



December 6, 2018

To: Frances Mizuno, Assistant Executive Director

From: Bob Martin, Engineering & Planning Department Manager

Subject: IRWM Report for November 2018

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 received the final grant agreement and CCWD has prepared individual sub-agreements to act as the mechanism for individual RWMGs to receive grant funds in accordance with the state requirements. The framework for collaboration, which describes how each region coordinates throughout this process, has been finalized and agreed upon. The kick-off meeting with the consultant was held on November 6th and the consultant was notified to begin work on the Needs Assessment for Disadvantaged Communities in the funding region. Authority staff has requested advanced funding for the three (3) Authority projects associated with this effort, which will allow for the projects to be funded directly by the grant funding, and therefore Authority member agencies will not be asked to fund the projects related to this particular IRWM related effort in the upcoming fiscal year, if the grant funding will be available by March 1, 2019.

Andrew Garcia attended the 2018 IRWM DACIP Lessons Learned Summit in Lake Tahoe November 8 & 9th as the representative of the IRWM regions in the San Joaquin River Funding area. The summit focused on the importance of community building and regional management of water resources due to the vast array of needs and issues particularly in the San Joaquin Valley.

General Westside IRWM Plan:

The Westside San Joaquin IRWM Region working group meeting was held on November 5th at the Authority's Los Banos Administration office. The consultant presented a list of projects that had been initially screened to be the most competitive for the 2018 IRWM Implementation Grant application. The working group reviewed the list of projects and selected a total of four (4) projects that are recommended to be included in the San Joaquin River Funding Area grant application. The projects are to be presented to the Board of Directors at the December 6th BOD meeting.

Authority staff requested an update on the submitted amended Westside-San Joaquin IRWM funding region boundary from the Department of Water Resources for review. Staff will report back as to the status of the boundary adjustment upon notification from DWR.

Andrew Garcia continued participation in Tulare-Kern funding area discussions for both the 2018 Implementation Grant and the DACIP grant in order to ensure funding opportunities for participating member agencies (Westlands Water District). The grant application has not been submitted and the needs assessment scope was approved in September by the funding region committee. The scope of work for the needs assessment has now been finalized and the Work Plan has been submitted to DWR.

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 began discussions with consultants to determine an approximate cost for submitting an application for projects located in the Tulare-Kern funding area. Mr. Garcia anticipates having a consultant hired to prepare this additional application following discussions and approval with Westlands Water District staff in January of 2019.