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To: Basin Plan Recipients

## FOURTH EDITION OF THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN (BASIN PLAN) FOR THE SACRAMENTO RIVER AND SAN JOAQUIN RIVER BASINS

The Third Edition of the Basin Plan was adopted by the Regional Water Board on 9 December 1994, approved by the State Water Board on 16 February 1995 and approved by the Office of Administrative Law on 9 May 1995. Since then, the Basin Plan has been amended twice. One amendment (Regional Water Board Resolution 95-142) dealt with compliance schedules in National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permits and the other (Regional Water Board Resolution 96-147) addressed agricultural subsurface drainage discharges. The Basin Plan has now been reprinted, incorporating these amendments. This will be the **Fourth Edition - 1998**.

The Basin Plan is in a loose-leaf format to facilitate the addition of amendments. The Basin Plan can be kept up-to-date by inserting any updated pages that you receive in the future. The date subsequent amendments are adopted by the Regional Water Board will appear at the bottom of the page. Otherwise, all pages will be dated 1 September 1998.

Copies of the Basin Plan are also available on the Regional Water Board's internet web site at the following address: <http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/~rwqcb5/home.html>.

The Basin Plan refers to objectives in the State Water Board's May 1991 *Water Quality Control Plan for Salinity* (Salinity Plan). The objectives are also reproduced in Table III-5. In May 1995, the State Water Board adopted *the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary* which supersedes the Salinity Plan. Therefore, the reader should refer to the May 1995 Plan rather than the Salinity Plan. Reference to State Water Board's May 1995 Plan will be reflected in a future Basin Plan amendment.

Appendix 38 of the Basin Plan is a Water Quality Limited Segment List that was in effect in 1994. In 1998, the Regional Water Board and State Water Board approved an updated list and submitted it to the US EPA for its consideration (as required by the Clean Water Act).

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