

November 20, 2011 DRAFT

«IRWM_Region» IRWM
«First» «Last_», «Title»
«Agency»
«Address»
«City_State_Zip»

Re: Salt and Nutrient Projects Funding and Coordination for Recycled Water Policy

Dear «Salutation» «Last_»,

Last year we provided information on CV-SALTS to all Regional Water Management Group Member for each IRWM Planning Region's Region within the Central Valley Regional Board Area. Because many of the IRWM Groups are currently receiving planning awards from DWR we wanted to contact you again to ensure you were aware the CV-SALTS Initiative was here to assist your efforts. It is critical that there is coordination between IRWM regions and CV-SALTS allow consistent planning, demonstrate interregional coordination and be sure we include your effects on salt and nutrients in the Central Valley Salt and Nutrient Management Plan.

Many IRWM regions are currently or will soon be identifying water related project for your IRWM plans. Please identify project that you may be aware of which address salinity or nutrient issues in surface or groundwater. CV-SALTS is opening the call for projects beginning in December 2011. This will allow CV-SALTS to include these projects in their planning for the region. A project information sheet is attached to this letter, but you may submit similar information in any format you use for your IRWM project. 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. As we will be soliciting projects from other groups and interests, if we become aware of projects in your IRWM region we will forward these projects and contacts to you.

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 provide consistency when updating Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan) requirements for salt and nutrients. Draft guidelines for prioritizing areas and data needs for regional salt and nitrate evaluations are anticipated early in 2012. We encourage you to participate in the development of these guidelines and use them during your planning.

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 Plan Guidelines require all Resource Management Strategies, including salinity management, to be considered in IRWM planning. If you need help developing a scope for your workplan as part of the planning grant 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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CV-SALTS Salinity and Nutrient Project Information Form

Project Name: _____

Project Lead or Applicant: _____

Address of Applicant: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Describe Salinity or Nutrient Issues or Problem

Brief scope or purpose of the Project

Project start date and Duration: _____

What if anything is preventing the project from starting?

Project Budget: _____

Funding Currently Available: _____

Funding Needed: _____

Date CEQA or Environmental Work completed: _____

Which IRWM Region is the Project located in: _____

Has this project been prioritized in that region? _____

Has funding been allocated to this Project? _____