

June 13, 2019 - CV-SALTS updates

1. We have produced a short video that explains the upcoming CV-SALTS Nitrate Control Program. Please feel free to share it with your colleagues and constituents, and add to your organization's website. The video is accessible from the upper left corner on this page, it is titled Nitrates in the Groundwater: The Issue <https://www.cvsalinity.org/docs/videos.html>
2. The State Water Resources Control Board is hosting a public workshop on Tuesday, July 2, 2019 (link to the notice: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/calendar/docs/notice_cvsalt.pdf) to discuss the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) Amendments to the Sacramento and San Joaquin Basin Plan and the Tulare Lake Basin Plan to incorporate a Central Valley-wide Salt and Nitrate Control Program (Salt and Nitrate Control Program). The Salt and Nitrate Control Program provides a framework for the Central Valley Water Board to regulate salt and nitrate while also ensuring that groundwater users whose wells are impacted with nitrates are provided safe drinking water. The Central Valley Water Board approved the referenced Amendments in May 2018, and the State Board must approve them before they can be implemented. We will inform you when the State Water Board sets their meeting date to consider approval of the Amendments.
3. The two pilot management zones studies (Alta Irrigation District Area Management Zone and Turlock Management Zone) are moving forward with the identification of zone boundaries and steering committee members. We will update you more on these as they move forward.
4. We are in the process now of updating www.cvsalinity.org to make the necessary information about the upcoming new regulations for salts and nitrates easier to find. Regulated entities will be able to go directly to cvsalts.info to find what they need. We will let you know when the website work is completed.

If you have any questions, please contact Mary Currie at mary@catalystgroupca.com

Best,
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