



MEMORANDUM

TO: SLDMWA Board of Directors, Alternates

FROM: Frances Mizuno, Interim Executive Director

DATE: August 13, 2018

RE: Authorization to Expend Funds in FY19 Budget for San Joaquin Valley Water Infrastructure Authority First Quarter Membership Dues

BACKGROUND

The San Joaquin Valley Water Infrastructure (SJVWIA) is beginning the process of transitioning the responsibility for the Temperance Flat Reservoir Project to the water agencies that were represented on its board. Those agencies have initiated an effort to define a path forward through a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), and this effort currently includes Friant Water Authority, San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority (SLDMWA), San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Authority, City of Fresno, and Westlands Water District.

The next SJVWIA Board meeting is scheduled for August 17th, 2018; membership dues may be an action item. Dues will depend on whether the three water authorities contribute to first quarter costs. The request to each water authority is anticipated to be up to \$12,500.

Chris White, the SLDMWA's appointed Alternate Board Member on the SJVWIA, is working with its Executive Director to prepare a scope of work and associated cost for the first quarter to allow for a transition of Temperance Flat responsibilities to the MOA group. This scope of work will determine the membership dues for the three water authorities. Along with preparing a scope of work, SJVWIA will prepare a revision to the SJVWIA Mission Plan and Joint Powers Agreement.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommend that the SLDMWA Board authorize the Interim Executive Director to fund the 1st quarter SJVWIA membership dues for up to \$12,500 from the Technical Direct Funding Project Contingency Fund, contingent upon the demonstration that the Scope of Work will provide for the Temperance Flat Project to be transferred to the MOA group or a new governance structure over the coming quarter including the following conditions: (1) SJVWIA must identify explicit activities that SJVWIA would perform if funded for an additional quarter; (2) SJVWIA activities must be limited to the full transition of responsibility for Temperance Flat Reservoir to the MOA group within the next quarter; and (3) SJVWIA must look to the MOA group or the entity that replaces the MOA group for direction on future engagement on matters related to Temperance Flat Reservoir.