

## **DRAFT EMAIL TO SEND TO COLLEAGUES RE: CV-SALTS SNMP**

Colleagues/members (*or whatever is the best word to use for your associates*):

I am pleased to share with you today an important step toward supporting a thriving economic future for the Central Valley. After nearly a decade of collaboration among stakeholders, regulators and those being regulated, CV-SALTS (Central Valley Salinity Alternatives for Long-Term Sustainability) has finalized the *Central Valley Salt and Nitrate Management Plan* (SNMP). CV-SALTS originated in 2006 to address, from a new perspective, the elephant in the room—the historic and ongoing accumulations of salts and nitrates and their impacts. If left unaddressed, salts and nitrates will erode our economic sustainability, our water quality, and ultimately our livelihoods.

In the simplest of terms, the SNMP, based on in-depth technical and scientific studies, is a roadmap that will lead to improved water quality in areas that are now impacted by nitrates and to a more flexible and localized decision making process for addressing nitrate and salt accumulations. The SNMP regulatory policy changes will allow greater flexibility for farmers, dairies, industries, and other dischargers to work together or independently on local solutions to salt, nitrate, and groundwater quality problems, with oversight by the Central Valley Water Board. The SNMP is available for review [here](#). Also, for your convenience, you can access a short description of the SNMP [here](#) and CV-SALTS [here](#).

Before the new, more flexible recommended regulations can be implemented, they must be incorporated into Central Valley Water Board Basin Plans through an amendment process. Over the next year, during the amendment process, I encourage you to get involved to ensure that new regulatory policies help all of us solve this complex problem. The Central Valley Water Board is accepting written comments on the SNMP and [Basin Plan amendment process](#) before February 21. Additionally, a Public Hearing is set for March 9, 2017. You can learn more about the hearing [here](#). [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board\\_info/meetings/1703\\_cvsalts\\_noph.pdf](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/1703_cvsalts_noph.pdf)

CV-SALTS participants welcome your questions and thoughts at any time [here](#). <http://www.cvsalinity.org/index.php/contact-us.html>

Feel free to call me if I can provide any additional information or answer questions.

Sincerely,