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TRANSMITTAL OF NOTICE OF DECISION AND CERTIFICATE OF FEE EXEMPTION FOR BASIN PLAN AMENDMENTS FOR THE CONTROL OF SALT AND BORON DISCHARGES INTO THE LOWER SAN JOAQUIN RIVER

The Office of Administrative Law has recently approved the above-referenced amendments to the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) Water Quality Control Plan for the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River Basins (Basin Plan). The purpose of these amendments is to establish a control program for salt and boron discharges into the lower San Joaquin River from the Mendota Dam to the Airport Way Bridge near Vernalis (map attached). These amendments are based on information contained in a Central Valley Water Board report.

The Water Quality Control Planning Program of the State Water Resources Control Board and the Regional Water Quality Control Boards has been certified as meeting the requirements under section 21080.5 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Completion of the CEQA review process for the environmental documents prepared for Basin Plan amendments requires filing of a "Notice of Decision" and a Certificate of Fee Exemption with the Secretary for Resources. Enclosed are (1) a map of the lower San Joaquin River watershed, (2) the Notice of Decision, (3) the Certificate of Fee Exemption/De Minimis Impact Finding, (4) Central Valley Water Board Resolution No. R5-2004-0108, and (5) the CEQA environmental checklist from the Basin Plan amendment staff report.

The Basin Plan amendments were adopted by the Central Valley Water Board on 10 September 2004 in Resolution No. R5-2004-0108. The State Water Resources Control Board approved the amendments on 16 November 2005 in Resolution No. 2005-0087. The California Office of Administrative Law approved the amendments on 21 July 2006.

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Should you have any questions regarding these amendments, please contact Matthew McCarthy at (916) 464-4658 or mmccarthy@waterboards.ca.gov.

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Enclosures: Lower San Joaquin River Map
Notice of Decision
Certificate of Fee Exemption/De Minimis Impact Finding
Central Valley Water Board Resolution No. R5-2004-0108
CEQA Environmental Checklist

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