

February 26, 2009

Tam M. Doduc, Chair,  
and Members  
State Water Resources Control Board  
1001 I Street, 25<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Sacramento, California 95814

**SUBJECT: FUNDING FOR CENTRAL VALLEY SALINITY PROJECT—SUPPORT  
BOARD MEETING OF MARCH 17, 2009**

Dear Chair Doduc:

The Central Valley Salinity Coalition (CVSC) strongly supports the proposed funding for the development of a salinity and nutrient management plan for the Central Valley over the next three years. CVSC is a nonprofit organization formed to provide a vehicle for a stakeholder-led effort to implement an ambitious work plan designed to culminate in the adoption of a comprehensive salinity and nutrient management plan. CVSC is committed to assist in matching the funding provided by the State Water Board to complete the project.

The Central Valley Salinity Policy Group Executive Committee at its February 2, 2009 meeting approved the Salinity and Nitrate Objective and Beneficial Use Study Project. This joint Regional Water Board-Stakeholder project is being proposed for funding from the Cleanup and Abatement Account.

The Salinity and Nitrate Objective and Beneficial Use Study Project will provide foundational work including gathering data and supporting establishment of beneficial uses and preliminary objectives acceptable for protection of beneficial uses for salinity and nitrates in the basins of the Central Valley. The project will leverage funding and data from studied areas to assist in establishment of uses and objectives throughout the region, including areas which have only limited data. In light of the significant benefits to manage and control salinity, CVSC supports the proposed funding.

We understand that this item is currently on the Uncontested Calendar, and while we will have representatives present at the March 17, 2009 hearing, we wish to be clear that we are not requesting the Board take testimony on this item unless the Board Members have questions. We appreciate your consideration of this proposal and the State Water Board's financial assistance in reducing the adverse water quality and economic impact of millions of tons of salt accumulating in the Central Valley.

  
Daniel B. Cozad  
Central Valley Salinity Coalition Inc.

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CC Charles R. Hoppin, Member, State Water Quality Control Board  
Francis Spivy-Webber, Member, State Water Quality Control Board  
Arthur G. Baggett, Member, State Water Quality Control Board  
Dorothy C. Rice, Executive Director, State Water Quality Control Board

Pamela Creedon Executive Officer, Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Karl Longley, Chair, Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

April 8, 2010

Parry Klassen  
Coalition for Urban Rural Environmental Stewardship

RE: Sacramento-San Joaquin Bay Delta Water Quality Cooperative Agreements Grant Program

Mr. Klassen:

The Central Valley Salinity Coalition (CVSC) for itself and on behalf of the CV-SALTS Initiative stakeholders strongly supports the San Joaquin Regional Monitoring Program proposal to the Environmental Protection Agency. CV-SALTS is a focused effort by stakeholders from local communities, industry, water supply, water quality and the environmental community to implement an ambitious work plan designed to culminate with the adoption of a comprehensive salinity and nutrient management plan by 2013. CVSC is the nonprofit organization formed to provide a vehicle for the stakeholder-led efforts to develop the science and policy needed for this plan for the entire Central Valley.

The program you propose to coordinate stakeholder communication is needed to assist many of the programs like CV-SALTS that address water quality in the Central Valley. As we discussed the project with the CV-SALTS stakeholders, we believe the identification of common needs, goals and parameters for a Regional Monitoring Program will support our upcoming efforts. We look forward to continuing to work with CURES to support this valuable project where it is aligned with salt and nutrients water quality monitoring. This project could improve the efficiency and usefulness of monitoring for several critical programs supporting CV-SALTS.

We appreciate your consideration of the CURES proposal and its assistance in helping reduce the adverse water quality and economic impact of millions of tons of salt accumulating in the Central Valley.

Sincerely,



Daniel B. Cozad  
Executive Director  
Central Valley Salinity Coalition Inc.

April 11, 2010

Thomas Jabusch  
Aquatic Science Center  
San Francisco Estuary Institute

RE: Data Management and Assessment in the San Joaquin River Basin: Establishing a Centralized Information Management System (IMS)

Mr. Jabusch:

The Central Valley Salinity Coalition (CVSC) for itself and on behalf of the CV-SALTS Initiative stakeholders strongly supports the Data Management and Assessment in the San Joaquin River Basin: Establishing a Centralized Information Management System (IMS) proposal to the Environmental Protection Agency. CV-SALTS is a focused effort by stakeholders from local communities, industry, water supply, water quality and the environmental community to implement an ambitious work plan designed to culminate with the adoption of a comprehensive salinity and nutrient management plan by 2013. CVSC is the nonprofit organization formed to provide a vehicle for the stakeholder-led efforts to develop the science and policy needed for this plan for the entire Central Valley.

The program you propose to centralize ambient surface water quality data management for monitoring efforts within the basin, important for many efforts including the CV-SALTS needs additionally it is important to improve coordination between monitoring efforts. We look forward to continuing to work with SFEI to support this project where it is aligned with salt and nutrients water quality monitoring. We believe this project could improve the efficiency and usefulness of monitoring for several critical programs supporting CV-SALTS.

We appreciate your consideration of the SFEI proposal and its assistance in helping manage data in the Central Valley.

Sincerely,



Daniel B. Cozad  
Executive Director  
Central Valley Salinity Coalition Inc.

October 12, 2011

Dr. William D. Collins  
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Earth Sciences Division  
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Dear Dr. Collins:

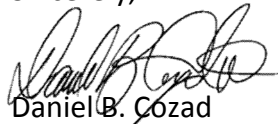
On behalf of the Central Valley Salinity Coalition and CV-SALTS, I am very pleased to provide this letter of intent to collaborate with the proposal that is being submitted from Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory in response to the NSF 11-551 Water Sustainability and Climate (WSC) solicitation entitled: **“Advancing integrated physical, environmental and socioeconomic assessment of a river basin impacted by climate, salinity and renewable energy development”**.

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Should this proposal be funded, we look forward to working with the research team to meet the model integration objectives described in the proposal especially as they relate to future salinity management in the San Joaquin Basin.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director  
Central Valley Salinity Coalition, CV-SALTS