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SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Remaining Budget and Scope of Work

Kahn, Soares & Conway, LLP (KSC) appreciates the opportunity to provide regulatory facilitator services to the Lake Elsinore and Canyon Lake TMDL Task Force. Over the last two fiscal years, such services have included significant work related to all of the following: drafting amendment language for the Water Quality Control Plan for the Santa Ana Region (Basin Plan) to incorporate the revised 2024 TMDLs into the Basin Plan; working and coordinating with Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board (Santa Ana Water Board) staff on the 2024 TMDL revision; coordinating and preparing TMDL Task Force responses to the Santa Ana Water Board's efforts to audit implementation of the Comprehensive Nutrient Reduction Plans; coordinating and preparing TMDL Task Force responses to the incorporation of the TMDLs into the Regional Municipal Stormwater Permit; attending Lake Elsinore and San Jacinto Water Authority (LESJWA) Board of Directors meetings to provide periodic updates; and, participate in LESJWA's Strategic Planning efforts.

While some of this work was originally planned and budgeted for prior to the start of the 2023-2025 budget cycle, significant additional effort has been expended at the request of the TMDL Task Force and its members. Due to the unanticipated level of effort associated with the Basin Plan amendment and other referenced items, KSC has unfortunately expended most of its 2023-2025 budget. As of September, KSC has a remaining balance of \$4,463.04. With ten months remaining and considering that the revised 2024 TMDLs will be considered by the Santa Ana Water Board in February of 2025, it is highly unlikely that the remaining budget will suffice for the remainder of the budgeted term. Accordingly, KSC requests a budget augmentation for the 2024/2025 fiscal year.

For the remainder of the 2024/2025 fiscal year, KSC has identified the following key tasks and estimated budget for each task in Table 1. The total requested budget augmentation for these tasks is \$70,000.

**Table 1. Estimated Budget Augmentation for 2024/2025 Fiscal Year**

<b>Task</b>	<b>Task Description</b>	<b>Budget Estimate</b>
Task 1 – LECL Task Force Meetings	Prepare for and attend LECL Task Force Meetings (includes travel costs if necessary)	\$15,000
Task 2 – 2024 TMDL Revision Efforts	Meetings and coordination with Santa Ana Water Board staff and GEI; assist with preparing responses to comments on public draft; prepare for, attend and participate in Santa Ana Water Board public hearing on 2024 TMDL revisions (includes travel costs for public hearing)	\$40,000
Task 3 – Other Santa Ana Water Board related actions	Prepare comments, attend meetings and review tentative permits issued by the Santa Ana Water Board that incorporate the LECL TMDLs (e.g., MS4 Permit, dairy order, non-dairy CAFO order)	\$8,000
Task 4 – LESJWA Coordination	Attend LESJWA meetings to provide Task Force updates as requested; participate in LESJWA’s Strategic Planning process to provide Task Force perspective	\$4,000
Task 5 – LEAMS Operators Coordination	Coordinate with LEAMS Operators and participate in LEAMS Operators meetings to provide Task Force perspective	\$3,000
	<b>Total Estimated Budget for September 2024 through June 2025</b>	<b>\$70,000</b>