

Salinas River Stakeholders' Statement

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Note: Tim Frahm drafted this for Planning Group consideration.

We, the Salinas River Long Term Management Stakeholder Planning Group (Planning Group), believe that the Salinas River (and the waters of the Salinas River Watershed) are the lifeblood of the Salinas Valley.

We believe that the Salinas River (and the waters of the Salinas River Watershed) can be managed to provide multiple benefits to the vested stakeholders including flood risk reduction, water supply (domestic and agricultural), non-impaired water quality, and natural resource conservation (including recovery of threatened and endangered species and compliance with federal and state Endangered Species Acts).

It is the consensus of this Planning Group that the Salinas River and the waters of the Salinas River Watershed currently do not fully meet the multiple benefits sought by the many stakeholders that rely on the river.

We agree to provide support for a Long-Term Management Plan, which develops and implements management strategies that provide these multiple benefits, and which establishes a sustainable balance between competing needs, as needed.

The Salinas River Stakeholders Planning Group is composed of diverse individuals and organizational representatives including state and federal regulatory staff, landowners, land managers, agriculture representatives, water resource planners, advocacy staff, biological resource specialists, and other interested parties.