

IWR Cooperative Agreement meeting commenced at 1:03 p.m.

(12) Attendees +1 Conf Call (Jayne Joy)

Mark Norton provided some history about the background and reasoning of the Regional Water Quality Control Board wanting to require a regulation for recharge of imported water. The Initial term of the Cooperative Agreement is ten years.

The Ambient Water Quality Report is due July 18; every three years, and the Modeling Report effort to forecast the surface flow is due every 20 years. It was questioned the requirement of the CEQA documentation being inserted as a description of a model.

Mr. Norton referenced the Cooperative Agreement Reporting Schedule, noting that a meeting takes place every year and thus far, all reports have been submitted on time.

The type of groundwater and surface model used by GeoScience is a flow model that has capability as Nitrogen TDS. Section 5.b. in the Agreement. Bob Tincher suggested adding the GeoScience model to the list, and Cindy Li concurred. A question arose as to when the model would be done. Mr. Tincher said it will be done this summer; although, only the flow component... stepped out... Add language to add flexibility “deemed to be sufficient”.

Mr. Tincher suggested changing the frequency of the reporting. The summary reports are done every three years and can be pushed out to every four to five years. The modeling costs money due to the use of consultants, around \$55,000. Maybe consider pushing out the modeling reporting schedule from six years to ten years, and add language. Change the Summary Reports to five years and the Modeling Reports to ten years. Mark Norton suggested adding a clause on item D to say, “If the max benefit program for the basins that require reporting to ensure water quality, the six-year projection model will not be necessary.”

Possibility to include text and language and have upper management review. Reference the Basin Plan and set it from a 20-year projection to every decade... stepped out...

It was suggested adding a clause for Provision of Administrative costs to the agreement for task force administrator and budget of \$10K (\$1,250 each) annually. Everyone concurred.

Mark Norton asked if everyone would prefer having the next meeting face to face or sending the edits via email. Everyone agreed to having it done by email. Mr. Norton stated that an Imported Water Recharge Technical meeting will be scheduled in about two months, before July 18.

There was discussion on the effective date of the summary and modeling reporting schedule. Cindy Li will discuss with Jayne Joy and Hope Smythe about providing extension due to the change of reporting schedule, and request a formal letter. Bob Tincher will send the RWQCB a letter requesting an extension.

Action Items:

Add upper Santa Ana River models

Include exception to modeling efforts to ensure compliance

Remove some names of consultants

Add the Task Force Administrator and clauses/max benefit

Hold off on the first modeling effort by Valley District

Have past data on revenue expenses carried over

Pass out waiver of the nexus

Remove San Bernardino

On 4.B., change the Summary Reporting from three years to five years, and the Modeling from six years to ten years.

It was asked whether this would be an Amendment or a Restated Amendment. Larry McKenney suggested a Restated Amendment.

The meeting adjourned at 2:24 p.m.