

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
BOARD MEETING SESSION – DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY
MARCH 5, 2013**

ITEM 4

SUBJECT

INFORMATIONAL ITEM: UPDATE ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF SALT/NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLANS

DISCUSSION

The Recycled Water Policy was adopted by the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) on February 3, 2009. This policy states that the State Water Board recognizes that, pursuant to the letter dated December 19, 2008, and attached to the Resolution adopting this policy, the local water and wastewater entities, together with local salt/nutrient contributing stakeholders, will fund locally driven and controlled, collaborative processes open to all stakeholders that will prepare salt and nutrient management plans (SNMPs) for each basin/sub-basin in California, including compliance with CEQA and participation by the Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board). These SNMPs are due to the appropriate Regional Water Board by May 14, 2014. SNMPs are to include goals for water recycling and storm water recharge, monitoring plans, salt/nutrient source identification, implementation measures, and antidegradation analyses. Regional Water Boards are currently working with stakeholder groups who are preparing the SNMPs. Within one year of receipt of a SNMP, the Recycled Water Policy requires the Regional Water Boards to consider for adoption revised implementation plans based on the submitted SNMPs as amendments to their Basin Plans. During this informational item, the State Water Board will receive an update on the status of SNMP development in each region.

POLICY ISSUE

None. This is an informational item.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

REGIONAL BOARD IMPACT

None

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

None. This is an informational item.

State Water Board action on this item will assist the Water Boards in reaching Goals 2 and 4 of the Strategic Plan Update: improve and protect groundwater quality in high-use basins by 2030; and comprehensively address water quality protection and restoration, and the relationship between water supply and water quality, and describe the connections between water quality, water quantity, and climate change, throughout California's water planning processes. In particular, this item will assist in fulfilling Action 2.1.2 to encourage local entities to initiate the development of regional groundwater management strategies.