



## AGENDA STAFF REPORT

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**MEETING DATE:** July 9, 2024

**SUBJECT:** Approve payments for CVWD's share of Colorado River Board activities for Fiscal Year 2024 – 25 through payment of annual dues for 1) Six Agency Committee (\$491,562.50) and 2) Colorado River Authority (\$13,000).

**TO:** BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**FROM:** ADMIN-WATER, ROBERT CHENG

### **GENERAL MANAGER RECOMMENDATION:**

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#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve payments for Fiscal Year 2024-25 (FY25) to fund CVWD's share of Colorado River Board of California (CRB's) annual activities:

- \$491,562.50 - Six Agency Committee (SAC) (primarily covering CRB staff time)
- \$13,000 - Colorado River Authority (CRA) (covers other expenses, including tours)

Additional supporting details are provided in the attached SAC and CRA FY25 budget tables.

#### **BUDGET IMPACT:**

Similar to previous years, these expenditures were included as part of CVWD's FY25 budget process (adopted through Board action during the June 11, 2024 meeting) and paid from the Canal Fund. These expenditures do not require a rate increase.

#### **PROCUREMENT METHOD:**

☒ N/A

If other, please explain: .

#### **BACKGROUND**

The Colorado River Board of California (CRB) provides general assistance to California's Colorado River entitlement holders, including CVWD on all matters related to the Colorado River including technical and advocacy activities. Funding for the CRB activities are assessed through the Six Agency Committee and the Colorado River Authority. On June 9, 2020, CVWD's Board of Directors approved CVWD's continued

participation in the SAC from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2025. All SAC members listed below contribute their proportionate shares to fund the annual activities of the CRB through the SAC budget:

- CVWD (16.25%), Palo Verde Irrigation District (5%), San Diego County Water Authority (10%), Imperial Irrigation District (28.75%), The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (32%), and Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (8%)

#### FY 2024-25 Budget

The SAC and CRA Boards approved the FY25 budgets for the SAC and CRA, respectively, during their June 12, 2024 Board meetings. SAC's FY25 budget of \$3,477,000 will be funded through SAC Assessment of \$3,025,000 plus \$452,000 of unspent funds from prior years and transfer from reserves.

CRA's FY25 budget of \$130,000 will be funded through CRA Assessment of \$80,000 plus \$50,000 from reserves.

#### CVWD Historical Payments to SAC and CRA

Payments to SAC for the previous five fiscal years are as follows: \$353,438 (FY20), \$373,750 (FY21), \$396,500 (FY22), \$442,650 (FY23), \$473,687.50 (FY24).

There were no CRA payments for FY20 to FY24 as CRA activities during these five years were funded by unspent funds or reserves.

#### Recommendation

Based on the importance of the Colorado River to CVWD and the work that CRB performs to preserve California's share of this critical supply, staff recommends Board approval for payments of \$491,562.50 (SAC invoice) and \$13,000 (CRA invoice) to fund CVWD's share of the CRB activities for FY25.

#### **PRIOR BOARD ACTION:**

N/A

#### **DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL(S)/OBJECTIVES(S):**

N/A

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:**

This is not a project as defined by CEQA; therefore, approval does not require any CEQA action.

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE REQUIRED**

N/A

#### **LEGAL REVIEW**

N/A

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

Att 1 - CVWD\_CRA\_Assessment\_FY24-25

Att 2 - CVWD\_SAC\_Assessment\_FY24-25