

February 26, 2009

Tam M. Doduc, Chair,  
and Members  
State Water Resources Control Board  
1001 I Street, 25<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Sacramento, California 95814

**SUBJECT: FUNDING FOR CENTRAL VALLEY SALINITY PROJECT—SUPPORT  
BOARD MEETING OF MARCH 17, 2009**

Dear Chair Doduc:

The Central Valley Salinity Coalition (CVSC) strongly supports the proposed funding for the development of a salinity and nutrient management plan for the Central Valley over the next three years. CVSC is a nonprofit organization formed to provide a vehicle for a stakeholder-led effort to implement an ambitious work plan designed to culminate in the adoption of a comprehensive salinity and nutrient management plan. CVSC is committed to assist in matching the funding provided by the State Water Board to complete the project.

The Central Valley Salinity Policy Group Executive Committee at its February 2, 2009 meeting approved the Salinity and Nitrate Objective and Beneficial Use Study Project. This joint Regional Water Board-Stakeholder project is being proposed for funding from the Cleanup and Abatement Account.

The Salinity and Nitrate Objective and Beneficial Use Study Project will provide foundational work including gathering data and supporting establishment of beneficial uses and preliminary objectives acceptable for protection of beneficial uses for salinity and nitrates in the basins of the Central Valley. The project will leverage funding and data from studied areas to assist in establishment of uses and objectives throughout the region, including areas which have only limited data. In light of the significant benefits to manage and control salinity, CVSC supports the proposed funding.

We understand that this item is currently on the Uncontested Calendar, and while we will have representatives present at the March 17, 2009 hearing, we wish to be clear that we are not requesting the Board take testimony on this item unless the Board Members have questions. We appreciate your consideration of this proposal and the State Water Board's financial assistance in reducing the adverse water quality and economic impact of millions of tons of salt accumulating in the Central Valley.

  
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