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## Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

### NOTICE OF VIRTUAL PUBLIC WORKSHOP PRELIMINARY MANAGEMENT ZONE PROPOSALS AND DRINKING WATER EARLY ACTION PLANS

In May 2018, the Central Valley Water Board adopted new regulations called the “Nitrate Control Program.” The Nitrate Control Program requires permit holders in the Central Valley to develop plans to both reduce nitrates in their wastewater and to provide interim drinking water to affected communities. On **April 27, from 1 to 4 pm**, Board staff will hold a virtual public workshop to discuss these plans, which were submitted to the Board on 8 March 2021.

**Background:** Nitrate is dangerous to pregnant women and infants when concentrations in drinking water are above 10 parts per million. Nitrate is present in agricultural fertilizers, dairy manure, industrial wastewater, septic systems, and in treated sewage. All these sources have contributed to groundwater pollution in the Central Valley. Under the Nitrate Control Program, the Board identified areas (Priority 1 and Priority 2 basins), where nitrates are prevalent in groundwater. Priority 1 basins include the Chowchilla, Kaweah, Kings, Modesto, Tule, and Turlock subbasins. In Priority 1 basins, Management Zones formed to meet the requirements of the new Nitrate Control Program. On 8 March 2021, these Management Zones submitted *Preliminary Management Zone Proposals* and *Early Action Plans*. *Preliminary Management Zone Proposals* contain the permit holders’ roadmap for reducing nitrates in their discharges. *Early Action Plans* contain proposals for providing interim replacement drinking water to people whose wells have been polluted by nitrates. Implementation of the *Early Action Plans* are scheduled to begin on 7 May 2021.

[\*Preliminary Management Zone Proposals and Early Action Plans\*](#) are available for review here:

([https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water\\_issues/salinity/nitrate\\_mz/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/salinity/nitrate_mz/))

The Central Valley Water Board has been accepting written comments on these plans through **14 April 2021**. Comments should be emailed to [cvsalts@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:cvsalts@waterboards.ca.gov) or mailed to 11020 Sun Center Drive #200, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

**Who Should Attend the Workshop:** Any person interested in nitrate contamination issues, including persons with wells that have high levels of nitrates

## How to Attend This Workshop:



### **TO WATCH AND LISTEN TO THE WEBCAST (NOT PARTICIPATING):**

Individuals who only want to watch or listen should use this option as it preserves interactive meeting resources for those who are participating for discussion.

**YOUTUBE LIVE STREAM URL** (<https://youtu.be/1XsorYIYMqE>)



### **TO COMMUNICATE AND PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING (via ZOOM):**

Persons wishing to join in on discussion for the workshop will need to do so using Zoom and will need to contact the Board by email to receive the Zoom Meeting ID and password for the workshop.

Instructions for requesting the **Zoom Meeting ID and password**:

- **By 5:00 p.m. the day before the Board Workshop:**
  - Send an email to [cvsalts@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:cvsalts@waterboards.ca.gov)
  - In the Subject line, indicate: **27 April 2021 Speaker**
  - In the body of the email, indicate:
    - Your name
    - Who you represent (i.e., self, another person, an organization)
    - Identify whether you intend to participate via videoconference (your computer microphone and speaker) or by telephone
    - If calling in by telephone, please provide the last three digits of the telephone number you will be calling from

The Board will respond to your email with the **Zoom Meeting ID and password** for the meeting.

**If you do not send an email by 5:00 p.m. the day before the Board workshop, please send the email as soon as you can. You cannot participate in the Zoom meeting until you receive an email with the Zoom ID and password. This means you may need to begin watching the webcast available on YouTube.**

For general questions, to request a special accommodation, or to request interpreter services, please send an e-mail to [agenda5@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:agenda5@waterboards.ca.gov) or call (916) 464-3291. Please request special accommodations or interpreter services at least 10 business days in advance of the meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

This public virtual workshop will include a Workgroup of the Central Valley Water Board, consisting of Chairman, Karl E. Longley and Board Member, Denise Kadara.

Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you know who would be interested in this matter.

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