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Subject: IRWM Report for September 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 (CCWD) has received the final grant agreement and CCWD is preparing a single sub-agreement 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 consultant is scheduled to begin work in October on the Needs Assessment for Disadvantaged Communities in the funding region. Authority analyzed cash flow for the remainder of this current fiscal year, and determined that advanced funding should be requested for the three (3) Authority projects associated with this effort. This advanced funding will allow for the projects to be funded directly by the grant funding, and therefore Authority member agencies will not be asked to fund this effort in the upcoming fiscal year.

**General Westside IRWM Plan:**

There was no meeting of the Westside-San Joaquin Region Regional Water Management Group (RWMG) in September. The consultant continued to compile comments for each of the draft chapters that were distributed for review. The administrative draft Westside San Joaquin IRWM Plan will be distributed for public review and comment this coming October.

Authority staff completed internal work necessary for amending the IRWM funding region boundaries. The decision to submit the boundary change to DWR has been made and the consultant and staff will complete this work during October. Pleasant Valley Water District and Coelho Farms are responsible to pay the expenses associated with the boundary change.

Andrew Garcia and Bob Martin 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 next scheduled meeting for this region is in early October.