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SUPPLEMENTAL BOARD AGENDA MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT:

Federal Appropriations Requests for Federal Fiscal Year 2020.

REASON FOR SUPPLEMENTAL MEMORANDUM:

This supplemental Board agenda memorandum conveys additional information received after the initial agenda item was released, consistent with Executive Limitations Policy EL-7-10-5.

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the recommended federal Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 appropriations requests for Valley Water-sponsored and Valley Water-supported projects.

SUMMARY:

On April 1-3, 2019, Valley Water Board members and staff will travel to Washington, D.C., to meet with Members of Congress and staff, as well as agency officials and staff, to advocate for Valley Water's FY 2020 appropriations requests and legislative priorities. Approval of this item will allow these Board members and staff to engage in and influence the federal budget process, as well as discuss and advocate for other priority issues.

The week of March 11, 2019, the President will submit part one of his FY 2020 budget request to Congress, which will initiate the FY 2020 appropriations process. The President will submit the second part of the budget the following week. The Valley Water delegation's trip to D.C. is purposely scheduled for early spring so that we may influence appropriations and the subsequent work plan requests for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). The 36-day partial government shutdown that ended on January 25, however, delayed delivery of the budget and the congressional appropriations schedule. Therefore, this appropriations request is submitted for consideration before staff has been able to review the budget submission.

In order to engage in and influence the appropriations process during this trip, staff is requesting that the Board support Valley Water's USACE-partnered flood protection project funding requests for FY 2020, as well as a list of federally-partnered water utility project funding requests for FY 2020, which begins October 1, 2019. These preliminary requests are shown in Attachment 1 and are coordinated with Valley Water's federal and local partners to ensure that Valley Water's programs and projects receive maximum available federal funding. Staff may revise these FY2020 requests later in the year

based on additional information. In that case, staff will seek additional Board approval.

In the fall, prior to the fall trip to Washington, D.C., staff will bring an updated list of appropriations and work plan requests for FYs 2020, if applicable, and new requests for FY 2021 for the Board's endorsement.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact associated with this item.

CEQA:

The recommended action does not constitute a project under CEQA because it does not have the potential for resulting in direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment.

ATTACHMENTS:

*Supplemental Attachment 1: FY 2020 Federal Appropriations Requests.

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