

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
BOARD MEETING SESSION – DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY
DECEMBER 1, 2009**

ITEM 3

SUBJECT

CONSIDERATION OF A PROPOSED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO SIGN A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE CENTRAL VALLEY REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD AND THE CENTRAL VALLEY SALINITY COALITION

DISCUSSION

In January 2006 the State Water Board and the Central Valley Water Board held a joint workshop to receive information on salinity in the Central Valley. As an outcome of this meeting the Central Valley Water Board launched the Central Valley Salinity Alternatives for Long-Term Sustainability (CV-SALTS) initiative to develop a salinity management plan. The CV-SALTS initiative is based on a stakeholder driven process and to further assist with this, in July 2008 the Central Valley Salinity Coalition (CVSC) was formed. The CVSC is a non-profit member organization that works in partnership with the Water Boards to organize, facilitate, and collect funding for efforts needed to complete the CV-SALTS work and efficiently manage salinity in the Central Valley.

A Memorandum of Agreement has been prepared by the staffs of the State Water Board, the Central Valley Water Board, and the CVSC to memorialize understandings regarding the representation and governance of CV-SALTS; coordination of salinity management, regulatory and planning efforts in and affecting the Central Valley Region; and funding for CV-SALTS projects.

POLICY ISSUE

Should the State Water Board authorize the Executive Director to Sign the Memorandum of Agreement between the State Water Board, the Central Valley Water Board, and the CVSC.

FISCAL IMPACT

This item does not approve any additional funding, but does indicate support for the Central Valley Water Board's efforts. The State Water Board allocated \$1.2 million from the Cleanup and Abatement Account per [Resolution No. 2009-0023](#) to the Central Valley Water Board for its efforts in developing a salinity and nutrient management plan for the Central Valley. Resolution No. 2009-0023 also required the Central Valley Water Board to report on its progress and requires additional CAA funding requests for subsequent phases of the project be submitted along with a demonstration of sufficient progress in implementing the project.

REGIONAL BOARD IMPACT

Yes, the Central Valley Water Board.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The State Water Board should authorize the Executive Director to sign the Memorandum of Agreement between the State Water Board, the Central Valley Water Board, and the CVSC.

State Water Board action on this item will assist the Water Boards in reaching Goal 1 of the Strategic Plan Update: 2008-2012, to fully support the beneficial uses for all 2006-listed water bodies by 2030. In particular, approval of this item will assist in fulfilling Objective 1.3 to take appropriate enforcement actions and innovative approaches as needed to protect and restore all surface waters.

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STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 2009-

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO SIGN A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE CENTRAL VALLEY REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD (CENTRAL VALLEY WATER BOARD) AND THE CENTRAL VALLEY SALINITY COALITION

WHEREAS:

1. On January 31, 2006 the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) and the Central Valley Water Board held a joint workshop to receive information on salinity in the Central Valley.
2. The Central Valley Water Board has initiated the Central Valley Salinity Alternatives for Long-Term Sustainability (CV-SALTS) initiative to develop a salinity management plan for the Central Valley.
3. In July of 2008 the Central Valley Salinity Coalition was formed as a non-profit member organization that works in partnership with the Water Boards to organize, facilitate, and collect funding for efforts needed to complete the CV-SALTS work and efficiently manage salinity in the Central Valley.
4. A Memorandum of Agreement has been prepared by the staffs of the State Water Board, the Central Valley Water Board, and the CVSC to memorialize understandings regarding the representation and governance of CV-SALTS; coordination of salinity management, regulatory and planning efforts in and affecting the Central Valley Region; and funding for CV-SALTS projects.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board authorizes the Executive Director to sign the [Memorandum of Agreement](#) between the State Water Board, the Central Valley Water Board, and the CVSC.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned Clerk to the Board does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the State Water Resources Control Board held on December 1, 2009.

Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board