

*Letter to Stakeholders for Involvement in CV-SALTS and Ag Water Body Effort*

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REQUEST FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION IN POLICY DISCUSSIONS ADDRESSING:

1. DEVELOPMENT OF MASTER SALT AND NITRATE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE CENTRAL VALLEY OF CALIFORNIA; AND
2. APPROPRIATE BENEFICIAL USE DESIGNATION/PROTECTION OF AGRICULTURALLY DOMINATED WATER BODIES

The stakeholder driven Central Valley Salinity Alternatives for Long-Term Sustainability (CV-SALTS) initiative has approved an updated strategy, framework and workplan for developing a Central Valley-wide salt and nitrate management plan. The workplan includes development of: policy recommendations for consideration as potential Basin Plan Amendments which may impact future regulatory actions; completion of area specific studies to serve as templates in other regions of the Central Valley; and a number of technical studies. The documents are available at: **\*\*\*web address\*\*\***.

The policy discussions address several priority issues identified by stakeholders such as appropriate compliance points, reasonable protection for agricultural supply and municipal/domestic beneficial uses, and facilitating implementation alternatives that provide immediate relief and long-term water quality improvements. A schedule of the policy discussions is attached (Table 1).

One of the archetype studies is an evaluation of appropriate beneficial uses for agriculturally dominated water bodies, with an initial focus on reasonable protection of municipal and domestic supply. Central Valley Water Board staff is leading the study as part of the agency's triennial review workplan. The study is building off of work conducted by the Agricultural Water Task Force (AgWTF) in 1995. The AgWTF was a stakeholder group convened by the State Water Resources Control Board to recommend statewide policy on appropriate protection of agriculturally dominated water bodies. Copies of the documents can be found at: **\*\*\*web address\*\*\***. Your agency either participated in the 1995 effort per the stakeholder summary attached (Table 2) and/or is considered a valuable addition to the current effort.

Both CV-SALTS and the Central Valley Water Board request your participation in these discussions to insure that your insight and perspectives are considered in developing final recommendations.

To be included in the CV-SALTS policy discussions, please contact: Daniel Cozad, [dcozad@cvsalinity.org](mailto:dcozad@cvsalinity.org)

To be included in the Ag Dominated Water Body discussions, please contact Anne Littlejohn at ###.