



MEMORANDUM

TO: SLDMWA Board of Directors, Alternates

FROM: Seth Harris, Water Resources Coordinator

DATE: February 6, 2020

RE: Board of Directors to Consider Central Delta-Mendota Region SGMA Management Committee and Northern Delta-Mendota Region SGMA Management Committee Recommendations Regarding \$265,000 Increase to FY20 Activity Agreement Budgets

BACKGROUND

The San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority is coordinating the development of six Groundwater Sustainability Plans (**GSPs**) for the participating GSP Groups within the Delta-Mendota Subbasin (**Subbasin**). SLDMWA also directly supports GSP development for the Northern & Central Delta-Mendota Region GSP (**N-C DM Region**), one of the six GSP Groups. The Delta-Mendota Subbasin is categorized as a high-priority critically overdraft subbasin, so it is required to submit GSPs by January 31, 2020 and begin implementation of these GSPs starting February 1, 2020. The six Delta-Mendota GSPs were successfully submitted on January 23, 2020.

Woodard & Curran is the primary consultant leading the GSP development efforts in the N-C DM Region and supports the Coordination Committee, which consists of representatives from each GSP Group in the Subbasin. The consultant services agreement and task order outlining this support expires on January 31, 2020. In order for the GSAs in the Subbasin to continue to receive needed support through the Woodard & Curran team, it is necessary to increase the Fiscal Year 2020 contract budget and extend the timing of the GSP development contract.

The Northern and Central Management Committees voted to recommend approval of this budget increase and authorization for the SLDMWA Board of Directors during the January 30th Joint Northern and Central Delta-Mendota Region Management Committees meeting.

ISSUE FOR DECISION

Whether the SLDMWA Board of Directors should approve an increase to the Fiscal Year 2020 SGMA Activity Agreements budget and authorize an amendment to the consultant services

agreement with Woodard & Curran for GSP development to complete coordination work and grant management.

RECOMMENDATION

The Northern and Central Delta-Mendota Region Management Committees recommend the proposed Fiscal Year 2020 budget increase and consultant services agreement amendment.

ANALYSIS / IMPLICATIONS

The proposed contract extension and budget increase will allow Woodard & Curran to continue services to complete coordination and grant management necessary to comply with SGMA regulations in the Delta-Mendota Subbasin.

The SLDMWA Board of Directors will consider approval of this budget increase and contract amendment during the February 6th Board meeting. This Board approval will be contingent upon the Coordination Committee's approval of the Coordinated costs during the February 10th Coordination Committee meeting.

BUDGET

The proposed budget increase can be separated into three components: support for the Northern and Central Regions, support for the Coordination Committee, and items associated with the current grant agreement.

The proposed increase for the Northern & Central Delta-Mendota Region is \$12,758. Tasks covered under this item include uploading monitoring site and time series data to the SGMA monitoring module as well as general communication and coordination for the Northern and Central Regions. These tasks will conclude in February 2020.

The proposed increase for the Coordination Committee activities is \$13,744. Tasks included in this component are coordination for the Subbasin-level Annual Report, consistent with direction received by staff from the Committee to proceed with a coordinated Annual Report. These activities will continue through submittal of the Annual Report by April 1, 2020. This Coordinated activities budget also includes activities for general communication at the Subbasin level, which will conclude in February 2020.

The proposed increase for activities related to the current grant agreement is \$238,557. Activities within this component are fully reimbursable by Category 1 grant funding. This budget increase will allow the Woodard & Curran team to continue its coordination role as it pertains to grant management. This budget will also cover Woodard & Curran's sub-consultants and their respective projects: Houston Engineering, Inc's work related to the Coordinated Data Management System and Stantec's work related to facilitation and outreach. Activities within this component will continue through the end of May 2020.