

Lower San Joaquin River Committee



LOWER SAN JOAQUIN RIVER COMMITTEE INVITATION TO STAKEHOLDERS

You are receiving this notice as you have previously expressed interest in activities in the Lower San Joaquin River Basin that may influence future water management and water quality regulation in the basin. This notice is to inform you about the efforts of the Lower San Joaquin River (LSJR) Committee of CV-SALTS and to invite you to participate if you feel these efforts may affect you or those you represent.

The LSJR Committee of CV-SALTS is a stakeholder effort to develop site-specific water quality objectives for salinity and boron in the Lower San Joaquin River between the Merced and Stanislaus River inflows. The committee recommendations will form the basis for an amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River Basins (Basin Plan). CV-SALTS is a broad-based stakeholder effort that is developing salt and nutrient management plans for the entire Central Valley.

The LSJR Committee consists of stakeholders in the basin and downstream and has been meeting periodically for almost two years to educate themselves on the salinity issue, beneficial uses being made of the river, water quality needs and other factors that impact salinity in the LSJR. The LSJR Committee has now developed a workplan for completing the basin plan amendment process and is beginning to implement that workplan. **A brief summary of the workplan is included with this notice.**

Groups and individuals interested in the salt and boron impairment in the Lower San Joaquin River are encouraged to join the LSJR Committee stakeholders as they move through the workplan to develop the proposed Basin Plan Amendment. The work of the LSJR Committee may be of particular significance to agricultural interests, water districts, governmental officials, environmental groups, or others with interest in or responsibility for agricultural drainage, agencies and organizations overseeing storm water management, wastewater treatment and disposal, water diversions, or management of flow in the San Joaquin River and its tributaries.

There are two ways to participate. For those interested in staying informed about the committee's work and review the committee's proposed amendments, you can sign up at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/reg5_subscribe.shtml by checking the box entitled "San Joaquin River Salt and Boron". By doing this you will receive periodic updates and locations of documents that are being reviewed or prepared by the LSJR Committee.

If you would like to be more directly involved and participate in the deliberations of the LSJR Committee, please contact the Committee Chair and list the stakeholders you would represent and confirm your commitment to attend committee meetings and review committee work products.

If you have any questions, please contact Michael Johnson, LSJR Committee Chair at 530-7586-5200 or by e-mail at mjohnson@mlj-llc.com.

Sincerely,

Michael Johnson
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