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Groundwater quality in many areas of California is threatened with degradation due to increased levels of salts and nutrients. As groundwater supplies become scarcer, and wastewater flows more concentrated, salt and nutrient impacts occur with greater frequency and magnitude. Current drought conditions compound this threat, particularly in arid areas such as the Colorado River Basin Region, placing an ever increasing demand on the State's water supply.

To address this water crisis and ensure a sustainable water future protective of beneficial uses for all areas of California, the State Water Resources Control Board adopted a Recycled Water Policy in February 2009 that requires each groundwater basin/sub-basin to have a Salt and Nutrient Management Plan that is sustainable on a long-term basis. The policy requires the plans to manage salt and nutrients from all sources on a basin-wide or watershed-wide basis, and in a manner that optimizes recycled water use while protecting groundwater supply and beneficial use.

An important part of this process is the participation and collaboration of stakeholders to develop and implement a Salt and Nutrient Management Plan for their area. Implementation plans are an integral component of this effort, particularly for groundwater basins that exceed or threaten to exceed water quality objectives for salts and nutrients. For these basins, the Policy requires stakeholders to develop implementation plans that meet water quality objectives for salts and nutrients, which will then be provided to the Regional Water Board for consideration of adoption as amendments to the Region's Basin Plan.

Notice of Public Workshop Regarding the Development of an SNMP for Coachella Valley, February 19, 2015

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/public_notices/2015/pn71511.pdf

- [SWRCB Salt and Nutrient Management Presentation, D. Barclay](#)
- [Coachella Valley SNMP Presentation, J. Stormo](#)
- [Salt Nutrient Management Plans Presentation, J. Angel](#)

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