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TO: Technical Advisory Committee to the Water Advisory Committee

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SUBJECT: New Member of SMSWP- CalAm

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommend by the Water Conservation Subcommittee that the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) approve California American Water (CalAm) as a new party of the First Amended Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Sonoma-Marín Saving Water Partnership (MOU).

BACKGROUND

CalAm has submitted an inquiry to Sonoma Water staff regarding joining the Sonoma-Marín Saving Water Partnership (SMSWP). MOU allows new parties to join upon recommendation of the Water Conservation Subcommittee and approval by the TAC.

On October 24, 2018 the Water Conservation Subcommittee help a quarterly SMSWP meeting. CalAm was recommended for inclusion in the MOU by the Subcommittee.

There are three requirements outlined in the MOU to join the SMSWP: 1) pay an annual Water Conservation Fund fee to the Agency for Regional Water Conservation Projects, 2) agree to budget and expend funding for Local Water Conservation Projects, and 3) execute the agreement, agreeing to all the terms.

Regional Water Conservation Project Funding

CalAm is considered an ‘Other Agency Customer’ in the Restructured Agreement and pays the Water Conservation Sub Charge for each acre foot of water purchased from Sonoma Water. Per the MOU, “MMWD and Agency Customers, not party to the Restructured Agreement, an equivalent amount shall be included as a component of the Operation and Maintenance Charge and shall be deposited in the Water Conservation Fund.”

The Water Conservation Sub Charge Rate for FY 17/18 was \$43.77/ acft and is adjusted annually. Below is the amount paid by CalAm into the Water Conservation Fund for FY 17/18:

	FY17/18 Sonoma Water Deliveries (acft)	WC Fund Contribution	% of Total Supply from Sonoma Water
Cal Am	279	\$ 12,226.37	37%

Local Water Conservation Project Funding

Per the MOU, a SMSWP member is required to budget and expend an annualized amount of at least 175% of their Water Conservation Fund fee for Local Water Conservation Projects. Cal Am would be required to budget and expend \$21,396 each year on local water conservation projects.

Execute the Agreement

CalAm will execute the MOU upon approval of the TAC.