



**COACHELLA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
AGENDA STAFF REPORT**

Meeting Date: 2/12/2019

TO: Board of Directors

SUBJECT:

Approve resolution expressing support for federal funding under the 2018 Farm Bill to facilitate conservation reserve enhancement programs in the Coachella and Imperial Valleys

FOR: **Action** **Public Hearing** **Ordinance**
 Presentation/Recognition **Informational Report**

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: *It is recommended that the Board of Directors:*

Approve resolution expressing support for federal funding under the 2018 Farm Bill to facilitate conservation reserve enhancement programs in the Coachella and Imperial Valleys.

SUMMARY: *This request consists of:*

CVWD has a long history of working cooperatively with agencies within California and other states on resolving the issues related to water supplies, including the Colorado River. Examples of this collaboration include the 2003 Quantification Settlement Agreement (QSA), 2007 Interim Guidelines, and most recently, the Drought Contingency Plan in order to mitigate the effects of the prolonged drought within the Colorado River Basin. Recognizing that regional water conservation efforts are important contributors to CVWD's water portfolio and the importance of working together with other agencies to achieve regional solutions, CVWD supports efforts to obtain additional resources available under the Farm Bill in order to facilitate conservation reserve enhancement programs for this region. Through this resolution, the CVWD Board encourages the Department of Interior and the Department of Agriculture to use available authorities under the 2018 Farm Bill (Public Law 115-334) to enter into a cooperative agreement with the California Natural Resources Agency to carry out conservation reserve enhancement programs in the Coachella and Imperial Valleys.

FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:

- No, this item is not a "project" as defined by CEQA; therefore, approval does not require any CEQA action.
 Yes, see below.

LEGAL REVIEW: Yes – Reviewed by Counsel No – Not Applicable

FIRM:

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Approved by:

J. M. Barrett
General Manager

ATTACHMENTS/AS
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PROJECT ID NO: N/A