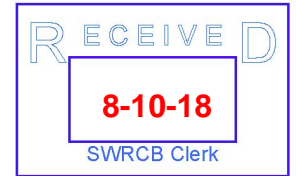


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August 10, 2018

Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
P.O. Box 100, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000
1001 I Street, 24th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814

SUBJECT: Comment Letter — Salt and Nitrate Control Program Basin Plan
Amendment

Dear Ms. Townsend:

The above named Tulare Lake Basin, Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program (ILRP) Coalitions have participated in the development of the proposed basin plan amendment since the inception of the Central Valley Salinity Alternatives for Long-Term Sustainability (CV-SALTS). We appreciate the Regional Board staff and management as well as the other stakeholders that have participated in developing the comprehensive Central Valley-wide Salt and Nitrate Management Plan (SNMP). The strategies and policies contained in the SNMP are reflected in the Draft Amendments to the Water Quality Control Plans for the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River Basins and Tulare Lake Basin to Incorporate a Central Valley-wide Salt and Nitrate Control Program (Draft Amendments) as approved by the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board on May 31, 2018.

The Tulare Lake Basin ILRP Coalitions as The Southern San Joaquin Valley Water Quality Coalition are members of the Central Valley Salinity Coalition (CVSC) that was formed in 2008 to assist in supporting the CV-SALTS stakeholder efforts. Since its formation, the CVSC has raised over \$3 million from its members to support these stakeholder efforts. In addition, the CVSC's diverse group of stakeholders have collectively spent countless hours in attending Executive Policy and Administrative meetings as well as in other technical and public outreach meetings to provide informed input into the development of the SNMP and the Draft Amendments.

The Tulare Lake Basin ILRP Coalitions have carefully reviewed the Amendments approved by the Regional Water Board and strongly encourage the State Water Resources Control Board to

adopt the Amendments as submitted by the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board.

The TLB ILRP Coalitions will continue to be actively engaged in the implementation process and look forward to working with Regional Board staff to help achieve the goals of the plan and address any issues that arise.

Please contact Nicole Bell for any questions that you may have at (661) 616-6500 or nbell@krwca.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nicole M. Bell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'N'.

Nicole M. Bell, Manager
Kern River Watershed Coalition Authority