



Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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NOTICE TO COMPLY FOR DE-DESIGNATED PERMITTEES

This letter contains legal requirements that must be followed. Failure to respond may result in enforcement action(s) being taken against you. Please note that you may have received a separate Notice to Comply for the new Nitrate Control Program that will also require your response.

You are receiving this Notice to Comply because you operate the following one or more facilities:

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KARL E. LONGLEY SCD, P.E., CHAIR | PATRICK PULUPA, ESQ., EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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BACKGROUND

In May 2018, the Central Valley Water Board adopted Resolution R5-2018-0034, approving new Salt and Nitrate Control Programs. The Salt Control Program was developed to address salt accumulation issues in surface water and groundwater throughout the Central Valley Region.

Under the new Salt Control Program, the Central Valley Water Board will impose new permit requirements to protect surface waters and groundwater from salts in wastewater. You are receiving this Notice to Comply (NTC) because you discharge to a surface water body and/or a groundwater basin where one or more beneficial uses were de-designated due to salinity. This NTC requires you to participate in the Alternative Salinity Permitting Approach and support the P&O study during Phase 1 of the Salt Control Program.

If our information is incorrect, please contact us so that we may correct our records. If you have questions or believe you should be exempt from the NTC, please contact us as soon as possible by email or telephone. Our contact information is provided at the end of the letter.

SALT CONTROL PROGRAM

The Salt Control Program covers the entire Central Valley region and is broken into three phases, each of which will last from 10-15 years. The Board is currently beginning to implement Phase I. During Phase I, all permittees whose discharges exceed certain salinity thresholds set in the Salt Control Program will be required to participate in and help fund a comprehensive study to assess salinity problems and potential salinity solutions in the valley. This study has been named the Prioritization and Optimization Study, or P&O Study.

This NTC requires that you let the Board know whether you qualify for permit coverage under the “conservative” permitting approach, which is reserved for dischargers that fall under the salinity thresholds set by the Salt Control Program, or whether you will instead need permit coverage under the “alternative” salinity permitting approach. These two permitting options are described in more detail below:

1. Conservative Salinity Permitting Approach

The Conservative Salinity Permitting Approach (Conservative Approach) utilizes the existing regulatory structure and focuses on source control, use of conservative permit limits, and limited use of assimilative capacity and/or compliance time schedules.

2. Alternative Salinity Permitting Approach

The Alternative Salinity Permitting Approach (Alternative Approach) provides a compliance option to permittees who participate in and provide a minimum level of financial support for the Prioritization and Optimization Study (P&O Study), led by the Central Valley Salinity Coalition, during Phase I of the Salt Control Program. Permittees in the Alternative Approach are not required to meet the more stringent limitations of the Conservative Approach, however, they must continue to implement

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efforts to control salt discharges through salinity management practices and/or performance-based measures as determined by the Central Valley Water Board.

Facilities that discharge to surface and/or groundwater where the Municipal and Domestic Supply (MUN) and/or the Agricultural Supply (AGR) beneficial use have been de-designated due to salinity are required to participate in the P&O Study (Alternative Approach) by providing at least the minimum level of required financial support.

General Requirements for the Alternative Approach are as follows:

1. Permittees in the Alternative Approach participate collectively to implement the Phase 1 P&O Study. Submit your Notice of Intent (NOI) indicating your participation in the Alternative Approach Pathway to the Central Valley Water Board along with documentation from the lead entity overseeing the P&O Study confirming your compliance with the required level of support by **July 15, 2021**.
2. Maintain the minimum required level of participation and financial support for the P&O Study and continue to follow current requirements in your permit.

Visit the website, cvsalts.info, for more information on the Salt Control Program. The cvsalts.info website will be updated regularly, so be sure to check back frequently for the latest information. You can also check the website for upcoming webinars that will provide guidance information.

A full copy of the Salt and Nitrate Control Program Basin Plan language, can be found at:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/cvsalts/salt_nitrate_bpa/sncp_accepted_bp_lang_official.pdf.

An electronic fillable PDF version of the NOI is available at:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/cvsalts/forms_temps_guide/salt_noi_form.pdf. A

hardcopy can be sent to you by sending a request by email to

cvsalts@waterboards.ca.gov. NOI submissions shall be sent via email to

cvsalts@waterboards.ca.gov or mailed to the address below by **July 15, 2021**.

Documents too large to be sent in one email may be sent in multiple emails.

Central Valley Water Board
CV-SALTS Program
11020 Sun Center Drive, Suite 200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

The Central Valley Water Board recommends that the documentation be submitted in electronic format to the email or as a CD mailed to the address above. If you choose to submit documentation as a CD or hardcopy, USPS Certified Mail is the preferred mailing method to ensure receipt of delivery by the Central Valley Water Board.

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ENFORCEMENT

This NTC requires your response under Water Code section 13260. If you do not respond to this request with the materials specified above by the due date, you may be subject to enforcement actions, including actions under Water Code section 13261, which authorizes the Board to impose liability of up to \$1,000 per day for failure to submit a report. Under the new regulations, the Board will regulate permittees that discharge to surface and/or groundwater where the Municipal and Domestic Supply (MUN) and/or the Agricultural Supply (AGR) beneficial use have been de-designated due to salinity, under the Alternative Approach. **A conditional prohibition in the Basin Plan takes effect on July 15, 2021 – if dischargers in groundwater basins where beneficial uses have been de-designated are not implementing the Phase 1 requirements by this date, dischargers may be subject to this prohibition and further enforcement actions.**

For general information about the Central Valley Water Board's Salt and Nitrate Control Program, please visit our website <https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/cvsalts>.

If you have any further questions about what is required of you, please email cvsalts@waterboards.ca.gov or call (916) 464-4675.

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