
Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

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Stakeholders of the Central Basin and West Coast Basin (CBWCB)
of the Coastal Plain of Los Angeles

REQUEST FOR DATA ASSESSMENT FOR THE CBWCB SALT AND NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLAN (SNMP)

Dear Stakeholders:

The California State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) adopted the *Policy for Water Quality Control for Recycled Water* (Recycled Water Policy) in February 2009, and amended it in January 2013. Per the Recycled Water Policy and its amendment in 2013, the stakeholders in the CBWCB developed a SNMP that evaluated the groundwater quality conditions in the CBWCB, proposed salt and nutrient management measures, and projected the impacts of these measures on the groundwater quality over a 15-year period (from Water Year 2010-11 to 2024-25).

On February 12, 2015, the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Los Angeles Water Board) adopted Resolution No. R15-001 to amend the Water Quality Control Plan for the Los Angeles Region (Basin Plan) and to incorporate the groundwater quality management measures for salts and nutrients in the CBWCB. The Basin Plan, as amended, further requires that the salt and nutrient management measures for the CBWCB be updated (i) as necessary to reflect changing conditions in the CBWCB (i.e., in accordance with actions that have been taken or in response to proposed actions not taken), (ii) where results from the SNMP Monitoring Program indicate that revisions/modifications are warranted, and/or (iii) at the end of the planning horizon (i.e. 2025).

On December 11, 2018, the State Water Board adopted Resolution No. 2018-0057 to amend the Recycled Water Policy. The 2018 amendment includes a new requirement for assessment and review of data generated from the SNMPs every five years. Results of the data assessment will be used by regional water boards to determine whether potential updates or revisions to the SNMPs may be warranted.

In consideration of requirements in both the Basin Plan per Resolution No. R15-001 and in the Recycled Water Policy per Resolution No. 2018-0057, the Los Angeles Water Board requests that the Stakeholders of the CBWCB submit a data assessment report for the CBWCB SNMP in a timely manner. The data assessment report shall cover the most recent groundwater monitoring data in the CBWCB since Water Year 2010-2011 and include the evaluations of:

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- observed trends in water quality data as compared with trends predicted in the salt and nutrient management plan;
- the ability of the monitoring network to adequately characterize groundwater quality in the basin;
- potential new data gaps;
- groundwater quality impacts predicted in the salt and nutrient management plan based on most recent trends and any relied-upon models, including an evaluation of the ability of the model to simulate groundwater quality;
- available assimilative capacity based on observed trends and the most recent water quality data; and
- projects that are reasonably foreseeable at the time of this data assessment but may not have been when the salt and nutrient management was prepared or last updated.

We appreciate your interest and questions at the July 2, 2024, CBWCB data assessment kickoff meeting and we look forward to continuing to work together. If you have any questions, please contact [Xiaofei Cui](mailto:xiaofei.cui@waterboards.ca.gov) at xiaofei.cui@waterboards.ca.gov or [LB Nye](mailto:lb.nye@waterboards.ca.gov) at lb.nye@waterboards.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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