



MEMORANDUM

TO: SLDMWA Board of Directors, Alternates

FROM: John Brodie, Water Resource Programs Manager

DATE: February 9, 2023

RE: Activity Agreements – Staff Report for January, 2023

This memorandum serves as the Staff Report for January 2023 regarding specified¹ Water Authority activities not separately addressed on the Board meeting agenda.

1. Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Activity Summary

General Westside-San Joaquin Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP)

IRWM Activity Agreement members are considering their priorities for the new fiscal year. They include more interaction with Disadvantaged Communities (DACs) in the Westside San Joaquin Region. Members are reviewing DAC Needs Assessments previously completed for both the San Joaquin and Tulare-Kern Funding areas. They would like the Regional Water Management Group to meet with DAC representatives at least once annually. Members also identified a water reuse/recycling market assessment as a priority.

Work continues on three of the projects funded under the Proposition 1, Round 1 IRWM Implementation grant. Two other projects that received funding have already been completed. All work funded under the grant must be completed by July 31, 2024.

2. Sustainable Groundwater Management Activity (SGMA) Activity Summary

Coordinated Activities

Work continues on the Water Year 2022 Annual Report. Data submitted by the six Delta-Mendota Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) groups is being compiled for submission to DWR by the April 1, 2023 deadline. Data from this annual report will become the framework for the first five-year GSP update. That update must be submitted to DWR in January, 2025.

Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) are beginning work on that required 2025 Update. Staff and consultants are working with GSA representatives to identify tasks that can be completed before DWR issues its final determination on the Subbasin's GSPs, which are expected

¹ For the sake of completeness, this includes those Activity Agreements that have been approved by the Board of Directors, but not yet signed by all interested members and/or participants (i.e., the Los Vaqueros Expansion Project Activity Agreement, the Exchange Contractors 2019-2023 Transfer Program Activity Agreement, and the Westside-San Joaquin Integrated Regional Water Management Activity Agreement).

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to include recommended actions if approved. Among those tasks are changes to the Coordination Agreement that reflect the GSAs are in the implementation rather than the development phase of the GSPs.

February 1, 2023 marked the beginning of data collection for the spring seasonal high monitoring window. GSAs have until April 30 to measure groundwater levels in representative monitoring network wells in the Delta-Mendota subbasin.

General SGMA Activities

GSP groups will not know until sometime in June whether they will receive funding for projects and management actions contained in the SGMA Round 2 Implementation grant application. The Delta-Mendota Subbasin submitted a total request of \$20 million dollars, DWR reports it is doing technical review of the applications now. 82 applications seeking a total of \$780 Million dollars were submitted to DWR in December. Only \$200 million dollars was available statewide.

Meanwhile, work continues on projects funded by the \$7.6-million-dollar SGMA Implementation grant awarded to the Subbasin. Some of the funds will pay for GSP revisions required by DWR. GSP groups are focused on Filling data and monitoring gaps to help inform management decisions related to SGAM implementation.