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SUBJECT: CENTRAL VALLEY SALINITY ALTERNATIVES FOR LONG-TERM SUSTAINABILITY (CV-SALTS) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REVIEW OF WESTSIDE WATER QUALITY COALITION DE-DESIGNATION WORKPLAN FOR THE WESTERN TULARE LAKE BASIN

Dear Mr. Plachta,

CV-SALTS has since 2017, coordinating with Westside Water Quality Coalition (WWQC and its legal and consulting team on a proposed *De-Designation Workplan to develop a Basin Plan Amendment*. The WWQC's provided funding for the CVSC to coordinate and review their efforts and they in accordance with direction from the CVRWQCB submitted their draft workplan to CVSC for review.

Richard Meyerhoff, PhD, the Technical Project Manager for CV-SALTS program under contract to the Central Valley Salinity Coalition (CVSC) reviewed the proposed BPA workplan. Dr. Meyerhoff's review found that the planned de-designation was generally consistent with the technical approach used to support the de-designation of AGR and MUN from a delineated portion of the groundwater underlying the Tulare Lakebed, a de-designation previously supported by CVSC and approved by the Regional and State Waterboards, but we proposed some changes to increase consistency. The WWQC's consultant modified the Workplan to incorporate the suggested changes. The revised Workplan appears to provide for a study that would fulfill the technical and policy approach consistent with the salt planning efforts. WWQC and its consultants should participate in the implementation of the Salinity Prioritization and Optimization Study (P&O Study) to be sure they understand the direction of CV-SALTS during the completion and review of the dedesignation. The Workplan is available at this link.

https://www.dropbox.com/s/pq6217lrbqb8wdi/2019-07-17_Revised%20Basin%20Plan%20Amendment%20Work%20Plan.pdf?dl=0

As a final note and as identified in the CV-SALTS BPA any permittees conducting regulated activities within de-designated areas must continue to participate in the P&O Study identified in the recently adopted Central Valley Region Salt Control Program. Please contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely

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