Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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

RECEIVED By
Office of the Secretary
JAN 17 2020

FROM: Patrick Pulupa
Executive Officer
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 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

11020 Sun Center Drive #200, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 | www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley
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.

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

cc: (with attachments)
Jessica Jahr, Staff Counsel, jessica.jahr@waterboards.ca.gov
State Water Board, Office of Chief Counsel
State Clearinghouse, state.clearinghouse@opr.ca.gov

cc: (without attachments)
Eileen Sobeck, Executive Director, eileen.sobeck@waterboards.ca.gov
State Water Board
Karen Mogus, Deputy Director, karen.mogus@waterboards.ca.gov
State Water Board, Division of Water Quality
Zane Poulson, Unit Chief, zane.poulson@waterboards.ca.gov
State Water Board, Planning Standards and Implementation Section
Notice of Decision

TO: Wade Crowfoot
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

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

Date received for filing: 1/16/20