Ag Zone Project Funding Status Update

The Executive Committee authorized the San Joaquin Valley Drainage Authority (SJVDA) to enter into a contract with Kennedy/Jenks for Tasks 1-4 on a not to exceed basis up to $100,000 when the workplan was complete for Tasks 3 and 4. On September 10, 2012 the Executive Committee approved the Task 3 and 4 workplan and requested Kennedy/Jenks provide a detailed methodology to produce the Ag Zone mapping in Task 5 fully addressing the questions and concerns of the Selection Committee, and funding for Task 5 would be based on the completeness and responsiveness of the workplan.

Kennedy/Jenks provided a detailed workplan for the Ag Zone Mapping in late November and on November 26, 2012 the TAC received a presentation on the workplan. Based on the feedback from the committee the workplan was accepted for presentation to the Executive Committee. At the January 2013 meeting the Executive Committee took the following actions:

1. Accepted the workplan for Task 5 at the level of detail and amount of work the TAC believes will be required, a total budget of $239,995 was provided by Kennedy/Jenks and included.
2. Funded phase one of the workplan. The Ag Zoning Map project was projected to cost $120,000 in the most recent updated budget for CV-SALTS up to the budgeted level.
3. Directed and requested SJVDA to authorize Task 5 for a not to exceed cost of $120,000 to comply with the current budget.
4. Directed a subcommittee to work to identify the remaining funding needed ($119,995) to complete the task.

In February the CVSC Board made recommendations to the group composed of funding and fundraising committee members and CVSC members who were evaluating the need for Peer Review of the Grattan Model, to review funding recommendations for both the Model Peer Review and Ag Zone funding.

This group held several weekly calls to identify potential funding partners and agencies based on the value and benefit to agency stakeholders. Richard Meyerhoff as TPM compiled a brief benefits paper (attached) for this use and to assist in explanation of the project. At the March 2013 CVSC Meeting the Board reviewed the work to date and requested the group provide some additional information related to how the cost for the MUN extra work would be addressed, as requested by the regional board and documented, so they could discuss with their boards, councils and management.

Additionally, Richard Meyerhoff is working with Jeanne to get a brief paper on the direct and indirect benefits of the MUN Surface Water Archetype as was done for the Ag Zone Mapping.

This effort overlaps in both issue and members with the Fair Share Funding subgroup looking at policy, value and benefit, contribution level, and process by which stakeholders who receive direct benefit from CV-SALTS funded Archetypes should participate. Work continues in both groups with a target to present the approach and commitments received at the April and May Executive committees.