



Central Valley Salinity Coalition Inc.

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**SUBJECT:** Selenium Control Program Basin Plan Amendment Support

The Central Valley Salinity Coalition (CVSC) supports the adoption of the proposed amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Sacramento and San Joaquin River Basins (Basin Plan) to modify the compliance time schedule for the discharge of selenium-laden drainage water to Mud Slough (north), a tributary to the San Joaquin River from the Grasslands sub-basin. Efforts thus far by the Drainage Authority and the Grassland Area Farmers (GAF) have significantly improved water quality in the San Joaquin River for both selenium and salinity. The economic downturn and the cutbacks in water supplies available to the Westside unfortunately have delayed the completion of the drainage reduction plans for selenium and it is reasonable to extend the compliance period to allow this to occur.

Any future efforts to reduce selenium discharges are likely to also improve salinity conditions in the river. We would expect that the Drainage Authority and the GAF will continue to work closely with the CV-SALTS program as well as others in the basin as we all attempt to develop a long-term salinity management plan for the San Joaquin River. Their input and efforts in this program are critical to making progress toward developing a salinity management plan.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on this proposed amendment and if you have any questions regarding our comments, please contact me (909) 793-8498.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Daniel B. Cozad', is written over a faint, larger version of the same signature.

Daniel B. Cozad

Executive Director

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