



Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District

Complying with the State's Chloride (Salt) Limit for the Santa Clarita Valley Common Misconceptions about Litigation

COMMON MISCONCEPTION:

Litigation will get rid of the State-mandated chloride limit in the Santa Clarita Valley.

The Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District (SCV Sanitation District) has addressed several common misconceptions raised repeatedly by the public about the State's chloride (salt) limit for the Santa Clarita Valley and the District's efforts to comply with that limit.

One of these common misconceptions was that litigation can simply eliminate the chloride (salt) limit for the Valley. **This is incorrect.** The SCV Sanitation District has, to date, elected not to sue the State over the chloride limit because, based on the court record:

- such an action would be very risky;
- significant changes to the limit would be unlikely to occur, and;
- the legal action would be very costly for Valley property owners.

Based on the court record, the vast majority of legal challenges to water quality standards set by the State's water regulatory agencies have not been successful, and, where successful, typically result in the courts sending the standard back to the regulators to correct whatever error they may have made and the State regulators making technical changes and re-adopting the challenged water quality standard.

In the last ten years, of the approximately two dozen cases challenging water quality standards that were decided by the courts, all but two of these legal challenges failed.

Santa Clarita Valley property owners would have to pay the high costs of litigation - **in addition** to the costs of compliance and all State fines that could be issued for every day and every gallon that the Valley's chloride (salt) levels are above the State's strict limit.

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