

CVCWA in Action: **A Year of Progress, Impact and Success**

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**FROM SCIENCE TO SOLUTIONS:
ADVANCING CLEAN WATER TOGETHER**

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Regulatory Engagement



Permits



Permits: Large Domestic General Order

General Permit, applicable to land discharge

Early discussion and engagement

Assessments and Information Sharing

Review and comment on early, preliminary, tentative drafts

Extensive outreach to POTW and Consultant Community

Two Webinars



Permits and Compliance Orders

Review and Comment on $\approx$ 25 individual tentative permits or Enforcement Orders

- **Toxicity:** Use of TST (litigation), testing and implementation
- **Receiving Water Limits:**
 - NPDES Permits: Post US Supreme Court Decision; new groundwater limitations
 - WDRs: Groundwater Limitations, point of compliance
- **CV-SALTS Implementation:**
 - Salinity Triggers and responses
 - Management Zone Exceptions
- **Groundwater Provisions and Studies**
- **Sanitary Sewer System WDR (SSS WDR):** Compliance Assistance
- **26-27 Focus Areas: Nitrate/Nitrogen, Cyanide, Metals**

Collaborative Efforts



Virtual Webinar

October 29, 2026

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

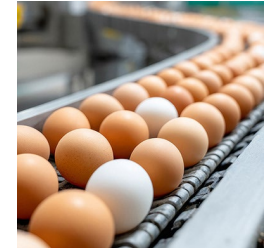
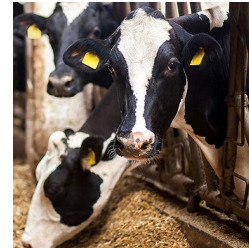
<https://www.cvsalinity.org/>

CV-SALTS 2026: Implementing Nitrate Solutions and Building the Foundation for Long-Term Salt Management

How science, planning, and regional collaboration are the foundation for long-term nitrate and salt management solutions.

Who should attend?

CV-SALTS participants, water professionals, policymakers, community representatives, and others interested in learning about the collaborative efforts underway to address salt and nitrate challenges and protect Central Valley water quality.



CV-SALTS

- Leadership, engagement, and advocacy on behalf of Central Valley POTWs
- Negotiated Significant Savings on P&O/SAMP Fees for CVCWA members

Using 2025/26 Budgets/ Percentages as a baseline	Pre-Negotiated Community Percentage	Pre-Negotiated Community Budget	Pre-Negotiated 24/25 → 25/26 Anticipated Fee Change	Post-Negotiated Community Percentage	Post-Negotiated Community Budget	Impact of Negotiated Fee Change (CVCWA Member)
P&O Fees	32.9%	\$ 592,220	0%	20.5%	\$ 369,000	46.7% ↓
SAMP Fees (new)	32.9% of Original SAMP Budget	\$ 355,320	60% of Pre-Negotiated P&O Fee*	20.5% of Revised SAMP Budget	\$ 102,160	24.6% of post negotiated P&O Fee
Overall Difference			60% increase due to SAMP			≈ 47% ↓ over Pre-Negotiation; 16% ↓ overall

Wastewater Needs Assessment

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/waste_discharge_requirements/wastewater_needs_assessment.html

The WWNA intends to provide:

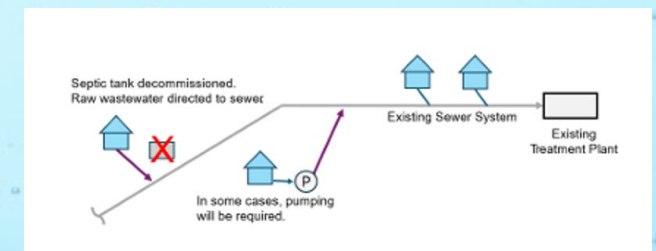
- A statewide list of wastewater infrastructure priority projects for potential funding sources, and
- The first statewide gap analysis of wastewater infrastructure to inform Water Board and state decisions on regulatory and resource investment priorities.



Human Right to Water:

Every human being has the right to safe, clean, affordable, and accessible water adequate for human consumption, cooking, **and sanitary purposes.**

	Treatment Facilities NPDES	Treatment Facilities WDR	Collection Systems SSO
1	Inadequate	Inadequate	Inadequate
2	At-Risk of Inadequacy	At-Risk of Inadequacy	At-Risk of Inadequacy
	Potentially At-Risk of Inadequacy	Potentially At-Risk of Inadequacy	Potentially At-Risk of Inadequacy
	Not At-Risk of Inadequacy	Not At-Risk of Inadequacy	Not At-Risk of Inadequacy
3	Insufficient Data	Insufficient Data	Insufficient Data



Wastewater Needs Assessment (WWNA)

Inadequate Criteria

Category	Criteria	Common Triggers
Sanitary Sewer Systems (SSS WDR)	- Poor Spill Performance <u>Or</u> - Missing No Spill Reports over last 12 mo. - Missing Annual Report	- Missing Annual Report or SSMP - High Spills/100 mi. in size category
NPDES WWTPs - Surface Water	- Active Significant Non-Compliance (SNC) Streak (2+ Quarters) - SNC Recent Quarter + SNC 1x/last 5 yrs	- Failure to Report / Late - Compliance/Permit Schedule Violation - Effluent Limits
WDR WWTPs – Land Discharge	- Monitoring and Reporting Criteria (M&R) - Effluent Violations - Active Enforcement	- Late/Failure to Report - Compliance/Permit Schedule Violation - Effluent Limits (TSS, BOD, Total N, Coliform, SS, Nitrate)

At Risk Criteria



Socioeconomic



Operational



Environmental

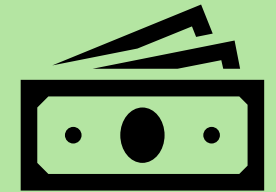


Public Health

Information Needs



Electronic MRPs



Rates Survey



Capital Improvement Plans

Other Key Areas of Involvement

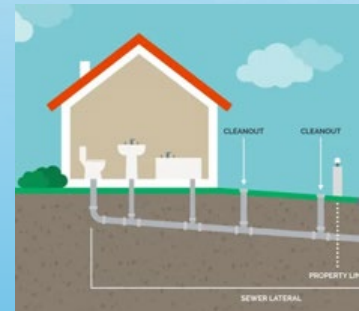
- **Delta Regional Monitoring Program**

- Collecting and producing objective, cost-effective water quality data to better inform decisions on how to protect, and where necessary, restore beneficial uses of water in the Delta
 - ❖ Constituents of Emerging Concern
 - ❖ Mercury
 - ❖ Nutrients
 - ❖ Current Use Pesticides

- **Indoor Water Standards**

- Assessing impacts to Wastewater Treatment and Collection Systems at varying levels of indoor Conservation

- **Pooled Emissions Study**



Other Priority Issues



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Maximum Contaminant Levels

- PFAS
- Metals
- Disinfection Byproducts

Nutrients

- Permit implementation of Nitrate MCL
- Bio-objectives

Funding & Fees

- Clean Water SRF
- Affordability
- Water Quality & ELAP
- Rates

Beneficial Uses

- Tribal Beneficial Uses (TBUs: T-CUL, T-SUB)
- MUN – Automatic incorp., Subcategories

Delta Mercury Control Program

- Phase 1 Review
- Waste Load Allocations

Integrated Report

- Criteria for Listing
- Implementation
- Accuracy

Bay-Delta Plan

- T-CUL designation
- Impact of Minimum Flows on Recycled Water



Our 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 member agencies can best meet their business challenges.

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