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Northeastern San Joaquin County Groundwater Banking Authority
Dr. C. Mel Lytle, Ph.D., Executive Director
P.O. Box 1810
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Proposition 50 Integrated Regional Water Management Planning Grant Program
Agreement No. 4600004499

Dear Dr. Lytle:

We have received and accepted your report entitled *Eastern San Joaquin, Integrated Regional Water Management Plan*, dated July 2007, your Final Report dated September 17, 2010, and your *Eastern San Joaquin Basin, Integrated Conjunctive Use Program, Programmatic Environmental Impact Report*, dated February 2011 per the requirement of Section 10 of the grant agreement. This represents completion of your agency's obligations under Agreement No. 4600004499 with the California Department of Water Resources.

Thank you for your interest in the Integrated Regional Water Management Planning Grant Program and your efforts to develop an Integrated Regional Water Management Plan in your area. The attachment, Grant Performance Evaluation, is for your records. If you have any questions, please contact Jason Preece at (916) 651-9636.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Yun", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Joe Yun, Chief IRWM Planning Grant Section

Attachment

cc: Chris Bonds, North Central Region
Jason Preece, Regional Planning Branch

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
GRANTEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION
 DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
 INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT – REGIONAL PLANNING BRANCH
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AGREEMENT NUMBER 4600004499		AMENDMENT NUMBERS 3
DEPARTMENT Water Resources	GRANTEE'S NAME AND ADDRESS Dr. C. Mel Lytle, Ph.D., Executive Director Northeastern San Joaquin County Groundwater Banking Authority P.O. Box 1810 Stockton, CA 95201	
DIVISION Integrated Regional Water Management		
EVALUATOR'S NAME Jason Preece		
PROJECT TITLE Integrated Regional Water Management Planning Program	AGREEMENT EXPIRATION DATE December 31, 2009	
1. TOTAL AGREEMENT AMOUNT INCLUDING AMENDMENTS \$498,468	GRANTEE DEPARTMENT (if different than grantee's name)	

2. DESCRIBE THE WORK THAT WAS IN THE PROJECT WORK PLAN.

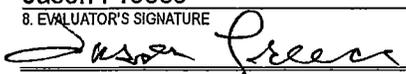
The work plan proposed the preparation of an Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) and a programmatic Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The IRWMP preparation included the following elements: Project alternative screening, selection and prioritization, including definition of objectives and management areas, establishment of regional management priorities, alternatives development and screening, and modeling and impact assessment; preparation of a programmatic EIR; development of a Management Action Plan consisting of strategy integration, a financing plan, and plan adoption; stakeholder outreach, and; agency/funder coordination for Proposition 50 Planning Grant reimbursement.

3. WAS THE WORK PERFORMED?
 NO – If no, explain why YES – if yes, explain how the work met the specific problem, administrative requirement, or program need for the project.

The Northeastern San Joaquin County Groundwater Banking Authority (GBA) completed the IRWMP for the San Joaquin County region situated in the northern portion of the San Joaquin Valley Basin in July 2007. The contract has been amended three times, each having to do with a time extension, extending the completion date from January 2, 2008 to January 2, 2009, then to June 30, 2009 and finally to December 31, 2009. The justifications for the time extensions were reasonable and were approved by DWR staff. For example, the third extension to December 31, 2009 was to allow extra time to carefully complete the EIR and previous extensions were to accommodate the State bond freeze and related DWR request for work stoppage.

4. DID THE GRANTEE FULFILL ALL REQUIREMENTS OF THE AGREEMENT?
 NO – If no, explain why YES – if yes, explain how the work met the specific problem, administrative requirement, or program need for the project.

- The project was completed in accordance with the work plan included in the January 3, 2006 contract agreement.
- The project needed three time extensions, primarily because of data and IRWMP updating, but also to allow for greater stakeholder participation. The grantee's justifications for the extensions were reasonable.
- The project was completed on budget.
- Monthly reporting was submitted in the form of GBA Board and Coordination Committee meeting summaries that were submitted in a timely manner. The IRWMP was completed approximately five months ahead of schedule. Work on the EIR was completed within the contract period, as amended, but could not be adopted until February 2011 due to the complex nature of preparing a programmatic document. DWR staff was appropriately consulted for revised schedule approvals.
- The final IRWMP is well organized into 10 chapters and a concise executive summary. A comprehensive list of IRWM projects are illustrated with maps and schematics, graphically keyed to corresponding beneficial elements, and ranked according to prioritization. The initial IRWMP was adopted by RWA and Freeport Regional Water Authority (FRWA) in May 2006.
- Invoicing requirements were met and supporting documents were accurate. However, only one invoice was submitted for the project and was not received until late 2010. This resulted in a cumbersome invoice to process, the need to extend the funding source, and delayed processing and payment by DWR.
- Grantee was very cooperative throughout the project life and was always available by telephone and e-mail.
- The Final IRWMP and the Final EIR document reviews by DWR Headquarters staff were completed on June 25, 2010 and April 7, 2011, respectively.

5. EMPLOYEE TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING GRANTEE PERFORMANCE Jason Preece	6. TITLE Engineering Geologist	7. TELEPHONE NUMBER 916-651-9636
8. EVALUATOR'S SIGNATURE 	9. TITLE Engineering Geologist	10. DATE 4/7/11
		11. TELEPHONE NUMBER 916-651-9636