

Staff Report

for the Board of Directors' Meeting of March 22, 2017

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Chip Close, Water Operations Manager

DATE: March 13, 2017

SUBJECT: West Placer Groundwater Sustainability Agency Participation

OPERATIONS

RECOMMENDATION:

Begin working with the West Placer Groundwater Sustainability Agency (WPGSA) to develop the necessary documents for NID's participation in the agency.

BACKGROUND:

In response to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, Placer County, the City of Roseville, Placer County Water Agency, the City of Lincoln and California American Water Company have proposed the formation of the West Placer Groundwater Sustainability Agency (WPGSA). The WPGSA is a collaborative effort by local water purveyors and land use agencies to aid in maintaining a high quality, reliable groundwater supply in the North American Sub-basin.

The District, a water purveyor with a boundary overlapping a portion of the North American Sub-basin, was invited to become a participant of the WPGSA.

As a member, the District would focus on management activities that provide the regions business and communities with backup emergency and peak water demands while ensuring that these actions have no adverse impacts to growers and ranchers within the District's boundaries. Additionally, as a member the District will avail itself for future opportunities to become an active participant in ground water banking and withdrawal.

Should the Board wish to participate; staff will review WPGSA documentation and return to the Board with details regarding the proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and eventually a resolution to officially become a partnering agency.

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

Neighboring water purveyors have all pledged a buy in fee of \$50,000 to join the WPGSA. The funds will be utilized to offset the costs to form the WPGSA and to pay anticipated first year operational fees. Costs beyond the first year are unknown but could be offset as the agency intends to apply for Proposition 1 grant funding. As a member the District would have a vote on how funding is allocated.

This item is currently not in the 2017 budget. A budget transfer would accompany the MOU at the time of acceptance.

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

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LEGEND

-  Groundwater Basin Boundary
-  NID Service Area Boundary
-  Overlap Area
-  NID Canal
-  NID Siphon/Pipe
-  NID Random/Creek

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**NID - NORTH AMERICAN
 GROUND WATER SUB-BASIN OVERLAP**

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