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September 27, 2023

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**SUBJECT: GREAT Program and Recycled Water Pumping Allocation – Addendum to UWCD’s 2022 Recycled Water Management Impact Analysis Annual Report – (New Item)**

**RECOMMENDATION:** Receive and file an addendum to United Water Conservation District’s (UWCD’s) 2022 Recycled Water Management Impact Analysis Annual Report regarding City of Oxnard’s (Oxnard) Groundwater Recovery Enhancement and Treatment (GREAT) Program documenting that Oxnard Subbasin and Forebay groundwater conditions meet the conditions in Resolution No. 2013-02 for Oxnard to pump its Recycled Water Pumping Allocation (RWPA).

## DISCUSSION:

Oxnard receives RWPA for deliveries of recycled water to agricultural operators in accordance with Resolution No. 2013-02 (Resolution). The Resolution restricts pumping of RWPA when Forebay conditions are depleted, namely, Forebay available storage is greater than 80,000 acre-feet or groundwater levels in the Forebay are less than 19 feet above mean sea level. Per the Resolution, UWCD prepares a Recycled Water Management Impact Analysis Annual Report (UWCD Annual Report) documenting groundwater conditions.

Your Board received an annual report from Agency staff on the GREAT Program and RWPA at the June 28, 2023, meeting. The annual report included the UWCD Annual Report dated March 30, 2023, which documented groundwater conditions in calendar year 2022 through December 2022. The UWCD Annual Report identified above-average rainfall received through March 2023, but groundwater levels in the key Forebay wells remained below the threshold for extraction of RWPA. However, Agency staff reported that based on UWCD’s May 2023 Hydrologic Conditions Report dated June 6, 2023, groundwater conditions met Resolution conditions for Oxnard to pump its RWPA, as confirmed at the June 13, 2023, Coordination Meeting with Oxnard, UWCD, Pleasant Valley County Water District, and Agency staff.

In response to comments by Oxnard staff at the July 26, 2023, meeting, your Board requested that UWCD prepare an addendum to its Annual Report documenting that groundwater conditions met Resolution requirements for Oxnard to extract its RWPA. In response, UWCD prepared an “Addendum to WY 2022 Recycled Water Management Impact Analysis Annual Report” (Addendum Report) dated August 15, 2023 (Item 2A). The Addendum Report concludes:

Following 11 years (WY 2012-22) dominated by drought, southern Ventura County experienced a series of storms during winter and spring 2023 that produced above-average rainfall volumes, and reduced the need for groundwater pumping, resulting in a near-record-

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setting volume of recharge in the Forebay. As a result, the quantitative criteria specified in Article 14 of FCGMA Resolution 2013-02 that set the conditions under which Oxnard can pump its RWPA have been met. Furthermore, it is anticipated that available storage and average groundwater elevations in the UAS of the Forebay will continue to meet these criteria through September 2024.

**CONCLUSION:**

Staff recommends that your Board receive and file this report. This letter has been reviewed by Agency Counsel. If you have any questions, please call me at (805) 654-5164.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Loeb', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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Groundwater Manager

Attachment:     Item 2A – UWCD Addendum to WY 2022 Recycled Water Management Impact Analysis  
Annual Report, August 15, 2023