

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AND NOTICE OF VIRTUAL PUBLIC WORKSHOP ON NITRATE CONTROL PROGRAM MANAGEMENT ZONE IMPLEMENTATION PLANS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board or Board) will accept comments regarding the Management Zone Implementation Plans (MZIPs) submitted by the Priority 1 Management Zones listed in the table below for the Nitrate Control Program.

Management Zone	Groundwater Subbasin(s)
Chowchilla	Chowchilla
Kaweah Water Foundation	Kaweah
Kings Water Alliance	Kings
Tule Basin	Tule
Valley Water Collaborative	Modesto & Turlock

Background: In May 2018, the Central Valley Water Board adopted new regulations called the “Nitrate Control Program.” The Nitrate Control Program requires permit holders in the Central Valley who may be causing or contributing to nitrate contamination to develop plans to both reduce nitrates in their wastewater and to provide interim drinking water to affected communities. Under the Nitrate Control Program, the Board identified and prioritized groundwater basins, where nitrates in groundwater are prevalent. Priority 1 basins include the Chowchilla, Kaweah, Kings, Modesto, Tule, and Turlock subbasins. In these basins, Management Zones were formed to meet the requirements of the new Nitrate Control Program. On 5 September 2023, these Management Zones submitted MZIPs to the Central Valley Water Board. The MZIPs are plans that contain the Management Zone Participant’s roadmap for addressing nitrates in their discharges and in groundwater and providing short- and long-term drinking waters solutions.

The [Management Zone Implementation Plans](#) are posted on the Board’s website at:

(https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/salinity/nitrate_mz/)

Copies of the MZIPs can also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Central Valley Water Boards office at 11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114, on weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Contact information: cvsalts@waterboards.ca.gov.

The Board is inviting the public, stakeholders, and representatives of other agencies to submit written comments on the MZIPs from **1 November 2023 through 22 December**

2023. Written comments must be submitted to the above email or postal address by **22 December 2023.**

NOTICE IS FURTHER HEREBY GIVEN THAT Central Valley Water Board staff will hold a virtual public workshop on Management Zone Implementation Plans (MZIPs) to provide an opportunity for interested parties to learn about MZIPs and provide feedback. The date and time of the public workshop is:

Thursday, December 7, 2023
1:00 PM to 4:00 PM
(Video and Teleconference only)

Who Should Attend the Workshop: Any person interested in nitrate contamination issues, including persons with wells that have high levels of nitrates.

How to Attend This Workshop:



TO WATCH AND LISTEN TO THE WEBCAST (NOT PARTICIPATING):

Individuals who only want to watch or listen should use this option as it preserves interactive meeting resources for those who are participating in the discussion. Please use the link below.

[YOUTUBE LIVE STREAM URL](https://youtube.com/live/s49jVMsgfMo?feature=share)

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TO COMMUNICATE AND PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING (via ZOOM):

Persons wishing to join in on discussion for the workshop will need to do so using Zoom and will need to contact the Board by email to receive the Zoom Meeting ID for the workshop.

Instructions for requesting the **Zoom Meeting ID:**

- **By 5:00 p.m. the day before the Board Workshop:**
 - Send an email to cvsalts@waterboards.ca.gov
 - In the Subject line, indicate: **7 December 2023 Speaker**
 - In the body of the email, indicate:
 - Your name
 - Who you represent (i.e., self, another person, an organization)
 - Identify whether you intend to participate via videoconference (your computer microphone and speaker) or by telephone
 - If calling in by telephone, please provide the last three digits of the telephone number you will be calling from

The Board will respond to your email with the **Zoom Meeting ID** for the meeting.

If you do not send an email by 5:00 p.m. the day before the Board workshop, please send the email as soon as you can. You cannot participate in the Zoom meeting until you receive an email with the Zoom ID. This means you may need to begin watching the webcast available on YouTube.

For general questions, please send an e-mail to cvsalts@waterboards.ca.gov. Spanish language interpretation services will be provided for the webinar via Zoom.

Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you know who would be interested in this matter.



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