

**SUBJECT:** TRIENNIAL REVIEW FOR THE TULARE LAKE BASIN

**Affected Water Quality Control Plan(s):**  
Tulare Lake

**Agency/organization:** CVRWQCB

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**Committee:** **Economic and Social Impact and Technical Advisory Committees**

**Meeting Date** 19 November 2009

**Action needed:** Input

**Deadline for action:** 1 February 2010 (depends on final date for March board meeting)

**Project Summary:** To meet requirements of Section 303(c) of the Federal Clean Water Act and Section 13240 of the California Water Code, the Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region (Central Valley Water Board) reviews the water quality standards contained in the Water Quality Control Plan for the Tulare Lake Basin (Basin Plan) every three years. This Triennial Review (TR) consists of conducting a public workshop to receive comments on water quality issues in the Basin and preparing a work plan that describes the actions the Central Valley Water Board may take over the next three years to investigate and respond to the issues. Implementation of the work plan depends upon the Central Valley Water Board's program priorities, resources, and other mandates and commitments. Crucial to successful implementation of the actions is adequate support of the Central Valley Water Board's Basin Plan activities.

The issues listed below reflect the water quality issues identified from public comments received during the review period and staff knowledge about issues in the Basin. The Central Valley Water Board does not propose to proceed directly with amendments to the Basin Plan as a result of this Triennial Review. The Triennial Review is the workplan to proceed with investigations to determine the basin planning actions that will address the issues and then to proceed with the basin plan amendment process.

Based on the staff analysis, the following issues have been identified as high priority for the Tulare Lake Basin.

- Beneficial Use Designations
- Wetlands
- Salt and Nitrate Management Plan
- Groundwater Assessment and Control Programs
- State Water Board Collaboration

**Questions for the committee's consideration:**

- Does CV-SALTS have additional issues for the Triennial Review?

**Additional Information:**

Triennial Review – In Progress

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Water Quality Control Plan for the Tulare Lake Basin

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