



## AGENDA STAFF REPORT

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**Section Name: CONSENT CALENDAR**  
**Project ID:**

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**MEETING DATE:** February 14, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Authorize Coachella Valley Salt and Nutrient Management Plan Monitoring Program Well Level and Water Quality Data Sharing Agreement with Desert Water Agency and Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians

**TO:** BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**FROM:** ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, STEVE BIGLEY

**GENERAL MANAGER  
RECOMMENDATION:** .

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD) Board of Directors authorize its General Manager to execute a well level and water quality data sharing agreement with Desert Water Agency (DWA) and Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians (ACBCI) for purposes of collaborating on the implementation of the Coachella Valley Salt Nutrient Management Plan (CV-SNMP) Groundwater Monitoring Workplan.

**BUDGET IMPACT:**

N/A

**PROCUREMENT METHOD:**

☒ N/A

If other, please explain: .

**BACKGROUND**

On February 21, 2021, the Colorado River Basin Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) approved the CV-SNMP Groundwater Monitoring Workplan which was prepared collaboratively by the CV-SNMP Agencies to address the SNMP monitoring requirements of section 6.2.4.1 of the 2018 Recycled Water Policy. The current CV-SNMP Agencies collaborating on the implementation of the Groundwater Monitoring Workplan are CVWD, City of Coachella, City of Palm Springs, DWA, Indio Water Authority, Mission Springs Water District, Myoma Dunes Mutual Water Company, and Valley Sanitary District. The CV-SNMP Agencies began implementing the Groundwater Monitoring Workplan in 2021.

The Groundwater Monitoring Workplan included three wells owned by ACBCI or located on ACBI lands in areas

where other adequate wells were not available to meet monitoring objectives. The locations of the three wells are shown on Attachment 1. CVWD and DWA wish to enter into a well level and water quality data sharing agreement with ACBCI for the purposes of meeting the Groundwater Monitoring Workplan monitoring and reporting requirements for these three wells. Under the agreement, ACBCI agrees to monitor and share the required data for these three wells. CVWD and DWA agree to share copies of the groundwater quality and groundwater level data and information provided to the Regional Water Board to comply with the monitoring and reporting requirements of the Groundwater Monitoring Workplan. The data is provided annually to the Regional Water Board in an electronic format compatible with the Groundwater Ambient Monitoring and Assessment (GAMA) Program database. A copy of the data sharing agreement is included as Attachment 2.

Although not a party to the agreement, the other CV-SNMP Agencies recognize the value of the data sharing agreement for meeting the objectives of the Groundwater Monitoring Workplan without constructing additional monitoring wells and have provided their support for the agreement.

**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**

Legal review of the data sharing agreement was completed by O'Melveny.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Att 1 - Map of Monitoring Wells on ACBCI Lands

Att 2 - CV-SNMP Data Sharing Agreement Between CVWD, DWA, and ACBCI