

Goals/Objectives for the CV-SALTS Initiative

The three overarching goals approved by the Salinity Leadership Committee in October 2008 are:

- All users of Central Valley surface waters and groundwaters are engaged and actively participating in the effort
- All users contributing to and/or impacted by salts and nitrate in Central Valley waters contribute financial or other resources to planning and control efforts
- A regional Salinity Management Plan is developed and implemented through amendments to the Central Valley Basin Plans and as appropriate the Bay Delta Plan

In development of the Work Plan Outline in February 2009, the Executive Committee proposed the following ten objectives for the program.

The CV-SALTS initiative will succeed when it accomplishes:

1. Basin Plan Amendments that achieve comprehensive salt balance in the region which is inclusive of all current and developing beneficial uses and economic developments
2. A well coordinated holistic program at all levels, internally and externally, with Delta processes, other regulatory programs and emerging issues
3. Broad public understanding and engagement within and beyond the Central Valley
4. A salt and nutrient management system supported by long term sustainable public and private funding
5. Achievable solutions for long term water uses and salt and nitrate management for a sustainable future in the public interest
6. Engaged stakeholder participants who drive completion of the Basin Plan Amendments
7. Objectives and implementation based on good science
8. Beneficial use designations which maximize benefits to the region and minimize conflict
9. Regulatory certainty to encourage capital investment and long range approach including needed adaptability and flexibility
10. A clear process, common language, shared understanding and common decision tools

Supports people, business, water supply, agriculture, the environment, and the economy

Achieves solid scientific and policy basis for both regulatory and non-regulatory actions

Leads solutions which are implementable and sustainable

Trusted to protect all beneficial uses