
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

TO: Karen Larsen, Deputy Director Division of Water Quality
STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

FROM: *Original Signed by Pamela C. Creedon*
Executive Officer
CENTRAL VALLEY WATER BOARD

DATE: 18 December 2017

SUBJECT: MINOR, NON-SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES TO THE BASIN PLAN
AMENDMENTS ADOPTED UNDER CENTRAL VALLEY WATER BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. R5-2017-0062

The Central Valley Water Board adopted amendments to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Sacramento River Basin and the San Joaquin River Basin (Basin Plan) on 9 June 2017 under Resolution R5-2017-0062. The amendments are scheduled for consideration at the 9 January 2018 meeting of the State Water Board.

Central Valley Water Board Resolution R5-2017-0062 grants the Executive Officer the authority to make minor, non-substantive changes to the language of the adopted Basin Plan amendment. Based on review during the State Water Board approval process, staff determined that minor, non-substantive changes to the record are needed for clarity or consistency.

I am hereby making minor, non-substantive changes to Chapter 1, Section 1.1.2, page 3 of the amendment's Staff Report to provide references to specific waste discharge requirements mentioned in that section's first paragraph. Also, I am adding these references to the list of references in Chapter 11, pages 134 through 136 of the Staff Report.

The underlined text in the following paragraph is a non-substantive change made to page 3 of the Staff Report:

The Central Valley Water Board's 2004 amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River Basins (Basin Plan) satisfied the first directive of the State Board's D-1641 as well as the CWA's requirement to adopt a TMDL to meet salt and boron water quality standards in the LSJR. The Control Program established salt load limits in non-point source discharges and waste load allocations in point source discharges to the LSJR in an effort to achieve compliance with existing EC WQOs at Vernalis. The Control Program was approved by the US EPA in 2006 and is implemented through waivers of waste discharge requirements (WDRs) or WDRs that apportion load allocations to different geographic subareas in the valley (*Central Valley Water Board, 2012, 2014a, and 2015*). As an alternative to the load allocations, the Control Program allows discharger participation in a Central Valley Water Board approved real-time management program as a means to attain salinity WQOs, while

maximizing the export of salts out of the watershed to help protect the region's agricultural production and long term sustainability. A Real Time Management Program (RTMP) was approved by the Central Valley Water Board in December 2014.

I am also adding the following references to the list of references in Chapter 11 of the Staff Report and to the Administrative Record as Relied-Upon References:

Central Valley Water Board. (2012). *Waste Discharge Requirements General Order R5-2012-0116-R3 for Growers within the Eastern San Joaquin River Watershed that are Members of the Third-Party Group.*

Central Valley Water Board. (2014a). *Waste Discharge Requirements General Order R5-2014-0002-R2 for Growers within the Western San Joaquin River Watershed that are Members of a Third-Party Group.*

Central Valley Water Board. (2015). *Waste Discharge Requirements General Order R5-2015-0094 for San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority and United States Department of the Interior Bureau of Reclamation Surface Water Discharges from the Grassland Bypass Project.*

If you have any questions about this matter please contact me at (916) 464-3291 or James Brownell at (916) 464-4675.

cc: Central Valley Water Board Members
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