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To: The Recharge Investigation Project Committee (RIPComm)

Subject: Anticipated Budget Increase

The following is a request from Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA) and Chino Basin Watermaster (CBWM) staff to discuss an anticipated budget increase to the Wineville/Jurupa/Force Main project under the Recharge Master Plan Update (RMPU), due to an unforeseen field condition.

Under the 2013 RMPU Project, IEUA on behalf of CBWM is implementing capital improvement projects to the region's groundwater facilities with the goal of increasing stormwater yield by 4,700 acre-feet per year (AFY) and utilizing 7,100 AFY of available recycled water for water conservation. The 2013 RMPU program consists of five capital projects which addresses improvements to 7 recharge basins. Currently, the San Sevaine and Victoria Basin improvements are fully completed. The Lower Day Improvement is nearing completion, and the Montclair Basin is waiting on final permitting approval before bidding. The Wineville Basin/Jurupa Basin/Force Main Conveyance Project along with the RP3 Basin Improvement projects are currently in construction.

On June 16, 2021, a \$15.4 million construction contract for the Wineville/Jurupa/Force Main Conveyance was awarded by IEUA to MNR Construction, Inc. This construction proposes to yield approximately 2,921 AFY of captured stormwater for groundwater recharge. The Chino Basin Watermaster is fully funding this stormwater improvement with available SRF loans and \$9.0 million in grants awarded to IEUA.

During MNR's subsurface field investigation for the new 30-inch force main conveyance pipeline, more buried utilities were identified from what was noted in the contract plans. The initial bid plans only documented 44 buried utilities. However, the Contractor's field investigation identified 89 buried utilities. 17 sheets of the construction plans were revised to prevent utility conflicts. The Contractor's proposed cost to this unforeseen condition is nearly 2.5 million.

IEUA and CBWM staff are requesting an immediate meeting with the members of the Committee to discuss these changes in further detail and recommend the proposed actions of adjusting the project budget through IEUA and CBWM's cost sharing agreement. Staff's urgent request is to avoid delaying the Contractor's effort and incurring additional cost.

Sincerely,

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