

# 2010 DOC Watershed Coordinator Grant Program

## Quarterly Report Form

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Refer to the *DOC Watershed Coordinator Grant Program Quarterly Report Form Instructions* document for detailed directions on how to complete this form.

### 1. Executive Summary:

The goal of the Tulare Basin Wildlife Partner's Watershed Initiative (TBWI) is a healthy regional watershed with ecologically functional waterways, wetlands and uplands, providing abundant clean water for both people and wildlife. The Initiative will promote integrated natural resource management in the Tulare Basin Watershed. The Initiative's main objective is to ensure that water supply, water quality and flood control practices funded and carried out through the Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) process consider and incorporate ecological, watershed and sustainability principles in project design. The Watershed Coordinator (WC) will lead outreach efforts to the seven Tulare Basin IRWM planning groups and will work closely with natural resources agencies and non-profit organizations operating in the Basin.

In order to meet the Initiative's three-year objectives, the WC will utilize the TBWP's conservation planning documents, the Tulare Basin Conservation Plan Water Supply Strategies Report, and appropriate state and federal land managing agency planning documents to determine overlap with the objectives and priorities in the various Tulare Basin IRWM plans. The overall goal of this effort is to add environmental value and enhance funding opportunities for IRWM and other water-related projects in the Basin.

Objectives for the WC will also include improving overall public and stakeholder involvement for organizations not currently represented in IRWM groups. This includes the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Resource Conservation Districts (RCD) and other conservation or civic organizations active in the Basin. The Initiative will work to bring state, federal and private resources to facilitate the funding of these projects. The Initiative will also work to secure funding for the continuation and long-term sustainability of the WC position after the end of this grant.

**2. Activities and Accomplishments Summary:** List major activities and accomplishments completed this quarter.

Priority Actions/Focus:

*The priorities from the Annual Work Plan for Year 2 with Q6 accomplishments:*

*(1) Development and integration of conservation, habitat and climate change project elements into the 7 Tulare Basin IRWMP/Regional Water Management Groups (RWMG) planning/implementation grant applications to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR.):* In anticipation of the next round of IRWMP implementation grants (currently due March 2013), the TBWI stepped up project integration with several of the IRWMs including Kings Basin, Kern, Poso and Kaweah Basin. A common theme is conveyance improvement, flood attenuation and groundwater recharge within the Tulare Basin Hydrologic Region. The WC was appointed to the Project Review/Ranking Committee for the Kings Basin IRWM specifically to provide feedback on the watershed benefits of projects proposed for the implementation grant submittal. In conjunction with the "common theme" previously mentioned, there has been increasing interest by water districts and IRWM groups in the management and improvement of creeks and streams in the Tulare Basin. Any maintenance activities need a 1600 streambed alteration permit from the CDFG, and the WC has been called in to assist. TBWI core team members are providing strategies based on the TBWP Riparian Corridor Conservation Plan. The WC co-authored a letter to the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) Commissioner Connor offering the Tulare Basin Watershed for a pilot in the agency's Rural Water Supply Program. In addition, the TBWI Core Team continues efforts to integrate the water needs of the Wetland Reserve Program (WRP) lands under easement agreements with NRCS into project design with IRWMPs where feasible.

*(2) Deer Creek Watershed Focus Area and Southwestern Tulare County Disadvantaged Communities (DAC) Integrated Resource Management:* Under the leadership of the TBWI Communications and Outreach Specialist (COS), the TBWI convened a second Southwest Tulare County Roundtable on September 5, 2012 in Alpaugh. The event included community leaders in Alpaugh, Allensworth, and Richgrove, as well as other interested parties (nonprofits and agency representatives), who share a commitment to improving quality of life in this culturally, historically, and ecologically rich corner of southwest Tulare County. The event

began with a tour of the Atwell Island Project, which inspired a very productive and impassioned discussion about the cultural and natural assets in the region. After the tour, the group assembled at the Alpaugh School District to discuss good financial and budgeting practices. The third part of the day involved an exciting discussion of potential projects that could add multiple benefits to the communities. As a whole, the group is eager to advance projects that embrace ecological enhancement, environmental education and outdoor recreation. We look forward to planning the next roundtable event -- scheduled for December 7, 2012 -- and taking the next steps to implement watershed improvement projects. The events are co-planned by United Way, Self-Help Enterprises and the County of Tulare.

(3) *Southern Sierra IRWM plan development.* Although the Southern Sierra RWMG received notification from DWR that its planning grant application will be funded, they are still awaiting final approval. The WC assumed the TBWP seat on the RWMG.

(4) *Climate Change Science, Adaptation and Resiliency.* The Assistant Watershed Coordinator (WC) served as a member of the Steering Committee for the Southern Sierra Science Symposium, which will be hosted by the Sequoia-Kings Canyon National Park in partnership with the California Landscape Conservation Cooperative (CA LCC), US Forest Service, US Geological Survey and the US Fish and Wildlife Service. The Symposium is scheduled for February 20 – 22, 2013 at the Visalia Convention Center. The Assistant WC reviewed the climate change portions of the existing IRWM plans to check for alignment to each other (when relevant) and conformity with DWR guidelines and recommendations. The Assistant WC is also familiar with climate change projections and literature relevant to the Tulare Basin and available to TBIRWM groups for questions and advice

(5) *Communication and Outreach implementation, serving as a catalyst for the integration of landscape level conservation with water management strategies to provide water supply reliability for agriculture, communities and habitat in the Tulare Basin.* The TBWI website was formally launched on September 1 and can be found at: [www.tularebasinwatershed.org](http://www.tularebasinwatershed.org). It serves as an instrumental tool for project managers developing the myriad watershed projects and initiatives in the Tulare Basin. The website hosts a project database (still in process—we're hoping to add several projects once Prop 84 Round 2 Implementation Grant projects are determined), which will facilitate coordination and collaboration among project managers in the Basin. The site also features an extensive resource library with studies, reports and information related to water and environmental planning in the Tulare Basin and California; we hope this section helps planners develop multiple benefit projects. Improving watershed education in the region is important, so we also have a page with such information, including a link to the watershed slide show developed by the Water Education Foundation. The website was presented to the TBWG partners at the October 26, 2012 meeting. Based on the URL, the COS created new email addresses for TBWI core team members.

(6) *Develop Consolidated Permitting and Voluntary Landowner Agreements/Safe Harbors to support high priority Integrated Resource Management (IRM) and conservation in the Tulare Basin.* This activity is linked to the work with specific water districts and CDFG on Stream-bed Alteration Permits (1600 permits) and CDFG regulatory oversight with ongoing maintenance and invasive species abatement on several native creeks managed for conveyance of water supplies. Evaluating capacity limitations (e.g., encroachment of development, invasive species, and sedimentation) of creeks and streams from the Sierra watershed onto the San Joaquin Valley floor can also inform regional climate change vulnerability. Partners are interested in developing

long-term O&M plans that will lead to subsequent improvement of this system's resiliency in the face of climate change.

*(7) Secure ongoing funding to continue the work of the Tulare Basin Watershed Coordinator beyond the initial three-year Department of Conservation (DOC) grant.* The WC met with several water district managers and IRWM groups to discuss long-term funding for the TBWI.

### **Benefits to the Watershed Accrued in Quarter 6 by TBWI and Partners**

A. *Completion of collaborative wetland restoration projects.* NTR this quarter

B. *New Tulare Basin multi-benefit projects:* Status since last report on "new ventures"

- In collaboration with Poso Creek IRWM, the TBWI is exploring opportunities to provide water to wetlands in the Tulare Basin through the Madera Avenue Intertie Project. This IRWM group is planning to submit this project to DWR for an IRWMP implementation grant in March 2013.
- The WC met with the Semitropic Wildlife Improvement District (SWID) members to explore setbacks along Poso Creek for flood attenuation and groundwater recharge while creating riparian habitat for migratory songbirds.
- The conceptual West Hills Watershed Project, under development with Westside RCD and the Westside IRWMP, will address intermittent streams that flow from the western edge of the Tulare Basin onto the valley floor. The WC met with the Army Corps of Engineers' (COE) Regulatory Branch on October 18, 2012 to explore regulatory streamlining and potential funding since setbacks are of a great interest to the COE. The Regulatory Branch manager offered to organize pre-project/proposal meeting with the regulatory agencies in an attempt to streamline the process.
- The Pixley Conservation Easements/Acquisition project and partnership with the Lower Tule River/Pixley Irrigation Districts (LTR/PID), FWS, BLM, DFG, and private landowners will protect an upland corridor in Southwestern Tulare County, as well as provide linkages to several high priority areas identified by TBWP in two of its Conceptual Area Protection Plans (CAPPs) prepared for DFG and the Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB). The WC prepared a funding application (\$885,100) to the Bureau of Reclamation CVP Conservation Program (CVPCP) to acquire approximately 270 acres of prime endangered species habitat for permanent protection. The lands will become part of the National Wildlife Refuge System. The proposal is under review and recommendation for funding is anticipated in Spring 2013. The purpose of the CVPCP is to address impacts of the CVP on wildlife species and their habitats due to ongoing deliveries of CVP water for agriculture.

C. *Disadvantaged Communities (DAC) water projects:*

- The second in a series of Roundtables organized by the TBWI, United Way, and Self-Help Enterprises was well attended by community leaders from the communities of Alpaugh and Allensworth on September 5, 2012. We will continue to organize these events in an effort to cultivate multi-benefit projects in the DACs.

- The WC, in collaboration with Dr. Karl Longley of the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board and the California Water Institute at Fresno State, submitted a joint letter to the Commissioner of BOR. The letter provided comments on BOR's Rural Water Program in response to a solicitation in July 2012 (copy of letter included on CD which accompanies this report.)
- D. *Raising awareness about IRM and its benefits in the Tulare Basin:* Under the leadership of the COS, the TBWI website was launched on September 1, 2012. We expect the site to continue attracting new visitors, help project planners in the region add ecosystem benefits to projects, and raise awareness about the important work being done in the Basin.
- E. *Expanding TBWI network of partners:* The TBWI was appointed to a Valley-wide group organized by Sustainable Conservation to explore conservation opportunities in the arena of water and agriculture. The first meeting will be December 10, 2012. The WC and COS made outreach presentations to employees of the BLM and BOR in conjunction with their Combined Federal Campaign (CFC). The CFC is an agency program providing federal employees the opportunity to donate to nonprofits such as the TBWP.
- F. *Collaborating for a healthy upper watershed:* The WC now serves on the Planning Committee of the Southern Sierra IRWMG on behalf of the TBWP. TBWI core team members continue to participate on the Sierra Water Work Group (SWWG) and the planning of the next SWWG Summit in 2013.
- G. *San Joaquin Valley Recovery Team (SJVRT):* Members of the SJVRT participated in the October Tulare Basin Working Group (TBWG) meeting. The first priority of the SJVRT for fall 2012 is to produce a map of protected areas to enable the identification of gaps, in order to identify additional upland and wildlife corridor areas within the Tulare Basin watershed in need of protection. Helped by TBWG partners and TBWI team members, information from this effort will help identify priority areas for habitat conservation and will be used to inform conservation and regional water projects. The TBWI team hopes to integrate the SJVRT data into TBWI website's integrated map.
- H. *TBWI Core Team Comments on HSR Revised EIR focusing on Southwestern Tulare County and Kings River Corridor.* Comments were submitted by the October deadline to the HSR Authority.

**Completed performance measures (PMs) as listed in work plan.** Identify the completed PMs for this quarter.

**Watershed Goal:** The goal of the Tulare-Buena Vista Lakes Watershed Coordinator is to create a healthy regional watershed with ecologically functional waterways, wetlands and uplands, providing abundant clean water for both people and wildlife. The Watershed Coordinator will cooperate with the seven Tulare Basin IRWM groups and with the Tulare Basin Working Group (TBWG) to promote integrated natural resource management in the Tulare Basin Watershed (in Fresno, Tulare, Kings, and Kern Counties).

**Work Plan Objective #1: Identify environmental benefits that can be added to specific IRWM water projects, adding environmental value and enhancing funding opportunities for these projects, as well as providing the following end result benefit to the watershed: conceptualization and implementation of projects emanating from relevant conservation plans that provide strategically located wetland, riparian and upland wildlife habitat.**

*Performance Measurement:* Facilitate the development and implementation of up to 14 environmental projects from TBWP and public agency planning documents that can add environmental value to IRWM projects.

Completed measures and outcomes addressed:

- The WC and TBWI Core Team members attended meetings of the seven Tulare Basin IRWM groups, attended monthly meetings of the TB IRWMP, and began the process of providing input to the Tulare Basin IRWM sub-groups for the next implementation grant cycle (Round 2, due March 2013) (Task 1.2)
- The WC was appointed to the Kings Basin (KB) IRWMP project review committee. (Task 1.2)
- The WC submitted an acquisition proposal on behalf of the Pixley National Wildlife Refuge to the BOR CVPCP. This acquisition proposal is the first in a series of habitat conservation actions in the Deer Creek/Tule River watershed. As previously reported, the Tule River corridor/connectivity acquisition project has high value according to analyses in the TBWP Sand Ridge-Tulare Lake Conservation Plan (DFG CAPP) and TBWP Riparian and Wildlife Corridor Conservation Plan (DFG CAPP). (Task 1.2)
- The WC met with Poso IRWMP and the SWID on project integration in September. Several projects were discussed included the utilization Delano Waste Water Treatment for wetlands and the setbacks along Poso Creek with riparian habitat creation. West-East Pintail Slough is moving forward very slowly, but remains a high priority project. (Task 1.2)
- The WC commenced work with Fresno Irrigation District (KB IRWMP) on invasive species and regulatory challenges in their use of local creeks for water supply conveyance for farms and communities they serve. The goal is to design a long-term maintenance program that can be replicated for use by other Irrigation Districts utilizing stream coordinators for water conveyance. (Task 1.2)

**Work Plan Objective #2: Match IRWM and other projects that have environmental benefits to grant opportunities and work to bring state, federal, and private resources to facilitate the funding of these projects, with the end result benefit to the watershed of increased fundability of IRWM water projects as well as providing additional valuable habitat for wetland, riparian, and upland wildlife species through these integrated projects.**

*Performance Measurement:* Facilitate the preparation by IRWM cooperators of 12-36 funding proposals that add environmental benefits to IRWM projects.

Completed measures and outcomes addressed:

- The WC and Core Team members took the lead with the USFWS and LTRID in the submission of the acquisition proposal (\$885,100) to the CVPCP. (Task 2.3)
- The WC and the COS participated in the Fresno Regional Foundation forum in downtown Fresno on October 4, 2012. (Task 2.3)
- The WC explored CAL FIRE grant opportunities with Tree Fresno and the Urban Tree Foundation in Visalia in the context of community tree planting and trail development. This is tied into the Roundtables and outreach with DACs. (Task 2.3)
- The TBWI Team members explored and shared with partners a variety of grant opportunities including National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, Proposition 1E, Local Groundwater Assistance (LGA), private foundations and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). (Task 2.1, 2.2, 2.3)
- The TBWI team members receive regular grant opportunity newsletters from the San Joaquin Valley Rural Development Center at Fresno State. This information is added to our TBWI website “funding information section” and shared with our partners. (Tasks 2.1, 2.2, 2.3)

**Work Plan Objective #3: Coordinate with Resource Conservation Districts (RCDs) and the San Joaquin Valley Resource Conservation & Development (RC & D) Council as well as with other conservation and civic organizations not currently represented in IRWM groups to promote consideration of resources other than water (e.g. soil, air, open space, recreation, and wildlife) in IRWM projects; the end result benefit of this objective will be increased public involvement that will lead in turn to increased benefits from the IRWM water projects for a wider array of the public, enhancing the regional agricultural heritage, economy, and quality of life.**

*Performance Measurement.* Facilitate development and implementation of up to 12 IRWM projects that integrate benefits to soil, air, open space, recreation, wildlife and other resources.

Completed measures and outcomes addressed:

- The WC continued collaboration with TreeTOPS, a local organization with a focus on trees, trails and open space for communities in Fresno, Tulare, Kings and Madera Counties. The group is advocating and educating the public on the need for establishing only native plants along community trails and parks to protect the integrity of valley riparian areas. (Task 3.2, 3.3)
- The WC participated in the Watershed Coordinator's forum at the California Association of RCDs (CARCD) on November 14, 2012. The forum included a very thoughtful discussion on securing future funding for the Statewide Watershed Program post-Proposition 84. It also provided additional opportunities to collaborate with other WCs and RCDs.

**Work Plan Objective #4: Coordinate with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to assist implementation of Wetland Reserve Program (WRP) and other NRCS programs; the end result benefit of this objective to the watershed will be additional wetland and riparian projects funded by NRCS and increased acreage of these essential wildlife habitats.**

*Performance Measurement:* Identification and implementation of up to 12 WRP and other NRCS program projects in conjunction with IRWM projects.

Completed measures and outcomes addressed:

- The NRCS Southern WRP Implementation Team Leader participated on the TBWI Core Team and routinely provided guidance on NRCS programs and outreach opportunities. (Tasks 4.1, 4.2, 4.3)
- The WC and TBWI Core Team continued strong focus on the task of identifying water and funding sources for water for WRP lands in the Tulare Basin that do not currently have water. (Task 4.2)
- The WC and TBWI Core Team are working with FWS, NRCS, Sustainable Conservation and other partners to develop consolidated permitting for restoration activities. (Task 4.1)
- The WC has forwarded the names of two potential WRP candidates to the NRCS. Follow up and site visits with the landowners will occur in December 2012. The TBWI committed to identifying at least two potential WRP projects in the Tulare Basin by December 2012 and three more in 2013. (Task 4.3)

**Work Plan Objective #5: Coordinate with disadvantaged community interests to identify specific overlap between those interests and environmental interests and work to integrate both components into specific IRWM water projects; the end result benefit of this objective is that IRWM water projects will demonstrate increased synergy between wildlife needs and open space needs of people living in disadvantaged communities.**

*Performance Measurement:* Facilitate the integration of up to six projects that provide environmental benefits for disadvantaged communities in IRWM water projects.

Completed measures and outcomes addressed:

- The second SW Tulare County Roundtable was held on September 5, 2012 in the community of Alpaugh. It included a field trip to the Bureau of Land Management

(BLM) Atwell Island Project in Alpaugh--an outstanding example of wetlands and upland restoration that provides recreation and education opportunities for these SW Tulare County communities. Community leaders were excited about developing a community “environmental project” such as planting trees. A goal of the Roundtable is to help the TBWI meet this Work Plan Objective. This is part of the Deer Creek - Southwest Tulare County Focus Area, which is a major focus for the TBWI in Year 2. (Task 5.1, 5.2, 5.3)

- At the request of the Chair of the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board, the WC reviewed the BOR’s Assessment of their Rural Water Program. Unfortunately, BOR has NOT funded projects in California. Gaps in data and priorities were identified. A formal letter (included on the CD that accompanies this report), co-signed by Dr. Karl Longley and the WC, was submitted to BOR’s Commission on September 10, 2012. The letter request consideration of the Tulare Basin Watershed as a pilot Rural Water Program. (Task 5.1, 5.2, 5.3)

**Work Plan Objective #6: Provide riparian and wildlife corridor concepts to assist IRWM groups with integration of climate change adaptation and sustainability strategies into specific IRWM water projects; the end result benefit to the watershed is that IRWM water projects will include climate change adaptation and sustainability benefits that will provide movement corridors for plants and animals and fewer species will be extirpated from portions of their ranges and listed as threatened or endangered.**

*Performance Measurement:* Integrate up to 12 TBWP corridor project concepts or project components with climate change adaptation and sustainability benefits into specific IRWM water projects.

Completed measures and outcomes addressed:

- The WC and Assistant WC participated on the steering committee for the Southern Sierra Science Symposium, a regional forum that will address climate change adaptation, resilience and research. The Symposium is funded in part by the California Landscape Conservation Cooperative and will be held February 20-22, 2013 in Visalia. (Task 6.1, 6.2)
- As follow up to the June 28, 2012 meeting between TBWI Core Team members and the DFG Regional Manager and staff, the TBWI is collaborating with DFG on resolution of flooding onto the Allensworth Ecological Reserve. The White River terminates on the Reserve and flooding adversely impacts threatened and endangered species. Although this project is in the very early stages of assessment and design, it is anticipated that it will serve as a model in addressing climate change adaptation and resiliency for vulnerable species in the Tulare Basin. (Task 6.1, 6.2)

**Work Plan Objective #7: Ensure stakeholder support of the Watershed Coordinator’s efforts through twelve-month reports by the Watershed Coordinator to the Tulare Basin IRWM Coordination Group (TB IRWMC, composed of lead representatives of the seven Tulare Basin IRWM groups) and to the Tulare Basin Working Group (TBWG), soliciting evaluation and consensus recommendations concerning the optimal organizational and funding basis for continuing the position beyond March 2014; the end result benefit to the watershed of this objective will be achievement of stakeholder consensus on the value of**

**continuing the position, with post-grant optimal organizational platform agreed upon, and the need for funding continuity and long-term sustainability agreed upon.**

*Performance Measurement:* Completed twelve-month reports by the Watershed Coordinator and performance evaluations by the TB IRWGM and TBWG, with summary reports (including summaries of reports to the Department of Conservation) posted on the TBWP website.

Completed measures and outcomes addressed:

- The WC and COS shared the first annual TBWI report and the Year 2 Work Plan with IRWM groups, agencies and the Tulare Basin Working Group at their October 26, 2012 meeting. (Task 7.1, 7.3)
- The WC and TBWI Core Group members participated regularly in the seven IRWM group meetings and sub-committees, presented information on TBWI progress and plans, made useful contributions and received helpful feedback. (Task 7.1, 7.2, 7.3)

**Work Plan Objective #8: Coordinate with the TBWP, TB IRWGM, TBWG participants and other interested parties to secure funding for the continuation and sustainability of the position after the end of the grant; the end result benefit to the watershed will be continued integration of environmental components in water and flood control projects in the Tulare Basin.**

*Performance Measurement:* Secure a minimum commitment of funds for two additional years, with a long-term funding strategy for ten years or more.

Completed measures and outcomes addressed:

- Members of the TBWI team completed a letter of intent to the S.D. Bechtel Jr. Foundation on September 13, 2012, for \$62,000 to fund the development of the TBWI website interactive map and annual maintenance for 3 years. (Tasks 8.1)
- The Assistant WC submitted a renewal request to the Kenney Bros. foundation for \$5,000 to fund general TBWI operating expenses and meet DOC match funding requirements. (Task 8.1)
- The COS completed a year-end report to Southern California Edison (SCE) for their late-2011 grant of \$2,500. (Task 8.1)
- WC and COS met with SCE Regional Manager to discuss outcomes and funding goals for the upcoming grant cycle. SCE is very interested in the linkages we are making between partners and stakeholders in the Basin. (Task 8.1, 8.2, 8.3)
- A letter of inquiry was submitted to the Fresno Regional Foundation to fund our continued work in the disadvantaged communities in SW Tulare County, with the goal of replicating that process in another severely rural, disadvantaged region of the Tulare Basin. (Task 8.1, 8.2, 8.3)

- The WC and COS gave a presentation about the TBWI to the BLM Bakersfield Field Office to request funding through their CFC. This not only served as a role in sustainable funding, but was also an opportunity to engage our partners and make new agency contacts. (Task 8.1, 8.2, 8.3))
- Members of the TBWI Core Team are developed a five-year budget and plan (2013-2017) to continue TBWI WC and TBWI website through full funding for continued operation and development, with the goal of achieving self-sustaining capacity for the TBWI and website by the end of 2017. (Tasks 8.1, 8.2, 8.3)
- The WC participated in the initial discussion/planning for long-term funding of the Statewide Watershed Program at the Watershed Coordinator Forum in San Diego. (Tasks 8.1, 8.2, 8.3)

### 3. New funding obtained from the Grant Start Date through this reporting period

a) Grant proposals submitted to date:

Table 1: Grant proposals submitted throughout the grant							
Program Name	Funding Entity & Type	Funding Source	Purpose	Requested Amount	Status	Award Amount	Award Date
Lawrence Foundation	P	N/A	Cash match support for WC operating costs	\$10,000	N	N/A	N/A
NRCS	F	WRP	Cash match support, funds Assistant WC functions in 2012	\$27,500	F	\$27,500	8/12/11
FWS Central Valley Joint Venture (CVJV)	F	Migratory Bird Program	Cash match support, operating costs, TBWI updated brochure	\$1,189.08	F	\$1,189.08	8/16/11
			Wetland Tour vans	\$675.00	F	\$675.00	3/30/12
Heller Charitable Foundation	P	P	Cash match support, WC operating expenses	\$12,870	N	N/A	N/A
BLM-Bakersfield Regional Office	F	Healthy Lands Initiative	Cash match support, TBWI Web site, communications/outreach	\$27,000	F	\$27,000	8/17/11
Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E)	P	Fresno Office Gov't Rel.s	Cash match support, WC operating expenses	\$3,000	F	\$3,000	7/21/11
Fresno Regional Foundation	P	P	Cash match support, TBWI Web site, communications/outreach	\$7,700	N	N/A	N/A

Wick Kenny Foundation	P	P	Cash match support, WC operating expenses	\$5,000	F	\$5,000	1/5/12
Southern Cal Edison (SCE)	P	SCE	Cash match support WC operating expenses	\$5,000	F	\$2,500	1/12/12
Heller Charitable Foundation	P	P	Cash match TBWI website	\$23,100	N	N/A	N/A
Constellation Energy Eco State	P	P	Cash match support	\$5,000	N	\$5,000	N/A
NFWF/Wells Fargo	P	P	Pre-proposal for TBWI Website	\$45,000	P	N/A	N/A
NRCS	F	WRP	Cash match support, funds Assistant WC functions in 2013	\$27,500	F	\$27,500	8/8/12
PG&E	P	P	Cash match	\$5,000	F	\$5,000	8/11/12
S.D. Bechtel Fund	P	Environment & Water Program	TBWI website upgrades and maintenance	\$62,000	P		
BOR	F	CVPCP	Acquisition for Pixley NWR, SW Tulare Co Watershed Focus Area	\$885,100	P		
Fresno Regional Foundation	P	P	DAC Roundtable support	\$15,000	P		
Kenney Brothers Foundation	P	P	Cash match support WC operating expenses	\$5,000	P		
<b>Cumulative Total</b>				<b>1,172,634.08</b>		<b>\$104,364.08</b>	

- a. New non-grant funding obtained to date.

Table 2: New non-grant funding obtained throughout the grant					
Program Name	Funding Entity & Type	Funding Source	Purpose	Amount Received	Date Received
FWS CVJV	Grant Agr'mnt Mod.	Migratory Bird Program	Funds Conservation Strategy Group Consulting September 2011- August 2012, to assist WC and Core Team with funding and project implementation strategies	\$36,000	8/11/11
Cumulative Total				\$36,000	

**4. Include final copies of outreach materials and other products created during the reporting period. Submit photos in digital format on CD.**

The CD enclosed with the original copy of this Report includes a PDF of the grant proposal for the Pixley Acquisition under CVPCP, the comment letter to BOR Commissioner Conner on the Assessment of the Rural Water Supply Program, the CFC presentation (power point) to BLM, the September 2012 News Update (PDF) and a copy of the agenda for the 2<sup>nd</sup> SW Tulare County Roundtable, as well as photographs of the Roundtable activities.

The TBWI Website: [www.tularebasinwatershed.org](http://www.tularebasinwatershed.org). Other outreach materials/efforts include regular updates to the Tulare Basin Wildlife Partners Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Tulare-Basin-Wildlife-Partners/172535542790036>. TBWP continues to expand the fan base of its Facebook page in order to serve as a hub for information exchange that can benefit the TBWI and general project collaboration in the region.

**5. If applicable, describe any problems or setbacks related to the implementation of the grant or the work plan.** None to report.

**6. Within 30 days of the end of the quarter, submit one hard copy and one electronic copy (in MS Word; no PDF files) of this completed quarterly report to your assigned grant administrator.**