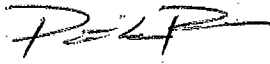


## Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

**TO:** Wade Crowfoot  
Secretary of the California Natural Resources Agency  
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**FROM:** Patrick Pulupa   
Executive Officer  
Natural Resources Agency California  
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board  
11020 Sun Center Drive, #200  
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

**DATE:** 16 January 2020

**SUBJECT: TRANSMITTAL OF NOTICE OF DECISION FOR AMENDMENTS TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLANS FOR THE SACRAMENTO RIVER AND SAN JOAQUIN RIVER BASINS AND TULARE LAKE BASIN TO INCORPORATE A CENTRAL VALLEY-WIDE SALT AND NITRATE CONTROL PROGRAM**

On 31 May 2018, the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) adopted Resolution No. R5-2018-0034 amending the Water Quality Control Plans for the Sacramento and San Joaquin River Basins and the Tulare Lake Basin (Basin Plans). The amendment incorporated a Central Valley-wide Salt and Nitrate Control Program.

On 16 October 2019, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) approved the amendments under Resolution No. 2019-0057 and the Office of Administrative Law approved the amendments on 15 January 2020.

The Water Quality Control Planning Program of the State Water Board and the Regional Water Quality Control Boards (Regional Water Boards) is a certified regulatory program under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), as provided in section 21080.5 of the Public Resources Code. A Basin Plan amendment approved under a certified regulatory program is not final until the State Water Board or Regional Water Boards files, with the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency, a Notice of Decision and either the Department of Fish and Wildlife's written "No Effect" Determination or a copy of its Environmental Filing Fee Cash Receipt.

KARL E. LONGLEY ScD, P.E., CHAIR | PATRICK PULUPA, ESQ., EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Attached are the Notice of Decision and a copy of the Environmental Filing Fee Cash Receipt from the Department of Fish and Wildlife's No Effect Determination for the Basin Plan amendments adopted by the Central Valley Water Board. Also attached are Resolution No. R5-2018-0034, Resolution No. 2019-0057 and the Environmental Checklist.

Please date stamp, scan and electronically return the Notice of Decision as notification of the date received for filing at the Natural Resources Agency.

Should you have any questions regarding these amendments, please contact Anne Walters at (916) 464-4840 or [anne.walters@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:anne.walters@waterboards.ca.gov).

Attachments:

Notice of Decision  
CDFW Environmental Filing Fee Cash Receipt  
Regional Board Resolution  
State Board Resolution  
Environmental Checklist

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**Notice of Decision**

Natural Resources Agency California

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Secretary of the California Natural Resources Agency  
1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1311  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**FROM:** California Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Central Valley Region (Central Valley Water Board)  
11020 Sun Center Drive, #200  
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

**SUBJECT:** Filing and Notice of Decision in compliance with section  
21080.5 of the Public Resources Code

**PROJECT TITLE:** Amendments To The Water Quality Control Plans For The  
Sacramento River And San Joaquin River Basins And Tulare  
Lake Basin To Incorporate A Central Valley-Wide Salt And  
Nitrate Control Program


**LOCATION:** The project area is the Sacramento River, San Joaquin River  
and Tulare Lake Basins.

**DESCRIPTION:** The project consists of amendments to the Water Quality  
Control Plan for the Sacramento River and San Joaquin  
River Basins and the Tulare Lake Basin to incorporate a  
Central Valley-wide Salt and Nitrate Control Program. The  
Amendments will provide a framework for the Central Valley  
Water Board to regulate salt and nitrate in future permitting  
actions while also ensuring that groundwater users whose  
wells are impacted with nitrates are provided safe drinking  
water. The goal of the Amendments is to address ongoing  
and legacy salt and nitrate accumulation that impacts  
beneficial uses.

**CONTACT PERSON:** Anne Walters, 916-464-4840

This is to advise that the Central Valley Water Board has made the following determination regarding the project described above:

The project has been:        X   Approved  
          Disapproved

  
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PATRICK PULUPA, Executive Officer  
California Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Central Valley Region

1/16/20  
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Date

Date received for filing: \_\_\_\_\_