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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 functions 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 Q8 accomplishments:

(1) Development and integration of conservation, habitat and climate change project elements into the seven Tulare Basin IRWM/Regional Water Management Groups (RWMG) planning/implementation grant applications to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR):

- The WC participated in project reviews for several IRWM groups.
- The WC participated in the IRWM Summit and Workshop April 2-5 in Sacramento.
- The WC and Core Team members participated in the Strategic Plan Workshop for the IRWM program with DWR on April 10 in Clovis, CA. This was one of five statewide public scoping workshops convened by DWR to develop a long-term plan for IRWM, post-Proposition 84.
- Core Team members participated in the April Roundtable of Regions for IRWM conference call.
- The WC participated in the Tulare Lake Region Design Team for California Water Plan.

(2) Deer Creek Watershed Focus Area and Southwestern Tulare County Disadvantaged Communities (DAC) Integrated Resource Management: In an ongoing effort to identify opportunities and execute projects in the Southwestern region of Tulare County (Deer Creek Watershed), the TBWI Core Team continues to engage community leaders and other stakeholders in the region.

- Earth Day – The TBWI Communications and Outreach Specialist (COS) convened a meeting to plan a multi-community Earth Day clean-up event and festival with the towns of Alpaugh and Allensworth. The planning effort merged resources from community leadership, the Bureau of Land Management, California State Parks, United Way of Tulare County, Community, Services, Employment, Training (CSET), and more. The TBWI COS facilitated the meeting and planning effort and offered *pro-bono* services to package the information in English and Spanish language flyers that were distributed through the schools. The TBWI Team also volunteered to provide a youth nature

- education booth at the festival to teach children about native plants and the water cycle.
- The spring Tulare Basin Working Group (TBWG) meeting was held in Alpaugh on May 2, 2013 and included a review of Southwestern Tulare County Roundtables and a discussion on furthering the efforts to (a) connect the communities of Alpaugh and Allensworth with Atwell Island via a recreational trail; (b) create a safe drinking water supply for Alpaugh residents; (c) connect Allensworth homes to a nearby natural gas pipeline; (d) find and develop funding sources for the preceding projects.
- Pixley Conservation Project was funded through the Bureau of Reclamation's Central Valley Project Conservation Program in the amount of \$448,000 in FY 2013. An additional \$200,000 will be added as funding becomes available. Endangered species habitat will be acquired from a willing seller for inclusion into the Pixley National Wildlife Refuge (NWR).

(3) Southern Sierra IRWM plan development.

- Although the Southern Sierra Regional Water Management Group (SS RWMG) received notification from DWR that its planning grant application will be funded, the group is still awaiting final approval. The planning grant application was submitted in early March 2012. The WC assisted with preparation of the IRWM Implementation grant application, which had a deadline of March 29, 2013.
- The WC participated on the planning committee for the Sierra Water Workgroup Summit scheduled for June 11-13, 2013 in Kings Beach, CA.

(4) Climate Change Science, Adaptation and Resiliency.

- The TBWI team participated in a "collaboration station" at the Southern Sierra Climate Adaptation Workshop, held February 20-22, 2013 at the Visalia Convention Center. At the collaboration station, TBWI team members led a discussion of the goals and objectives of the TBWI, focusing on improving upper and lower watershed coordination in the face of a changing climate. The Workshop focused on work of the National Park Service, US Geological Survey, US Forest Service and the California Landscape Conservation Cooperative. The Workshop included speakers from numerous state agencies, colleges, universities and nonprofits, which reported on findings from various studies and research activities in the Southern Sierra.

(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.

- During this quarter, the TBWI COS distributed three e-newsletters to its listserve, now up to 185 partners (see enclosed CD).
- The TBWI COS also distributed a draft of the TBWP/TBWI 2014-2016 Strategic Plan, inviting comments from partners and stakeholders (see enclosed CD).
- The TBWI COS wrote and published an editorial in the *Visalia Times-Delta* on May 10, 2013, which summarized the Tulare Basin Working Group meeting that took place on May 2, 2013 (see enclosed CD).
- The COS also took several pictures from the event and posted them to the Tulare Basin Wildlife Partners' Facebook page (see enclosed CD).
- [The TBWI website can be found at: www.tularebasinwatershed.org. It serves as an instrumental tool for project managers developing the myriad watershed projects and initiatives in the Tulare Basin.]

(6) Develop Consolidated Permitting and Voluntary Landowner Agreements/Safe Harbors to support high priority Integrated Resource Management (IRM) and conservation in the Tulare Basin.

- The WC continued to meet with agencies, landowners and water districts with what has been coined “ the creeks and streams initiative,” patterned after a BLM program. Originally envisioned for the Eastside, the effort gained momentum with the identification of a landowner in the Westside RCD who is already creating setbacks and habitat along Salt Creek. The TBWI will focus more of its efforts on the “West Hills Conservation Project,” in partnership with the Westside RCD and willing landowners. Evaluation of capacity limitations (e.g., encroachment of development, invasive species, and sedimentation) of creeks and streams from the Sierra watershed and/or the West Hills onto the San Joaquin Valley floor can also inform regional climate change vulnerability and adaptation.

(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 draft Strategic Plan has been circulated to the TBWP Board of Directors, TBWI Core Team, the Tulare Basin Working Group (TBWG) and other partners. One of the Plan’s six objectives is to achieve program sustainability-- in terms of both funding sustainability and institutionalizing the watershed approach that this DOC grant has allowed us to lead in the Tulare Basin. (See enclosed CD.)
- The TBWI WC and COS secured a \$5,000 grant from the Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) to fund the development of a DAC page on the TBWI website.
- The WC prepared a draft TBWI General Work Plan (Year 3, May 19, 2013 – May 18, 2104), which includes securing funding to continue the work of the TB WC through 2016 (see enclosed CD).

Benefits to the Watershed Accrued in Quarter 8 by TBWI and Partners

Completion of collaborative wetland restoration projects. NTR this quarter

New Tulare Basin multi-benefit projects: Status since last report on “new ventures:”

- Through a dialogue with DWR, Angiola WD and the TBWP, the WC completed an initial scoping document for the Liberty Ranch Climate Adaption Project. The document was shared with the TBWP Board of Directors for feedback on April 18 and with Tulare Basin Working Group (TBWG) for feedback on May 2. (See enclosed CD).
- The proposal submitted to the CDFW Director in December 2012 -- for development of modeling and engineering solutions to manage flood flows on the White River through the Allensworth Ecological Reserve (ER) and surrounding communities -- is still under review. The project will protect and aid in the recovery of upland threatened/endangered species including Tipton’s kangaroo rat, blunt-nosed leopard lizard and San Joaquin kit fox.
- The WC met with members of Westside RCD to initiate the West Hills Conservation Project. The RCD is reviewing past planning documents, and a pilot project is already underway along Salt Creek with a private landowner/farmer. The vision is creation of a multi-agency partnership with private landowners that will span the upper watershed to the floor of the Southern San Joaquin Valley. Its purpose will be to improve rangeland;

reduce flooding and deposition of sediments (including selenium) into stream courses and wetlands; restore riparian vegetation; and enhance pollinator habitat.

Disadvantaged Communities (DAC) water projects:

- The Roundtable organizers, in partnership with BLM and California State Parks (Colonel Allensworth State Historical Park), held an Earth Day festival and town clean-up on Saturday, April 20 in the communities of Alpaugh and Allensworth.
- A Fresno County DAC focus group started organizing in early February 2013 to develop outreach and education on benefits of community water systems rather than individual wells and septic systems. A working group was established in the Kings Basin IRWM geographic area to address challenges and missed opportunities with DAC communities, in order to increase their ability to successfully address their water and community needs.
- The TBWI COS developed plans for an additional section to the TBWI website, which will specifically serve the needs of DACs in the Tulare Basin by providing funding resources, workshop/event information, and increased opportunity for project collaboration. Funding for this project will be provided by a grant from PG&E to the TBWP/TBWI (announced by PG&E in April 2013).

Raising awareness about IRM and its benefits in the Tulare Basin:

- The WC was invited to participate on the Steering Committee for the SJV Greenprint to provide input on its interactive mapping efforts under the Greenprint's Phase 1 and to help scope Phase 2, which will involve outreach to rural communities in the San Joaquin Valley.
- The WC and COS gave a presentation to the Tulare County Water Commission on April 15, 2013 to describe the TBWI's watershed-based IRM approach, to review accomplishments, and to invite participation. (See enclosed CD for a copy of this presentation.)
- The TBWI e-newsletters (distributed approximately every four weeks) serve as a digital means of keeping partners connected and committed to IRM in the Tulare Basin. (See enclosed CD.)
- The *Visalia Times-Delta* article (dated May 10, 2013) about the TBWG helps extend our message about partnering in unique ways to meet the diverse needs of our watershed. (See enclosed CD.)

Expanding TBWI network of partners:

- The WC participated on the first Sustainable Conservation San Joaquin Valley Strategic Team, which met December 10, 2012. The Team is comprised of leaders from the agricultural and conservation communities, as well as community leaders and policy makers interested in water and land use planning in the San Joaquin Valley.
- The WC presented on the topic of regulatory needs at the Watershed Restoration Workshop for the San Joaquin Valley in Fresno, April 25-26.
- The WC organized an *ad hoc* group of watershed coordinators in the SJV. The purpose of the group is to share information and project ideas.

Collaborating for a healthy upper watershed

- The WC assisted with project review and implementation grant development with the Southern Sierra IRWMP/RWMG.

- TBWI Core Team members continue to participate on the Sierra Water Work Group (SWWG) and the planning of the next SWWG Summit, which is scheduled for June 11-13, 2013.

San Joaquin Valley Recovery Team (SJVRT):

- Several members of the TBWI Core Team continue to participate on the SJVRT to develop a GIS map that will evaluate the protection needs of core recovery areas and habitat linkages identified in the Recovery Plan. Aided by TBWG partners and TBWI Team members, information from this effort (due for completion within the next twelve months) will help identify priority areas for habitat conservation and will be used to inform future regional watershed restoration projects. The TBWI Team plans to integrate the SJVRT data into the TBWI website interactive map and/or the SJV Greenprint's interactive map.

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 (WC) 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 Tulare Basin IRWM Collaboration Group (TB IRWVG) and provided input to the Tulare Basin IRWM sub-groups for the DWR Round 2 Project Implementation application grant cycle (due March 29, 2013). (Task 1.2)
- The WC continued work with Fresno Irrigation District (a member of the Kings Basin IRWM JPA/KB IRWM) on invasive species and regulatory challenges in its use of local creeks for water supply conveyance for farms and communities it serves. 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:

- As a result of the January 2013 meeting with Angiola WD to commence scoping the Liberty Ranch project, a scoping document and outline has been developed and shared with interested parties and potential parties (see enclosed CD). The project would be designed to provide flood management, water supply enhancement, and waterfowl habitat in the “heart” of the historic Tulare Lake in the response to climate change. A goal is to divert and capture flood flows and reduce risks to communities, farmland and habitat in response to climate change uncertainty. (Tasks 2.2, 2.3, also Task 6.1)
- The WC met with Board and staff members of the Tulare Basin Wetlands Association, US FWS Partners for Fish and Wildlife and California Waterfowl Association to discuss options for securing more reliable water supplies for private wetlands adjacent to Kern NWR. Several options are evolving, all of which will take further development of partners between landowners, agencies and water purveyors. (Task 2.2, 2.3)
- 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). Relevant grant opportunities and deadlines are posted on the TBWI website and sent out as an e-newsletter to a mailing list of 185 IRWM and TBWG partners. (Task 2.1, 2.2, 2.3)
- 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:

- Appraisals are underway by the US Fish and Wildlife Service realty office for lands proposed for acquisition and addition to the Pixley NWR under the Pixley Conservation Project. (Task 3.3)

- The WC made a presentation on project planning and regulatory requirements at the Watershed Restoration Workshop at Fresno, California. This Workshop was sponsored by the Sacramento River Watershed and the State Water Resources Control Board and was held on April 25-26, 2013. (Tasks 3.3)
- The WC participates on the San Joaquin Valley Committee for Sustainable Conservation, an umbrella group of nonprofit organizations working with agricultural interests on regional solutions to improve water supply and water quality in the San Joaquin Valley. The second meeting is scheduled for June 18, 2013. (Tasks 3.2, 3.3)
- The WC continues collaboration with the San Joaquin River Stewardship Council, Tree Fresno, and Urban Tree Foundation in the development of community building projects involving natural resources, such as tree plantings and environmental education. (Tasks 3.2, 3.3)
- The TBWG has 173 members, representing almost 60 agencies, non-profits, and other organizations -- many of whom have no affiliation with an IRWM group -- including UC Merced, The Nature Conservancy, Tulare County Citizens for Responsible Growth, United Way, Water Education Foundation, and Greenbridges LLC (Task 3.3)

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 to place a strong focus on the tasks of identifying water and funding sources for water for WRP lands in the Tulare Basin that do not currently have water. The task is linked to flood management activities, particularly the evolving White River flood management on the Allensworth ER and the Liberty Ranch project. (Task 4.2)
- A tour of WRP wetlands hosted by NRCS in SW Tulare County was a highlight of the May 2 TBWG meeting. (Tasks 4.1, 4.2, 4.3)
- The WC connected NRCS staff with a landowner interested restoring a section of riparian habitat on his land; this landowner would likely qualify for funding through the Declining Species Initiative and is considering enrolling. (Task 4.2)

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 COS and Core Team members coordinated with BLM-Bakersfield and California State Parks to conduct an Earth Day clean-up event in Alpaugh and Allensworth, as well as a multi-community Earth Day Festival with children's games and activities and information booths at the Colonel Allensworth State Historic Park. (Task 5.1)
- PG&E granted TBWI \$5,000 to create a new section on the TBWI dedicated to serving the needs of DACs (targeted to Community Services Districts and other DAC governance entities or nonprofits that have the authority to develop projects in and for DACs) for a variety of watershed-improvement activities. Content will include: funding opportunities for DAC project planning and implementation, events/workshops, project news, and other relevant information. The TBWI will also post DAC conceptual projects on the website's "project database" with the intent of attracting partners and/or project funding. The TBWI online DAC portal will establish a critical link between DAC needs and project planning efforts in the Tulare Basin. There is great potential for DACs to benefit from the State's IRWM program, which incentivizes projects that include solutions to DAC water supply and quality problems. (Tasks 5.2, 5.3)
- At the May 2 TBWG meeting, the group discussed the potential of altering the structure of the TBWG to create subcommittees that would focus on different tasks that would then be relayed to the larger group. One of those potential subcommittees would focus on DAC needs and opportunities. The development of this idea is still exploratory; we will provide updates as plans take shape. (Tasks 5.1, 5.2, 5.3)
- The WC participated in a meeting with the Kings Basin IRWM JPA to address DAC issues on May 17, 2013. (The WC is a member of the Kings Basin IRWM JPA project selection and review committee which had evaluated DAC proposals for IRWM Round 2 Project Implementation submission during February-March 2013.) (Task 5.1, 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 Assistant WC conducted outreach on behalf of, and acted as a liaison between, Valley resource interests and upper watershed organizers of the Southern Sierra Climate Adaptation Symposium, a regional forum that addressed climate change adaptation, resilience and research. The Symposium was funded in part by the California Landscape Conservation Cooperative and was held February 20-22, 2013 in Visalia. The WC led a collaboration station focusing on “upstream-downstream” collaboration during the poster session on the first day. (Tasks 6.1, 6.2)
- The WC prepared a scoping document for the Liberty Ranch project under Objective 2 (see enclosed CD). This project is envisioned to provide temporary storage for up to 100,000 a/f of flood water off the South Kings, Kaweah, and Tule Rivers. With the uncertainty of climate change and effects in the Tulare Lake Basin, accommodation of high flood flows may also lessen impacts to communities and agricultural lands off the North Kings River in communities such as Mendota and Firebaugh. (Task 6.1)

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 IRWVG, 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 IRWVG 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 TBWI Core Team 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. (Tasks 7.1, 7.2, 7.3)
- The 2012 Annual Report for the TBWP/TBWI was shared with partners at the TBWG meeting and other interested parties and posted on the TBWI website. (Tasks 7.1, 7.2, 7.3, 7.4)
- A survey was prepared and sent out to the TBWG membership to solicit input on the next phase of activities for the TBWG, as well as interface between the TBWG and the TBWI. The results of the survey will be reported in Quarter 9 activities. (Tasks 7.1, 7.4)

Work Plan Objective #8: Coordinate with the TBWP, TB IRWVG, 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:

- The TBWI Team has developed and circulated a draft of its 2014-2016 Strategic Plan (see enclosed CD) to solicit suggestions and comments from partners and other stakeholders. We expect this document not only to guide our work but also to guide the larger watershed-based IRM effort in the Tulare Basin (see enclosed CD). (Task 8.3)
- A cooperative agreement renewal was awarded to TBWP/TBWI by BLM to assist the agency with activities related to the Atwell Island Project, a highly important demonstration project under the TBWI; the agreement amount is planned to be \$80,000 and is expected to cover the period May 2013 – September 2017; it is funded through September 2013 through the existing Congressional Continuing Resolution and will be subject to annual Congressional appropriations throughout the agreement period. (Task 8.1)
- PG&E awarded TBWP/TBWI a \$5,000 grant to develop a DAC website page. (Task 8.1 and Tasks 5.2, 5.3)
- A grant request in the amount of \$10,000 was made to Southern California Edison to fund increasing project planning and implementation efforts with DACs. The SCE Regional Manager has assured the COS that this funding is progressing successfully through the decision-making process and will be forthcoming. (Task 8.1 and Tasks 5.3)
- A letter of inquiry was submitted to the Clarence E. Heller Foundation in February 2013 to request the opportunity to submit a grant request for \$23,000 to fund the interactive map for the TBWI website; the request was declined in April 2013. (Tasks 8.1, 8.2)

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

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	General	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	Mig. Bird Prog.	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	Environment & Health	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/out reach (TBWP-BLM Coop Agr'mnt increase)	\$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	Environment program	Cash match support, TBWI Web site, COS functions	\$7,700	N	N/A	N/A
Wick Kenny Foundation	P	Watershed	Cash match support, WC operating expenses	\$5,000	F	\$5,000	1/5/12
Southern Cal Edison (SCE)	P	Environment	Cash match support, WC operating expenses	\$5,000	F	\$2,500	1/12/12
Heller Charitable Foundation	P	Environment & Health	Cash match support, TBWI website	\$23,000	N	N/A	N/A
Constellation Energy Eco State	P	Environment	Cash match support, COS functions	\$5,000	N	\$5,000	N/A
NFWF/Wells Fargo	P	Healthy Communities	Pre-proposal for TBWI Website	\$45,000	N	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	Fresno Gov't Rel.s	Cash match support, COS functions	\$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	\$448,000 (initial funding)	5/5/13
Fresno Regional Foundation	P	Environment	DAC Roundtable support	\$15,000	P	NA	NA
Kenney Brothers Foundation	P	Watershed	Cash match support for WC operating expenses	\$5,000	F	\$5,000	12/12
Heller Foundation	P	Environment & Health	TBWI – Interactive Mapping	\$23,000	N	NA	NA
Roll Global Request	P	General	TBWI general supports	\$5,000	N	NA	NA
1% For the Planet	P	General	Request for general contributions for the TBWP/TBWI	Discretionary	P	0 contribution to date	1/10/13
PG&E	P	Fresno Gov't Rel.s	Cash match, COS functions in support of TBWI/DAC	\$5,000	P	\$5,000	4/11/13
Southern Cal Edison (SCE)	P	Environment	DAC project planning/implementation	\$10,000	P		
BLM	F	Coop, agr'mnt	Agreement renewal: Friends of Atwell Island and TBWI demo project SW Tulare Co (cash match support for COS and WC operating expenses)	\$80,000	P	\$80,000 (May 2013 through September 2017)	5/15/13
Carole Combs	P	donation	Cash match support, TBWP/TBWI brochure reprint	\$1,095	F	\$1,095	4/11/13
Cumulative Total				\$1,296,629.08		\$710,959.08	

- 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	Funded Conservation Strategy Group Consulting September 2011- August 2012, assisted WC and Core Team with funding and project implementation strategies	\$36,000	8/11/11
RollGiving	Employee contrib	Olsen/Paramount Farms; MG	Undesignated	\$300	12/12
RollGiving	Employee contrib	donation	Undesignated	\$400	1/13
TWS SJV Chapter	contrib	donation	Undesignated	\$250	1/13
Kings-Tulare CFC	Employee contrib	donation	Undesignated	\$122.98, 69.04	10/12, 2-4/13
Fresno-Madera CFC	Employee contrib	donation	Undesignated	25.11	4/13
Cumulative Total				\$37,167.13	

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:

- Draft of TBWP/TBWI 2014-2016 Strategic Plan
- Outline of Liberty Ranch project scoping document
- Visalia Times-Delta article (May 10, 2013) recapping the TBWG meeting and spring tour
- TBWI Year Two Accomplishments
- TBWI Year Three Work Plan
- PowerPoint presentation delivered to Tulare County Water Commission
- TBWI e-newsletters from this quarter (Q8)
- Photos from April 20 Earth Day event in Allensworth

The TBWI website is available at: 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.