

CV-SALTS Policy for Recycled Water Policy Planning or Study Areas

Background

The CV-SALTS policy issues discussion and determination process developed and approved the policy and process to work with SNMP planning areas indicated below in late 2009 and 2010. This process as modified is to be used for studies, work plans, and other regulatory requests for review by CV-SALTS or its committees. This process is needed because any effective SNMP must be aware of similar planning being done in the basin. The contribution to the costs of review and preparation of comments are needed because these costs are not insignificant and would otherwise reduce effectiveness of CV-SALTS.

Policy

The CV-SALTS Initiative is the program and identified process the Regional Board has approved for the development of recycled water policy Salt and Nitrate Management Plans (SNMP). Proponents of any recycled water project for which a SNMP or related study or assessment is beneficial shall work through CV-SALTS (Resolution R5-2010-24). For proponent or stakeholder groups working on projects these programs will be integrated and supported in the following steps:

1. Regional Board will refer the proponents to the CV-SALTS Process (Resolution R5-2010-24)¹
2. SNMP proponents or related study/assessment groups will work as active participants in CV-SALTS Initiative and financially participate in the Central Valley Salinity Coalition to support costs for the overall program and for the project to gain the benefits afforded in the eventual basin plan amendments.
3. SNMP proponents will propose the area of benefit or impact, where they will be the responsible entity. They will provide a work plan and timetable for the data and planning they are preparing to undertake and will incorporate issues and requirements provided by CV-SALTS in order to integrate their plan into the Basin plan amendment for the Region. The workplan will be reviewed approved by CV-SALTS with participation from the Regional Board.
4. SNMP proponents or related study/assessment groups who have their SNMP or other plan included in the Regional SNMP will be responsible for the cost of all items that are not included in the approved CV-SALTS Work Plan.
5. SNMP proponents will provide regular updates of data and progress the appropriate CV-SALTS committee.
6. A preliminary or draft report will be presented to the appropriate CV-SALTS Committee and include the required information to be integrated into the regional basin plan amendment.
7. SNMP proponents will be responsible to implement such projects as required by the timeline in the implementation plan of the basin plan amendment
8. CV-SALTS makes the commitment to integrate the SNMP proponents projects and plans, where they comply with this policy, into the final Salt and Nitrate Management Plan and incorporate it into the resulting Basin Plan Amendment, if all requirements and deadlines are met.

¹ http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/adopted_orders/resolutions/r5-2010-0024.pdf