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CEQA Filing Fee Determination

August 13, 2018

Applicant Name: Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
Project Name: Central Valley-wide Salt and Nitrate Control Program Basin Plan Amendment
CEQA Lead Agency: Central Valley Regional Quality Control Board
CEQA Document Type: Certified Regulatory Program Document
SCH Number and/or local lead agency ID number: N/A
Project Location: Statewide

Brief Project Description: The Central Valley Water Control Board is proposing amendments to the Water Quality Control Plans for the Sacramento River and the San Joaquin River Basin and the Tulare Lake Basin to adopt a region-wide Salt and Nitrate Control Program (Proposed Project). The Proposed Project is a set of amendments to the Basin Plans to facilitate implementation of innovative salt, nitrate, and secondary MCL management strategies, in the form of new and modified regulatory policies, to improve surface water and groundwater quality within the Central Valley Region. The Proposed Project does not directly involve the construction of new buildings, services, or other facilities by the Central Valley Water Board. However, implementation of the Proposed Project is expected to indirectly result in the need for surface and groundwater discharges to construct specific projects for salt and nitrate management to achieve compliance with Waste Discharge Requirements or other provisions in the control program.

Determination: Based on the review of the Proposed Project, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife has determined that for the purpose of the assessment of CEQA filing fees ((Fish & G. Code 711.4(c)) the project has potential effects on fish, wildlife, and habitat and the project as described REQUIRES payment of a CEQA filing fee. Based on the California Code of Regulations Section 753.5 (d)(2), a project is ineligible for a No Effect Determination if the project will “result in or have the potential to result in direct or indirect destruction, ground disturbance, or other modification of any habitat that may support fish and/or wildlife species.” At the time of filing of the NOD with the County Clerk, the appropriate CEQA filing fee will be due and payable.

This determination does not determine the significance of any potential project effects evaluated pursuant to CEQA. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Karen Carpio, Senior Environmental Scientist, at (916) 653-3864 or by email: Karen.Carpio@wildlife.ca.gov.

Approved by:

Signature

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Date:

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