

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 (PEOC) 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 schedule for Basin Plan Amendments is as follows (subject to change):

- State Water Board action: March 2019.
- Office of Administrative Law (OAL): June 2019
- Groundwater actions begin: June 2019
- US EPA action (surface waters): September 2019
- Full implementation expected: December 2019

Once approved, the Regional Board would mail notifications to dischargers in the six high priority basins and subbasins that include Kaweah, Turlock, Chowchilla, Tule, Modesto, and Kings.

Two workshops are envisioned to encompass the six high priority areas to provide a preview of what is coming in the future. 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 and timing 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:

- Groundwater sustainability Agencies
- Municipalities and drinking water providers
- County public health departments
- Environmental justice advocates

Workshop Structure

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

Planning Timeline

July 2018 – Planning conference calls with key players (including Daniel Cozad, Parry Klassen, J.P. Cativiela, Nicole Bell, David Cory, and any others identified as essential) to establish workshop goals, structure, and agenda.

July-August 2018 – Work with Regional Board staff and leaders in priority areas to develop notification and invitation process, set preferred dates and locations. Identify speakers, presenters, and breakout leaders. Establish budget and funding for the workshops. Confirm dates and locations.

August/September 2018 – prepare workshop presentation outlines, slide sets/videos, and other materials. Develop invitation list. Develop workshop documentation/video plan.

September 2018 – Save the Date to participants.

October 2018 – invite participants.

November 2018 – workshops.