

5 Central Valley Regional Water Board



Upcoming Priorities:

- Develop a Groundwater Quality Protection Strategy by December 31, 2009. Groundwater is the primary source of drinking and irrigation water for much of the region. The quality and quantity of groundwater in the Central Valley continues to worsen leaving some communities without a viable source of drinking water. Staff will work collaboratively with stakeholders to develop a Groundwater Quality Protection Strategy that will establish the framework and road map for addressing and improving groundwater quality throughout the Central Valley.
- By November 2009, complete stakeholder workgroup meetings for developing the Long-Term Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program and begin developing final draft EIR and Program Staff report for public comment and review. Final EIR and long-term program alternatives will be presented to the Board at its December 2010 meeting.
- Adopt a Methyl Mercury TMDL for the Delta.

The Central Valley Region is the State's largest, encompassing 60,000 square miles, or about 40 percent of the State's total area. Thirty-eight of California's 58 counties are either completely or partially within the Regional Board's boundaries, formed by the crests of the Sierra Nevada on the east, the Coast Ranges and Klamath Mountains on the west, the Oregon border on the north, and the Tehachapi Mountains on the south. The Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers, along with their tributaries, drain the major part of this large area through an inland Delta, before emptying into San Francisco Bay. The Delta is the focal point of the state's two largest water conveyance projects, the State Water Project and the federal Central Valley Project. Together, the Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers and the Delta furnish over half of the state's water supply. The southern third of the Central Valley contains the Tulare Lake Basin, a closed hydrographic unit, except during extremely wet years.

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