

CV-SALTS Executive Committee Meeting
4. Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program Implementation
28 March 2019

The following General Orders regulate the commercial irrigated agricultural operations in the Region:

- Tulare Lake Basin Area R5-2013-0120-05
- Western Tulare Lake Basin Area R5-2014-0001-06
- Western San Joaquin River Watershed R5-2014-0002-08
- San Joaquin County and Delta Area R5-2014-0029-04
- Sacramento River Watershed Area R5-2014-0030-06
- Grassland Drainage Area R5-2015-0095-03
- Sacramento Valley Rice Growers R5-2014-0032-02
- Eastern San Joaquin River Watershed R5-2012-0116
- Individual Growers R5-2013-0100

SHORT-TERM ILRP IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES FOR CV-SALTS

Notices to Comply (to address groundwater elements)

- Salt Control Program - issue to all coalitions immediately after OAL approval of Basin Plan amendments.
- Nitrate Control Program - issue to four coalitions (ESJ, Kings, Tule and Kaweah) immediately after OAL approval of Basin Plan amendments to address Priority 1 sub-basins and basins (Kaweah, Turlock, Chowchilla, Tule, Modesto and Kings).

General Order Updates

- Draft language for ILRP general orders to incorporate CV-SALTS requirements, selection of permitting pathways, and allowances for extended compliance timelines/exceptions.
 - Timelines and requirements for Alternative Permitting Approach (P&O Study - salt) and Path B (Management Zone - nitrate)
 - Detailed requirements for coalitions opting for Conservative Permitting Approach (Source Control Limits - salt) and Path A (Individual Discharger - nitrates): assessment of how discharge will comply with requirements with limited assimilative capacity or time schedules; information regarding existing groundwater condition must be included in assessment
- Allow time for administrative review of draft language prior to extended public review.
- Discuss proposed general order updates during quarterly stakeholder meetings and hold additional outreach meetings as needed.

Program expectations

- Coalition outreach to their members about CV-SALTS
- Anticipate most coalitions will be key participants in the Prioritization and Optimization Study to enable coalition members to comply with the Alternative pathway of the Salt Control Program.
- Anticipate coalitions will help in the formation and administration of Management Zones (Nitrate Control Program) in priority areas. ESJ and Kings are involved with Management Zone pilot projects.
- Dedicate key ILRP staff to oversee CV-SALTS implementation.