

ITEM: 22

SUBJECT: Consideration of Adoption of a Resolution to allow the Rose Foundation to Administer SEP Funding to Projects Benefitting Disadvantaged Communities

REPORT: Board Staff will present a proposal to encourage the use of Supplemental Environmental Projects (SEPs) to aid disadvantaged communities within the Central Valley Region. Since the State Water Board adopted the Statewide SEP policy in 2009, the Central Valley Water Board has observed that there are significant obstacles that make it difficult for Dischargers to enter into settlements that fund SEPs to assist disadvantaged communities. With input from Environmental Justice (EJ) groups within the Region, Board staff solicited the collaboration of a third-party group – the Rose Foundation – which has demonstrated the institutional capacity to facilitate projects that benefit water quality in disadvantaged communities. Similar efforts have been undertaken by the Central Coast and Lahontan Water Boards.

ISSUES Staff presented this topic as an Informational Item during the 7 February 2014 Board Meeting and received encouragement from the Board to move forward with the proposal.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the proposed Resolution.

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