AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO SIGN A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE CENTRAL VALLEY REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD (CENTRAL VALLEY WATER BOARD) AND THE CENTRAL VALLEY SALINITY COALITION

WHEREAS:

1. On January 31, 2006 the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) and the Central Valley Water Board held a joint workshop to receive information on salinity in the Central Valley.

2. The Central Valley Water Board has initiated the Central Valley Salinity Alternatives for Long-Term Sustainability (CV-SALTS) initiative to develop a salinity management plan for the Central Valley.

3. In July of 2008 the Central Valley Salinity Coalition was formed as a non-profit member organization that works in partnership with the Water Boards to organize, facilitate, and collect funding for efforts needed to complete the CV-SALTS work and efficiently manage salinity in the Central Valley.

4. A Memorandum of Agreement has been prepared by the staffs of the State Water Board, the Central Valley Water Board, and the CVSC to memorialize understandings regarding the representation and governance of CV-SALTS; coordination of salinity management, regulatory and planning efforts in and affecting the Central Valley Region; and funding for CV-SALTS projects.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board authorizes the Executive Director to sign the Memorandum of Agreement between the State Water Board, the Central Valley Water Board, and the CVSC.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned Clerk to the Board does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the State Water Resources Control Board held on December 1, 2009.

AYE: Chairman Charles R. Hoppin
Vice Chair Frances Spivy-Weber
Board Member Tam M. Doduc
Board Member Arthur G. Baggett, Jr.
Board Member Walter G. Pettit

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board
Central Valley Salinity Alternatives for Long-Term Sustainability Initiative
Memorandum of Agreement

Among the
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
Central Valley Salinity Coalition
State Water Resources Control Board

Regarding
Central Valley Salinity Alternatives for Long-Term Sustainability (CV-SALTS)

This Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) memorializes the understanding of Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board, the Central Valley Salinity Coalition and the State Water Resources Control Board (collectively, the “Parties”) regarding representation and governance of CV-SALTS, coordination of salinity management, regulatory and planning efforts in and affecting the Central Valley Region, and funding for CV-SALTS projects.

WHEREAS,

1. The Parties desire to coordinate their efforts related to salinity planning, management and regulatory programs within the Central Valley Region; and
2. The Parties desire that the CV-SALTS Executive Committee serve as the overarching public coordinating committee through which the efforts of the parties shall be coordinated and guided; and
3. The Parties desire to identify the mechanisms for governance, administration and funding of CV-SALTS studies and projects; and
4. The Parties desire to clarify the roles and responsibilities of each signatory to this MOA; and
5. The Parties are committed to support and encourage organized salt management for the Central Valley Region.

The Parties agree as follows:

Terms of Agreement

Each of the parties will undertake cooperative efforts in support of the CV-SALTS Initiative as described below.

1. Roles and Responsibilities of the Parties:

   1.1. Central Valley Salinity Coalition (CVSC)

CVSC commits to do all of the following:

1. Prepare and maintain the governance documents as Standing Rules for CV-SALTS committee membership, powers and terms of office. In cooperation with the CV-SALTS Executive Committee, CVSC may adopt or change the Standing Rules for the CV-SALTS Executive Committee from time to time. Adoption of or changes to the Standing Rules for the Executive Committee shall be by vote of the CVSC Board of Directors and
require the approval of the CV-SALTS Executive Committee. Adoption of or changes to
the Standing Rules for all committees, other than the Executive Committee, shall be
made by the CV-SALTS Executive Committee in cooperation with and documented by
CVSC. CVSC shall update the Standing Rules and inform the other Parties of any such
changes within 10 days after the last required approval.

2. Coordinate committee meetings and other special workshops and meetings as
necessary to carry out the work of CV-SALTS, and maintain a record of actions taken by
the committees.

3. Negotiate, enter into, and administer contracts for performance of work on behalf of the
CV-SALTS Initiative, to the extent the Board of Directors determines that adequate
resources are available to carry out the work.

4. Solicit funding and in-kind contributions to support the CV-SALTS mission and workplan,
including grants, partnerships and member contributions to fund programs and projects
of CVSC and CV-SALTS.

5. Prepare an annual and project budgets for CV-SALTS activities.

6. Establish and maintain a website to provide up-to-date information regarding CV-SALTS.

1.2 Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board)

The Regional Water Board commits to do all of the following:

A. Designate a Board Member to serve as Co-Chair of the CV-SALTS Leadership Group.
B. Actively participate, through Board Members and staff, in the CV-SALTS Initiative and
cooperate in planning, funding, and implementation with CVSC.
C. To the extent consistent with its legal obligations and to the extent feasible, coordinate
all salinity management and regulatory programs within its jurisdiction through the CV-
SALTS initiative.
D. Consider the technical information, monitoring data and other studies generated and
compiled by CV-SALTS in its development of Basin Plan amendments related to salts
and nutrients.

1.3 State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board)

The State Water Board agrees to do all of the following:

A. Designate a Board Member to serve as Co-Chair of the CV-SALTS Leadership Group.
B. Actively participate, through Board Members and staff, in the CV-SALTS Initiative and
cooperate in planning, funding, and implementation with CVSC.
C. To the extent consistent with its legal obligations and to the extent feasible, coordinate
all salinity management and regulatory programs under its jurisdiction that significantly
affect the Central Valley Region through the CV-SALTS initiative.
D. Support CVSC efforts to obtain State and federal funding to further the CV-SALTS
mission.

2. Funding

The Parties will work together and individually to identify additional funding sources, including
but not limited to private and public grants, and will provide all essential information concerning
those funding sources to CVSC. CVSC will be responsible for all applications for additional
funding and will act as administrator for the collection of any such funding for CV-SALTS.