

ITEM: 9

SUBJECT: Resolution Addressing Preparation of Salinity and Nutrient Management Plans Pursuant to the Recycled Water Policy

BOARD ACTION: *Adoption of Resolution*

BACKGROUND: The Central Valley Salinity Alternatives for Long-Term Sustainability initiative (CV-SALTS) was established in 2006 by the State Water Board and the Central Valley Water Board. The goal of CV-SALTS is to work with stakeholders to develop salinity and nutrient (primarily nitrate) management plans for the Central Valley. Elements of the plans will be developed into proposed amendments to the Basin Plans.

On 3 February 2009 the State Water Board adopted the Recycled Water Policy, Resolution No. 2009-0011 (Policy), which calls for the development of salinity and nutrient management plans for groundwater basins throughout the State. The process being followed by CV-SALTS is consistent with the Policy, which calls for the plans to be developed through locally driven and controlled, collaborative processes open to all stakeholders.

To ensure coordination and consistency in the development of salinity and nutrient management plans within the Central Valley, the proposed resolution states that the Central Valley Water Board expects parties developing salinity and nutrient management plans pursuant to the Policy to conduct the work in conjunction with the CV-SALTS initiative. In addition, it states that the Central Valley Water Board expects any salinity and nutrient management plans considered for approval by the Board will have been reviewed by the CV-SALTS Executive Committee.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the proposed resolution.

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Legal Review

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