

ITEM: 6

SUBJECT: Workshop to Receive Comments for the Triennial Review of the Water Quality Control Plan for the Central Valley Region, Tulare Lake Basin

DISCUSSION: The federal Clean Water Act and the state Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act (Porter-Cologne) require the Regional Board to develop water quality control plans or Basin Plans. The Clean Water Act requires the state to conduct a public review every three years of the Basin Plan – the “triennial review” - to them identify and prioritize issues concerning the effectiveness of the Basin Plan. It also requires the Regional Board to develop a work plan to investigate the water quality problems and make appropriate amendments to the Basin Plan.

As a starting point for public discussion, Regional Board staff has suggested the following topics for consideration during this Triennial Review:

1. Salinity in the Lower Kings River
2. Groundwater Assessment
3. Groundwater Quality Objectives for Salinity
4. Dissolved Oxygen Objective
5. Beneficial Use Designations
6. Salt Management Policy

Following this workshop, staff will review comments and the Regional Board’s own information to develop a work plan. Staff will also prepare responses to the comments. The triennial review process that follows this workshop is discussed in more detail in the Staff Report.

RECOMMENDATION: This is an informational item to solicit comments.

Mgmt. Review

Legal Review _____

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City of Clovis Council Chambers
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