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AGENDA ITEM: 10. Statewide Water Supply Initiative

Staff recommendation: This item is informational only, with no Board action requested.

Background:

The methodology development process for the Statewide Water Supply Initiative (SWSI) is coming to a close. The initial Technical Advisory Group (TAG) meetings were held the week of September 25th, 2017, with the final follow up meetings held the week of November 6th, 2017.

The CWCB employed the TAG process to get stakeholder feedback and ensure that the new methodologies are scientifically sound, effective, and appropriate. TAG participants were encouraged to compile feedback from other roundtable members and local constituents. The TAG review focused on technical issues, including key concepts and assumptions, data sources, and fatal flaws.

After receiving numerous substantive comments and discussing the details of each approach at the TAG meetings, the technical team revised the draft methodology and documented each comment and related response. This documentation is available on the SWSI Update webpage along with brief meeting summaries, lists of TAG participants, and the full presentation materials from each initial TAG meeting. The technical team is now putting the finishing touches on the methodology documentation, before moving into Phase 2 of the project: performing the technical evaluations. With the methodologies now final, CWCB staff will work with roundtables and other stakeholders to communicate the key aspects of the SWSI Update.

CWCB staff will give a status report.

