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Subject: Drainage Activities Report for March 2019

Grassland Basin Drainage Management Steering Committee Activity Summary:

The Grassland Basin Drainage Management (GBDM) Steering Committee met on February 15, 2019 where the final activity budget was presented. A report was provided on the status of the Long-Term Storm Water Management Plan (LTSWP) and the potential future San Luis Drain Use Agreement with the Bureau of Reclamation. The initial study under CEQA for the Long-Term Stormwater Management Plan is ongoing and will be used to guide preparation of the appropriate CEQA document which will require SL&D-MWA Board approval in 2019. A meeting was held with downstream stakeholders in Contra Costa regarding the LTSWP.

Activities also included management of the Third Party Group for the Grassland Drainage Area Coalition to implement the Irrigated Lands Program. An annual meeting for farmers was organized on February 8 to help them comply with their meeting requirements. Mailings were also made to farmers outlining their paperwork requirements. Phone and email support was provided to farmers for completing their paperwork requirements.

San Joaquin Valley Drainage Authority Activity Summary:

At the February 5, 2019 Regular Meeting, the San Joaquin Valley Drainage Authority (SJVDA) Board of Directors approved the FY 2019-2010 budget. The Board of Directors also approved a grant from the Department of Water Resources in the amount of \$855,000 for implementation of the real time salinity management program which implements requirements for the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for the San Joaquin River at Vernalis. Reports were submitted to the Regional Board regarding sediment erosion control and surface water discharges. Preparations were made for storm water monitoring. Mailings were sent to farmers outlining their paperwork reporting requirements under the irrigated lands regulatory program. Follow up calls and emails were answered to assist farmers. Field groundwater quality sampling occurred during this period for the trend monitoring program. This trend monitoring program is to establish a baseline of groundwater quality related to nitrate and salt.