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## Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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U.S. BUREAU OF RECLAMATION 2014 MAA WORK PRODUCT  
FY2016 ANNUAL WORK PLAN: OCTOBER 1, 2015 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

Thank you for the revised Management Agency Agreement (MAA) *Annual Work Plan, FY2016* documenting salt management activities in the Lower San Joaquin River Basin that incorporated earlier comments by my staff. The purpose of this letter is to accept the revised Annual Work Plan, which has been reviewed by the public and received no additional comments. Although the work plan has been accepted, I am also requesting an addendum that provides additional clarity on how the proposed activities support the Lower San Joaquin River (LSJR) Basin Real Time Management Program actions being implemented by LSJR stakeholders.

The Management Agency Agreement between our two agencies that was updated in December 2014, specifies that the primary purpose of the Annual Work Plan is to identify specific activities that Reclamation will implement during the coming federal fiscal year (October 2015 through September 2016) to manage and mitigate salinity impacts to the LSJR Basin. The Annual Work Plans are to propose activities in support of the Real Time Management Program (RTMP) approved by the Central Valley Water Board on 4 December 2014. The RTMP implementation actions and schedule are detailed in the Salinity Real-Time Management Program Framework (Framework document). The Framework document describes four Phases for implementation and development of the RTMP on the LSJR. Phase 1, the initiation phase, was completed at the end of March 2015, Phase 2, the development phase, is to be completed by the end of March 2016, and Phase 3, the early implementation phase, by the end of March 2018. Therefore, the Annual Work Plan for federal fiscal year 2016 should support activities to complete Phase 2 and begin Phase 3 of the RTMP.

The purpose of the Annual Work Plan addendum I am requesting is to clarify how activities described in the Annual Work Plan support each of the Framework document's Phase 2 and Phase 3 actions. The addendum will also aid staff of both agencies by providing clear milestones that can be utilized to evaluate success during implementation of the Annual Work Plan and the Framework document. Please submit the addendum to Central Valley Water Board staff by 30 October 2015.

I look forward to working with you on this important project. Please contact Jim Brownell of my staff at (916) 464-4675 or at [jbrownell@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:jbrownell@waterboards.ca.gov) if you have any questions.

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