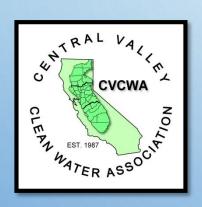
# HOW CVCWA ENGAGES ON YOUR BEHALF HELPING YOU BUILD RESILIENCY FOR YOUR REGULATORY FUTURE



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CVCWA CONFERENCE WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2019 The capacity to recover quickly from difficulties; toughness.

# WHAT IS RESILIENCY?

The ability of a substance or object to spring back into shape; elasticity.

The capability of a strained body to recover its size and shape after deformation caused especially by compressive stress.

An ability to recover from or adjust easily to misfortune or change.

# HOW DO WE BUILD RESILIENCY IN A CHANGING (REGULATORY) CLIMATE?

One Water	Recycled water	Toxicity	CV-SALTS	SGMA	Climate change
ELAP	Monitoring	SSS WDR	Biosolids	Nutrients	Qualified Staff
Reasonable rates	Regional Systems	Enforcement	Funding	Air	Compliance
	Permitting	CEC's	Governing Boards	Fines/ Lawsuits	

CVCWA's mission is to **effectively represent** the interests of wastewater agencies in the Central Valley in regulatory matters and to **support the exchange of information** so members can best meet their business challenges.

CVCWA's intent is to approach inland surface water discharge and land application regulatory matters with a perspective that balances environmental and economic interest and to speak with a unified voice from its members and partnering organizations. Our goal is to assure that regulatory actions are protective of the environment, are based on sound scientific information, and reflect a fair and reasonable economic basis.

## **CVCWA'S ENGAGEMENT**

- EFFECTIVELY REPRESENT
  - ENGAGE IN REGULATORY MATTERS AT THE REGIONAL AND STATEWIDE LEVEL
- SUPPORT THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION
  - COMMITTEES AND WORKGROUPS
  - WORKSHOPS/CONFERENCE/OUTREACH
  - EMAIL AND OTHER MESSAGING



- SPEAK WITH A UNIFIED VOICE
  - COLLABORATE WITHIN AND WITH OTHER STAKEHOLDERS.
- ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION → SOUND SCIENCE → FAIR ECONOMICS
  - FURTHER SCIENCE (SPECIAL PROJECTS)
  - ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFIT CONSIDERING COST

#### **OUTLINE**

Regional Highlights

Statewide Highlights

Becoming more engaged in CVCWA

## **REGIONAL: CV-SALTS**

- FOCUS:
  - SALT SURFACE & GROUND
  - NITRATE GROUNDWATER BASINS\*
- IMPACT ALL POTWS IN THE CENTRAL VALLEY
- MULTI-YEAR, MULTI-STAKEHOLDER EFFORT



# SALT & NITRATE CONTROL PROGRAM BASED ON THREE MANAGEMENT GOALS

Management Goal 1

- Safe Drinking Water Supply
  - Short & Long Term Solutions

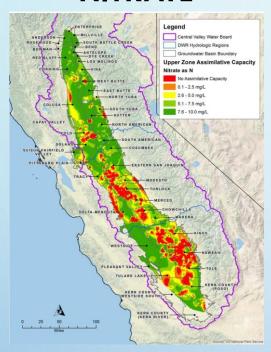


- Balanced Salt & Nitrate Loadings
  - Ongoing and Expanding Efforts



- Implement Long-term Managed Aquifer Restoration
  - Where Reasonable, Feasible & Practicable

#### **NITRATE**



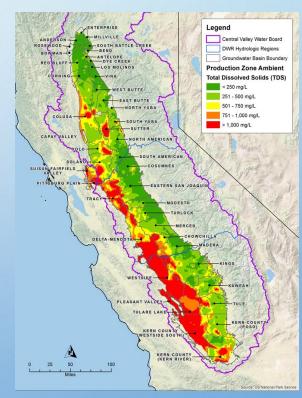
#### NITRATE ABOVE THE MCL

- PEOPLE IN THE CENTRAL VALLEY ARE DEPENDENT ON GROUNDWATER WELLS WHICH DO NOT MEET THE MCL FOR NITRATE IN DRINKING WATER.
- DOMESTIC WELLS

#### SALT (TDS)

#### **SALT IS ACCUMULATING**

- 15.5 MILLION TONS OF SALT ARE BROUGHT INTO OR MOBILIZED INTO THE VALLEY EACH YEAR
- COST IS ANTICIPATED TO BE OVER \$500
   MILLION/YR. TO BOTH AGRICULTURE AND
   INFRASTRUCTURE.



# **NITRATE PERMITTING**

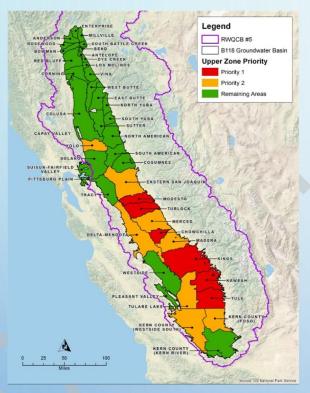


TABLE N-1: PRIORITIZED DWR BULLETIN 118 GROUNDWATER BASINS/SUBBASINS

PR	ORITY 1	PRIORITY 2		
5-22.11	Kaweah	5-21.67	Yolo	
5-22.03	Turlock	5-22.04	Merced	
5-22.05	Chowchilla	5-22.14	Kern County (Westside	
			South)	
5-22.13	Tule	5-22.12	Tulare Lake	
5-22.02	Modesto	5-22.14	Kern County (Poso)	
5-22.08	Kings	5.22-07	Delta Mendota	
		5-22.01	Eastern San Joaquin	
		5-22.06	Madera	

- Prioritized Program
- Individual and Collaborative (Management Zones)
   Permitting Approach
  - Greater Flexibility through Collaboration
- Early Action Plans in Impacted Areas required.
- Two "test" management zones

# **SALINITY PERMITTING**

Phased, Central Valley Wide Program
Permitting Options: Conservative & Alternative
All Sources involved

#### Phase 1:

Prioritization/Optimization Study

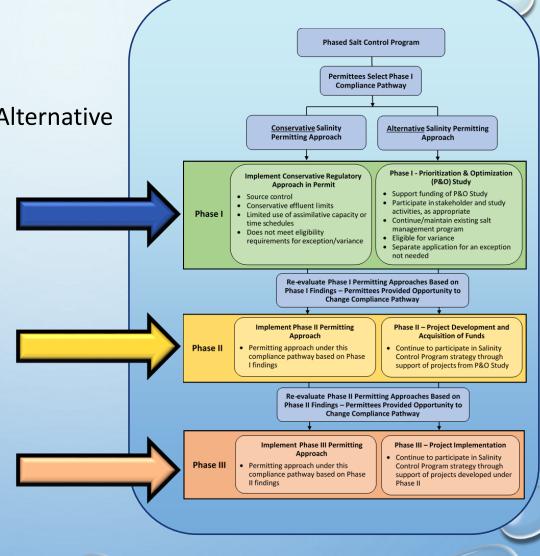
- Expanded Evaluations
- Physical/Non-Physical Projects
- Governance/Funding

#### **Phase 2**: Project Development

Funding/Permits/Non-Physical Projects

Phase 3: Project Implementation

Construction



## **ADDITIONAL TOOLS IN CV-SALTS**

- VARIANCE POLICY
- EXCEPTIONS POLICY
- DROUGHT AND CONSERVATION POLICY
- OFFSETS POLICY
- IMPLEMENTATION OF SECONDARY MCLS.

#### → Collaborative Compliance

- Will be at a cost P&O Study, Management Zones, Surveillance & Monitoring Program (SAMP)
- The collaborative compliance approach will be more cost effective for most
- Stay tuned for CV-SALTS workshops in Fall 2019



# CV-SALTS TIMELINE

SWB Approval – Summer 2019?

CVCWA/RWB CV-SALTS Permitting outreach — Late Summer/Fall 2019

AOL Approval – Late Summer/Fall 2019

USEPA – 2020 (Surface Water Components Only)

Implementation Starting Late 2019-Early 2020

- Nitrate Priority 1 Basins by 2020
- Nitrate Priority 2 Basins by 2025

Salinity Phase 1 (P&O) by  $2020 \rightarrow 10$ -year



# CV-SALTS SPECIAL PROJECT

- FUNDS CVCWA'S PARTICIPATION IN CV-SALTS
- "CREDIT" FOR
   PARTICIPATION IN
   CV-SALTS
- CVCWA CV-SALTS
   WORKGROUP

# **DEVELOPING SCIENCE FOR REGULATORY DECISIONS – SPECIAL PROJECTS**

#### FRESHWATER MUSSELS

- AMMONIA CRITERIA PROTECTIVE OF NATIVE CALIFORNIA MUSSELS, ENVIRONMENTAL DNA SAMPLING
- 42 PARTICIPATING AGENCIES
- **FIVE YEAR PROCESS**



#### **METHYLMERCURY**

- EVALUATION OF EFFECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES FOR METHYLMERCURY TREATMENT IN WASTEWATER
- 1.5 PARTICIPATING AGENCIES
- 7 YEAR PROCESS

#### TOXICITY

- 17 PARTICIPATING AGENCIES
- 1<sup>ST</sup> PHASE COMPLETE (2-YRS)
- INFORM POLICY AND COMPLIANCE **OPTIONS**
- STATE POLICY IN SUMMER??



# PERMIT/REGULATORY ADVOCACY SP

- 7 AGENCIES PARTICIPATE
- PROVIDES LEGAL AND TECHNICAL
  - PERMIT AND POLICY REVIEW
  - COMMENT LETTERS
  - INITIATIVES
- FOCUS ON COST EFFECTIVE,
   REASONABLE REGULATIONS WITH
   ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS
- CVCWA AS A PARTNER AND RESOURCE



# WATER BOARD PERMITTING ACTIONS

- NPDES NO-DILUTION (ADOPTED)
- WDR FOR >100,000 GALLONS PER DAY (GPD)
- ENFORCEMENT AND CIWQS ISSUES
- IMPLEMENTATION FOR NEW PROGRAMS
- TOXICITY NUMERIC LIMITS

#### **DELTA RMP AND DELTA NUTRIENTS**



#### **Delta Nutrients**

- Cyanobacteria
- Macrophyte
- •Forms & Ratios
- Drinking Water
- Modeling

#### **Delta RMP**

- Pesticides
- Nutrients
- •Mercury
- Pathogens (complete)
- •CECs (New)



## STATE WATER BOARD

#### **RECENTLY ADOPTED**

- RECYCLED WATER POLICY UPDATE
- LOWER SAN JOAQUIN RIVER
   FLOWS & BAY DELTA SALINITY
   STANDARDS (OAL 2/25/19)
- BACTERIA
- PFAS
- SEDIMENT QUALITY OBJECTIVES
- DREDGE & FILL POLICY (WATERS OF THE STATE)





## **SWB - IN PROGRESS**

- STATEWIDE SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS (SSS WDR) – WINTER 2019/20
- STATEWIDE TOXICITY PROVISIONS
- BIOSTIMULATORY AND BIOINTEGRITY POLICY
- ELAP ACCREDITATION REGULATIONS
- HUMAN RIGHT TO WATER IMPLEMENTATION
- CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLEMENTATION
- REVISED TOTAL COLIFORM RULE (SUMMER 2019)
- BAY-DELTA INTERIOR FLOWS (WINTER 2019)





#### **HOW TO ENGAGE WITH CVCWA**

- BECOME A MEMBER
- JOIN OR UPDATE INFO ON THE EMAIL LIST
- ATTEND CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS
- JOIN A COMMITTEE/WORKGROUP
  - LABORATORY (ELAP)
  - COLLECTIONS (SSS WDR CLIMATE)
  - CV-SALTS (P&O STUDY COST AND SCOPE, OUTREACH)
  - WATER (TOXICITY)
  - AIR -CLIMATE CHANGE (CLIMATE CHANGE RESILIENCY)
  - GROUNDWATER/LAND DISCHARGE (GENERAL WDR WHEN > 100K GPD)
  - BIOSOLIDS
- FUND & PARTICIPATE IN SPECIAL PROJECTS
- SERVE ON THE CVCWA BOARD OR PARTICIPATE IN MEETINGS



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