

Central Valley Salinity Coalition/CV-SALTS

Workshop Development Plan

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Overview

With the Basin Plan amendment process moving forward, the CV-SALTS Public Education and Outreach Committee recommended that a workshop be developed aimed at informing regulated dischargers about the necessary steps to implement the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board) new nitrate and salt regulations.

Timing

The Regional Board will consider approval of the recommended basin plan amendments May 31/June 1, 2018, followed by State Water Board consideration of the basin plan amendments in 3 to 6 months (August to December), followed by Office of Administrative Law (OAL) consideration of approval by January 2019.

Once approved by all three entities, the Regional Board would mail a Notice to Comply to dischargers in the six high priority basins **within one year of OAL approval**. The high priority areas include the Kaweah, Turlock, Chowchilla, Tule, Modesto, and Kings basins and subbasins.

Commented [GU1]: Daniel: is this the correct timing?

Two workshops are envisioned to encompass the six areas. One workshop would be held in the Visalia/Tulare area covering the Kaweah, Tule, and basins and subbasins. Another workshop could be held in the Turlock/Chowchilla/Modesto area to cover the Turlock, Chowchilla, Modesto basins and subbasins.

Workshop Goals

The workshops would provide:

- Overview of the nitrate problem and regulatory goals and priorities.
- Concise overview of the two pathways for nitrate compliance under the new regulations.
- Information about grant funding opportunities for the formation of Management Zones.
- Information about the steps that are required under each compliance choice.
- Resources for forming Management Zones.

Workshop Audiences

Invited participants would include regulated permittees across all industries:

- Irrigated agriculture
- Dairies
- Publicly operated wastewater treatment systems
- Oil and gas
- Food processors

Other participants could include:

- GSAs
- Drinking water providers
- County public health departments

Workshop Structure

The workshops would be planned to include both presentations from the CV-SALTS regulatory leaders and specialists and breakout sessions on key topics and local problem solving.

Planning Timeline

April/May 2018 – Conference call with key players (Daniel, Tess, Tim Moore, Parry, JP, Nicole, David Cory) to establish workshop goals, structure, and agenda. Work with Regional Board staff and leaders in priority areas to develop notification and invitation process, set preferred dates and locations. Establish budget and funding for the workshops.

By End of May 2018 – Confirm dates and locations, determine and confirm presenters and breakout session leaders.

June-September 2018 – Prepare workshop presentation outlines, slide sets/videos, materials. Develop invitation list. Develop workshop documentation/video plan.

October 2018 – Invite participants.

November 2018 – Reminder to participants.

November 2018 – Hold the two workshops in early November prior to the Holidays.