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To: Frances Mizuno, Assistant Executive Director

From: Andrew Garcia, Senior Civil Engineer

Subject: IRWM Report for January 2019

Integrated Regional Water Management Activity Summary:

Disadvantaged Community Involvement Program (DACIP) –

The \$3.1 million grant application was approved by the Department of Water Resources. Contra Costa Water District has executed the final grant agreement and the local project sponsor agreement continued to be revised per comments received by grant recipients. The consultant began work on the San Joaquin River Funding Area Needs Assessment for Disadvantaged Communities in November and continued through January.

The Needs Assessment for the Tulare Kern Funding Area was completed in January 2019. A project information and project request form were distributed to the City of Huron, the only DAC in contact with Authority staff regarding this program. Westlands Water District participated in the January DACIP meeting in Visalia.

General Westside IRWM Plan:

The Westside San Joaquin IRWM Plan was adopted by the Authority Board of Directors. The other IRWM Regions in the funding area began discussions of filing non-competitive grant applications, depending on regional needs. The WSJ region 2018 Implementation Grant workshop with DWR has been tentatively agreed to for June 2019. The grant application work did not begin, whereas DWR announced the final proposal solicitation package is to be release in March 2019.

Andrew Garcia continued participation in Tulare-Kern funding area (TFKA) discussions regarding the 2018 Implementation Grant to ensure funding opportunities for participating member agencies (Westlands Water District). The grant application workshop with DWR has been tentatively agreed upon for April 2019 and applicants generally agree the funding area will be competitive when applying for funds.

The 2018 IRWM Implementation Grant application scope of work did not include funding for a second application to submit in the Tulare-Kern funding area. Andrew Garcia

continued discussions with consultants to determine an approximate cost for submitting an application for projects located in the Tulare-Kern funding area. Mr. Garcia continued discussions with Westlands Water District staff about the general need for an individual grant application and the scope of work involved.