

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD  
BOARD MEETING SESSION – CENTRAL VALLEY WATER BOARD  
DECEMBER 6, 2011**

**ITEM 12**

**SUBJECT**

INFORMATIONAL ITEM: CENTRAL VALLEY SALINITY ALTERNATIVES FOR LONG-TERM SUSTAINABILITY (CV-SALTS) ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT

**BACKGROUND**

CV-SALTS is a stakeholder-led initiative to develop a Central Valley-wide salt and nitrate management plan. Cleanup and Abatement (CAA) funds were authorized in two separate resolutions to provide seed money for the initiative. [Resolution No. 2009-0023](#) authorized \$1.2 million to conduct the first year of the CV-SALTS Project (Project). [Resolution No. 2010-0042](#) authorized an additional \$3.8 million for the Project: \$2 million and \$1.8 million for years two and three respectively.

This informational item has been prepared to meet the requirements of Resolution No. 2010-0042. Prior to the release of funds for year three of the Project, Resolution No. 2010-0042 requires that the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board report annual progress on the initiative at a public State Water Board meeting. The attached [staff report](#) includes a detailed progress report of work completed to date.

**DISCUSSION**

Since 2008, total expenditures for the CV-SALTS initiative have been \$5,569,502. Of this total \$5,319,614 (96 percent) has been expended by CV-SALTS Stakeholders. Of the \$1.2 million in CAA funding provided through Resolution No. 2009-0023, all funding has been obligated to contracts. As of September 2011, \$250,000 has been expended out of the \$1.2 million. None of the \$3.8 million provided through Resolution No. 2010-0042 has been expended as of September 30, 2011, in part due to the fact that the contract encumbering the funding had not been approved. CV-SALTS has completed qualification reviews and is drafting scopes of work for contractors to conduct tasks outlined in the new contract when approved.

The timeline for completion of a Central Valley Salt and Nutrient Management Plan is May 14, 2014, in accordance with the State Water Board's Recycled Water Policy. CV-SALTS is currently updating its initial scope and workplan to meet that deadline.

**POLICY ISSUE**

None. Informational Item Only.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

None. Informational Item Only.

**REGIONAL BOARD IMPACT**

None. Informational Item Only.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

None. Informational Item Only.

This information item assists the Water Boards in reaching Goal 5 of the Strategic Plan Update: 2008-2012 to improve transparency and accountability.