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Integrated Regional Water Management Activity Summary:

Disadvantaged Community Involvement Program (DACIP) –

Work continued on the preparation of the grant application and coordination with the various Regional Water Management Groups (RWMGs). The framework for collaboration, the document that governs how the RWMGs coordinate, continues to go thru comment period and revision in an effort to refine consensus decision making and determine an appropriate voting structure, when a vote may be required.

Additionally, each RWMG provided comments on the draft Grant Application and were asked to specifically review their individual projects work plan, budget and schedule information for the grant application. At this time, the Authority has appointed Rebecca Akroyd, Deputy General Counsel, as an alternate representative for the funding region coordination efforts.

CCWD anticipates requesting 50% advanced funds for the DACIP grant. The higher level of detail in the first phase of the grant agreement will allow for higher initial funding and therefore the DACIP work to progress early immediately after grant award. The RWMGs have prepared a draft application and in early May, plan on submitting the draft application to DWR for preliminary comments. The application is for the full amount for the funding region of \$3.1 million. The draft application, due to increased iterations of edits and review, has exceeded the consultant's engineering estimate. The amendment to the task order is in draft form, with each of the participating RWMGs agreeing to the increased budget. The funding for this work is going to be directly invoiced from the grant funds received. All of the grant preparation and coordination is fully reimbursable by this grant.

General Westside IRWM Plan:

Woodard & Curran was selected as the primary consultant to update the Westside Integrated Water Resources Plan, management of the IRWM program, preparation and submittal of IRWM Implementation grant application, and grant management.

The second meeting of the Westside-San Joaquin Region Regional Water Management Group (RWMG) and other interested stakeholders was held on April 17th at the Authority Boardroom in Los Banos. The purpose of this meeting was for the Authority to describe the project solicitation and prioritization and to provide comments on the IRWM Plan Goals and Objectives. The consultant described the next steps with respect to the plan update and the upcoming schedule in order for those involved in the grant application and plan update to be eligible for grant funding. The goals and objectives will be reviewed and approved by the SLDMWA Water Resources Committee. These objectives will then be used to prioritize projects that are included in the IRWM plan update.

The Authority continued discussions with Woodard & Curran on identifying overlapping efforts with respect to this grant program, the DACIP grant program, and SGMA grant funds and work tasks. Andrew Garcia submitted the portions of work for this program that cover DAC outreach, education, and the portions of the plan update with respect to DAC's in the DACIP grant application. The DACIP grant funding and work will reduce the cost and level of effort in the Westside IRWM Plan update.