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SUBJECT: Agricultural Commissioners Pilot Program Status Report – Butte and Glenn County

BOARD ACTION: *Information Report – No Board Action*

BACKGROUND: On 29 June 2005, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed by the Central Valley Water Board, State Water Board, Department of Pesticide Regulation, and the Agricultural Commissioners of Glenn and Butte counties. The purposes of the MOU are to initiate appropriate interaction between the Central Valley Water Board, the Agricultural Commissioners, and growers on a local level; utilize the skills and knowledge of each participant to accomplish the goals of the Irrigated Lands Program; and to collaborate, implement, and coordinate with other agencies and non-governmental organizations to control nonpoint sources of pollution.

The MOU is effective for 24 months after which, upon completion of a review by all parties, the MOU may be renewed, revised or terminated. The contract between the Central Valley Water Board and each of the Agricultural Commissioners was executed on 27 December 2005 and was extended for one fiscal year (from 30 June 2006 to 30 June 2007) to allow for the delay in execution. The contract provides funding of 0.5 PY to each of the Agricultural Commissioners as specified in the MOU.

The Ag Commissioners of Glenn and Butte Counties will present the Board with a status report of their activities under this contract in support of the Irrigated Lands Conditional Waiver Program.

RECOMMENDATION: Informational only.

Mgmt. Review _____

Legal Review _____

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