



# Central Valley Salinity Alternatives for Long-Term Sustainability (CV-SALTS) Program Fact Sheet

Fiscal Year (FY) 19/20

## Overview of the CV-SALTS Program

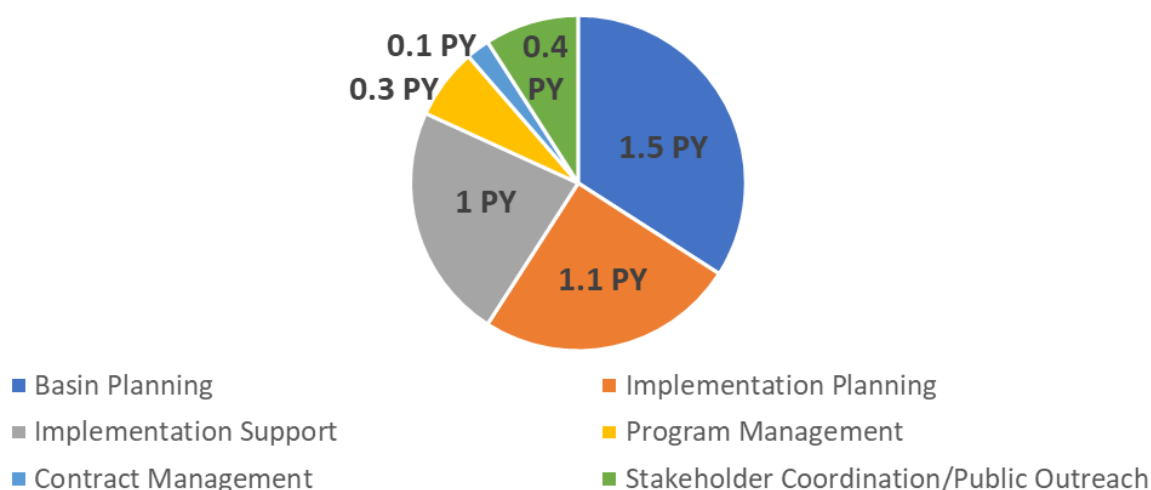
The CV-SALTS initiative is a stakeholder-driven effort tasked with developing and implementing an environmentally and economically sustainable regulatory framework to address the legacy and ongoing salt and nitrate accumulation that threatens the region’s water supplies. Their recommendations served as the foundation of a Central Valley-wide Salt and Nitrate Control Program (SNCP) Basin Plan Amendment (BPA), which was adopted by the Central Valley Water Board in 2018 and is currently moving through the subsequent approval process (State Water Board, Office of Administrative Law, and United States Environmental Protection Agency or US EPA) with an anticipated final approval in 2020.

## Program Goals

The Central Valley SNCP addresses ongoing and legacy salt and nitrate accumulation that impacts beneficial uses. The general goals of the SNCP are: 1) Ensure a safe drinking water supply; 2) Achieve balanced salt and nitrate loadings, and; 3) Implement managed aquifer restoration where reasonable, feasible and practicable.

## Resources

CV-SALTS PY Breakdown



## **FY 18/19 Accomplishments**

- Submitted the SNCP BPA to State Water Board and completed a Public Comment Period.
- Managed and participated in grants for two Nitrate Control Program Early Implementation Management Zones and the Salt Control Program's Prioritization and Optimization (P&O) Study Workplan.
- Participated in CV-SALTS Executive Committee meetings, Public Education and Outreach (PEOC) meetings and public workshops.
- Conducted a series of meetings with State Water Board staff and board members to brief them on the BPA package.
- Initiated Central Valley Water Board implementation team meetings with program managers and developed template language.
- Received final approval by US EPA for the CV-SALTS case study BPA to establish electrical conductivity water quality objectives in the Lower San Joaquin River.

## **Priority Projects FY 19/20**

- Conduct a workshop followed by a hearing for the State Water Board to consider approval of the BPA to establish the SNCP.
- If approved by the State Water Board, complete the Administrative Record and submit amendments to OAL and US EPA for approval.
- Continue participating in CV-SALTS Executive Committee meetings, PEOC meetings and other outreach efforts.
- Continue managing and participating in Early Implementation grant efforts.
- Develop implementation processes and tools that can be applied across programs to ensure a consistent and streamlined rollout of the SNCP.
- Upon final program approval, issue Notices to Comply to permittees. Subsequent activities will include document tracking, Notice of Intent submittal review, permit updates and enforcement actions as appropriate.