Public Workshop
on the
Control of Salt and Boron Discharges
to the
Lower San Joaquin River

Central Valley RWQCB
San Joaquin River TMDL Unit
29 April 2004
Workshop Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions (30 min)
2. Presentation of Alternate Approaches (1hr 30min)
3. Break Out Session (30 min)
4. Lunch (1hr 15 min)
5. Break Out Sessions Continue Or Reconvene (1hr 45 min)
6. Next Steps (15 min)
7. Adjourn
Workshop Ground Rules

- **Commit to Being Fully Present**
  - Ask for what you need from others to participate fully

- **Honor Our Time Limits**
  - Keep comments and discussion concise
  - Stay focused on the topic – Use the parking lot for other issues

- **Respect Each Other**
  - Listen carefully to other participants
  - Respond to ideas and issues, not individuals

- **Support Constructive Discussion**
  - Suggest improvements and solutions
  - Build on others’ ideas – Use “and” instead of “but”
Workshop Goals

Identify, evaluate, and build on alternate approaches to the control program that:

1. satisfy Regional Board requirements
2. better meet stakeholder needs
3. more comprehensively address the salinity issue
## TMDL/Basin Plan Timeline

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Challenges Identified

- Salinity problem caused by multiple factors but TMDL only addresses discharges

- Alternate solutions may not have support of all stakeholders

- Upstream water quality objectives needed
Common Ground Identified

- Salinity in the San Joaquin River is a problem that needs to be addressed
  - Very complex, interrelated with other problems, with multiple natural and man-made causes

- The Regional Board’s identification of sources is generally accurate
  - Concerns remain about the equity of the actions to address these sources

- Comprehensive solution, with participation of multiple agencies and interests, is likely to result in greater improvements
  - Framework is needed to ensure forward progress
Alternate Approaches
Alternate Approach - Two Elements

1) Interest-Based Solution
   – Goals
   – Actions
   – Time Schedules

2) Regulatory Backstop
   – Load Allocations
   – WDRs/Waivers
   – Prohibition
   – Time Schedules
Principles to Guide Development of Alternate Approaches

1. Meet Water Quality Objectives
2. Equitable Allocation of Responsibility
3. Export Salts
4. Clear Rules
5. Provide Assurances
6. Adaptive to Future Water Quality Objectives
Presentations, Questions & Discussion

- **Presentations**
  - Provide a brief overview of proposed enhancement or alternative
    - Actions to meet Water Quality Objective
    - Implementation Strategy & Timing

- **Questions**
  - Clarifying questions only

- **Discussion**
  - Breakout groups for people to work together on improvements and refinements
Proposal
Presentations
Breakout Groups

Four Groups

- Two Focused on Actions
  » Flows & Timing – Diamonds
  » Load Reduction – Spades

- Two Focused on Implementation Planning
  » Roles and Responsibilities – Hearts
  » Assurances – Clubs
Breakout Group Assignment

- Identify the Goals and Objectives for Your Topic
  - e.g., What is our goal for salt load reductions

- Identify the Actions to Accomplish the Goals and Objectives
  - Improved understanding, pilot projects, studies, funding, implementation, etc.

- Identify Implementation Strategy
  - Milestones, Schedule, Roles, Measures of Progress, Assurances