

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

NITROGEN MANAGEMENT PLAN TEMPLATE NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

THIRD-PARTY REPRESENTATIVES AND INTERESTED PARTIES

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board is providing an opportunity for third-party representatives and other interested stakeholders to comment on the Draft Nitrogen Management Plan Template (NMP Template –see link below). In light of recent recommendations provided by the State Water Resources Control Board's Agricultural Expert Panel and the California Department of Food and Agriculture Nitrogen Tracking and Reporting Task Force, the Central Valley Water Board is seeking comments and any proposed changes to the draft NMP Template submitted by the East San Joaquin Coalition and other agricultural stakeholders in April 2013.

Staff is requesting that comments and recommendations focus on the Nitrogen Management Plan Template that will be used by many growers starting in 2015 to plan for and track their nitrogen use. Staff is not soliciting comments on the Nitrogen Management Plan Summary Report at this time, since the first Summary Reports are not due until 2016 and State Water Board deliberations on petitions of the Central Valley Water Board irrigated lands Orders may result in changes to the content of those Summary Reports.

Staff anticipate discussing the final version of the NMP Template during an information item at the 4/5 December 2014 Board meeting in Rancho Cordova. To allow time for review and consideration of comments and recommendations, please submit written comments on the Draft Nitrogen Management Plan Template to Keri Yee by **6 November 2014** (Keri.Yee@Waterboards.ca.gov, (916) 464-4624).

The documents discussed above can be found at the following links:

Draft Nitrogen Management Plan Template (see pages 11-16):

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/irrigated_lands/new_waste_discharge_requirements/stakeholder_advisory_workgroup/2013apr17_stakeholder_mtg/2013apr11_template_drafts.pdf

State Water Resources Control Board Expert Panel recommendations:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/agriculture/docs/ILRP_expert_panel_final_report.pdf

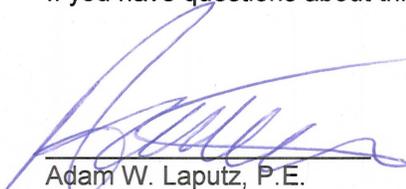
California Department of Food and Agriculture Nitrogen Tracking and Reporting Task Force recommendations:

<http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/environmentalstewardship/PDFs/NTRSTFFinalReport122013.pdf>

December Board Agenda – available at least 10 days before the Board meeting

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/#2014

If you have questions about this notice, please contact Keri Yee.



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