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MEMORANDUM

TO: Water Resources Commission

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SUBJECT: Work Session Item J, January 27, 2012
Water Resources Commission Meeting

Update on Water Conservation, Reuse and Storage Grant Program

I. Issue Statement

The Water Conservation, Reuse and Storage Grant Program (WCRS), established by Senate Bill 1069, is currently mid-way through the process of awarding grants designed to fund the qualifying costs of planning studies that evaluate the feasibility of developing water conservation, reuse or storage projects. This report is an update on the grant schedule and applications received.

II. Grant Applications

The Department received 23 grant applications during the application time period of October 3 through December 15, 2011. Total dollar amount requested is \$2,295,774. At the time of this report writing, staff is reviewing the applications for completeness.

Staff is in the process of accomplishing the following steps;

Tentative Date	Action
January 9, 2012	Posting summaries of each application on the Department website, Convening an Application Review Team (ART) with representatives from multiple agencies to score the applications and offer recommendations to the Department Recommendations fall into four categories: <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Fund – High Priority○ Fund – Medium Priority○ Fund – Contingent on funding availability○ Do not Fund
January 30, 2012	Providing public notice of the applications and associated ART recommendations
February 6, 2012	Opening a public comment period for 30 days
March 6, 2012	Incorporating public comments and ART recommendations, into the Department's funding recommendations
March 27, 2012	Forwarding funding recommendations to the Water Resources Commission for consideration. The Water Resources Commission is scheduled to make Grant Awards at its April 2012 meeting

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The Department is scheduled to negotiate grant agreements and make funding available in June 2012.

III. Conclusion

No Commission action is necessary. Additional information regarding the grants will be developed and provided to the Commission at its January 2012 meeting.

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