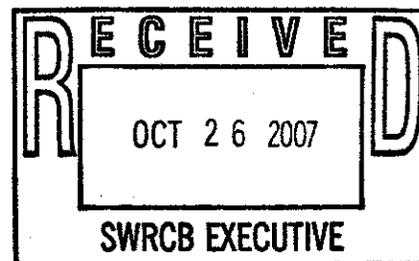


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Water Recycling Policy
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Resolution

3: in the second sentence, add urine as a nutrient source 'properly use manure, urine, or organic by-products as a plant nutrient source'. Does nutrient management also cover fertilizer application?

5: Does this mean that all onsite wastewater management systems, where effluent must be dispersed onsite, are exempt from the regulations, even where there is discharge of salts, etc. Many onsite wastewater systems utilize subsurface drip irrigation for effluent dispersal.

7d: Limiting TDS (and other constituents) based on concentration may inhibit water conservation efforts; why not use a mass loading approach?

Will the proposed salt limits be sufficient to keep salt concentrations in groundwater and soil from increasing? What needs to be done to not only protect, but also improve the quality of our source water?

Will the policy encourage water storage in aquifers (instead of surface discharge) to provide for future water supply.

Should our long term goal not be that (1) all water used for [agricultural and landscape] irrigation (and other non-potable uses?) in water short regions be reclaimed water, (2) all water drawn from aquifers is replaced at equal or better quality, and (3) nutrients are recycled back to agricultural systems when feasible

Suggest including term 'source control' when referring to need to reduce salts in reclaimed water