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**Workshop to Discuss the Framework for a
Salt and Nitrate Management Plan for the Central Valley**

Central Valley Water Board staff will give a presentation and invite comment and recommendations from the Board and stakeholders on the framework of the Central Valley-wide Salt and Nitrate Management Plan, which is currently under development. The following documents provide additional detail to inform the discussion.

- Executive Summary
- [Strategic Salt Accumulation Land and Transport Study \(SSALTS\)](#)
- [Nitrate Implementation Measures Study \(NIMS\)](#)

The following policy considerations will also be discussed:

- Potential changes to water quality objectives and implementation/compliance measures related to secondary maximum contaminant levels (secondary maximum contaminant levels relate to the taste, odor, or appearance of water, and are not based on a risk to human health);
- Alternative compliance strategies for regulating salts and nitrates;
- What is the appropriate way for the Board to interpret the narrative water quality objectives that protect the agricultural supply beneficial use.

The draft Policy documents listed below will provide additional detail and may inform the discussion.

- Draft Principles to Govern Development of a Regional “Offsets” Policy
- Revised Principles to Govern Development of a Drought Policy
- Management Zone Policy
- Salinity Management to Provide Reasonable Protection of AGR Beneficial Uses in Groundwater
- Secondary Maximum Contaminant Levels
- Revision of the Exceptions Policy for Waste Discharges to Groundwater
- Nitrate Permitting Strategy

Draft Policy Documents are coming soon and will be posted on the Board’s website at:
http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/salinity/index.shtml