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Consider authorizing the Monterey County Water Resources Agency to negotiate Memoranda of Understanding to provide technical and professional support to the Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency and its consultants.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Directors:

Authorize the Monterey County Water Resources Agency to negotiate Memoranda of Understanding to provide technical and professional support to the Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency and its consultants.

SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

The Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (SVBGSA) is tasked with developing a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) for basins designated as high or medium priority and subject to conditions of "critical overdraft" by January 31, 2020. Both the Paso Robles Area and 180/400-Foot sub-basins of the Salinas Valley Groundwater Basin meet these criteria. The SVBGSA will contract with consultants to perform the tasks necessary to achieve this mandate.

The Monterey County Water Resources Agency (Agency) could potentially provide significant technical and professional support to the SVBGSA and its consultants. Much of the data collected, processed and analyzed by the Agency is essential to the completion of the GSP. Additionally, financial support from the SVBGSA would allow the Agency to prioritize data processing and analysis efforts for those programs of greatest immediate need to the SVBGSA. Attachment 1 provides a preliminary summary of areas in which the Agency may be of most assistance to the SVBGSA.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The concept of developing Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) with the SVBGSA was discussed by the Agency's Finance Committee at its February 2, 2018 meeting.

On February 7, 2018, the Agency's Basin Management Advisory Committee provided guidance and direction to staff to develop MOUs for technical and professional support to the SVBGSA in order to recover costs associated with that support.

FINANCING:

None, at this time.

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Attachments

1. Preliminary Proposal for Technical and Professional Assistance to the SVBGSA for GSP Development
2. Board Order