  - Discharge categorization

**Step 2 - Implement Early Action Plan if Included in NOI**
- Begin implementation of EAP within 60 days after submittal unless a letter of objection is provided to the discharger by the Central Valley Water Board within that 60-day period
- If no EAP included in NOI, dischargers go on to Step 3

**Step 3 – SNMP Compliance Determination and Revision of WDRs to Incorporate Compliance Requirements**
*WDR Revisions per Central Valley Water Board schedule*
- Category 1 or 2 – Generally comply through existing WDR requirements
- Category 3 – Compliance may include additional monitoring/trend evaluation
- Category 4 or 5 – To support an allocation of assimilative capacity or authorize an exception, the discharger will need to propose an ACP

**Pathway B: Management Zone**

**Step 1 - Dischargers Submit Notice of Intent (NOI)**
- **NOI Includes:**
  - Identification of the management zone in which the discharger intends to participate
  - Acceptance of Preliminary Management Zone Proposal, which includes an EAP

**Step 2 – Implementation of EAP and Submit Final Management Zone Proposal**
- Implement EAP (within 60 days of submittal in Preliminary Management Zone Proposal if no objections received from Central Valley Water Board)
- Submit Final Management Zone Proposal (within 180 days of submittal of Preliminary Management Zone Proposal); final proposal includes:
  - Timeline for development of Management Zone Implementation Plan
  - Indication whether management zone is seeking compliance through the allocation of assimilative capacity or through an exception

**Step 3 – Revision of WDRs to Incorporate SNMP Compliance Requirements per Management Zone**
*WDR Revisions per Board schedule*
- Continue to implement EAP
- Develop Management Zone Implementation Plan
- Implement Management Zone Implementation Plan upon approval by Central Valley Water Board