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WATERSHED PROTECTION DISTRICT

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Subject: Authorization for the Director of the Watershed Protection District to Sign the Attached "2010 Table A Water Non-Objection Agreement" Between the City of Ventura With the Casitas Municipal Water District, and the Watershed Protection District regarding the Proposal By the Two Entities to Pursue the Options for the Sale, Exchange, or Transfer of Their 2010 Table A State Water Project Water. Supervisorial District 1, Zone 1

Recommendation:

Authorize the Director of the Watershed Protection District (District) to sign the 2010 Table A Water Non-Objection Agreement (Exhibit 1).

Fiscal/Mandates Impact:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item. Minimum staff time is involved in handling the administrative aspect of the item at no additional cost to the current budget.

Discussion:

In 1963, the District became a State Water Project (SWP) contractor by contracting with the State of California Department of Water Resources (DWR) and receiving an allocation for 20,000 acre-feet of State Water. The District assigned its entire water right to Ventura River Municipal Water District, now Casitas Municipal Water District (Casitas), on June 23, 1970.

Of the 20,000 acre-feet, United Water Conservation District (United) purchased an annual allocation of 5,000 acre-feet; the City of Ventura (City) purchased an annual allocation of 10,000 acre-feet; and Casitas retained the remaining annual allocation of 5,000 acre-feet.

Since the agreement with Casitas took place, the District has only been responsible for forwarding documentation received from the DWR including invoices, notices, and reports to Casitas, as well as obtaining approval from the Board for SWP contract amendments.

The City wishes to sell its 2009 allocation, which it was unable to sell or use, to United according to the terms of this agreement. This issue was brought to your Board on July 14, 2009, in a separate Board item,

In an e-mail dated November 13, 2009, the District received the attached Agreement (Exhibit 1) indicating that neither the City nor Casitas plans to take delivery of their 2010 allocation; hence they wish to pursue options available to them to sell, exchange, or transfer their 2010 water allocation to another entity or entities.

The agreement memorializes the fact that neither the District nor United has an objection to this plan, nor will they take action of any kind to interfere with or prevent the use of these entitlements. The District staff has reviewed the agreement and has no objection to the stated terms. Signing this agreement will not affect future years' SWP allocations.

This item has been reviewed by the County Executive Office, County Counsel, and the Auditor-Controller's Office. If there are any questions regarding this item, please contact me at (805) 654-2040.



Norma J. Camacho
Director

Attachments:

Exhibit 1 - 2010 Table A Water Non-Objection Agreement

Exhibit 2 – July 14, 2009 Board Letter & March 17, 2009, Non-Objection Letter