

November 20, 2011 DRAFT

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Re: Salt and Nutrient Management Projects and Coordination for State Water Quality Control Board Recycled Water Policy

Dear «Salutation» «Last_»,

Last year we provided information on CV-SALTS to all Regional Water Management Group Members for each of the IRWM Planning Region's within the Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region. Under the State Water Quality Control Board Recycled Water Policy all regions are required to complete a Salt and Nutrient Management Plan. Within the Central Valley, CV-SALTS is the coordinated planning effort being utilized to comply with the Recycled Water Policy and develop a Salt and Nutrient Management Plan for the Central Valley Region.

We understand that many of the IRWM Groups are currently receiving planning awards from the Department of Water Resources and we wanted to contact you again to ensure you were aware the CV-SALTS Initiative, brochure attached. It is critical that there is coordination between IRWM regions and CV-SALTS to enhance consistent planning, demonstrate interregional coordination, and be sure that your IRWMP's efforts on salt and nutrients are a part of the Central Valley Salt and Nutrient Management Plan.

Many IRWM regions are currently or will soon be identifying water related projects for your IRWM plans. In order to develop a comprehensive list of salinity and nutrient management projects for surface or groundwater within the Central Valley Region we are requesting the attached information sheet be completed and returned. But you can also submit similar information in any format you use for your IRWM projects. This will allow CV-SALTS to include these projects in their planning for the region. Projects in these areas will be incorporated into the program CV-SALTS works to identify for funding. We hope to identify projects in many IRWM regions. CV-SALTS will also be compiling project information from other groups and interests; if we become aware of projects in your IRWM region we will forward these projects and contacts to you.

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board will be expecting your IRWM plans to incorporate efforts related to salt and nutrient management. The Department of Water Resources Final IRWM Plan Guidelines require all Resource Management Strategies be considered in your IRWM Planning, which includes salinity management.. CV-SALTS is currently drafting guidelines for prioritizing areas and data needs for regional salt and nitrate evaluations that is anticipated in early 2012. We encourage you to participate in the development of these guidelines and use them during your IRWM planning.

If you would like CV-SALTS to meet with your IRWM group, need assistance in incorporating salt and nutrient management planning into your IRWM Plan or wish to participate more closely with CV-SALTS do not hesitate to contact Daniel Cozad (888) 826-3635.

Thank you for your efforts to integrate your region's water related needs and we look forward to working with you in the future.

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