



# Approve revised final terms for the Bard Water District Land Management and Seasonal Fallowing Pilot Program

Water Planning and Stewardship Committee

Item 7-3

March 7, 2016

# January Board Authorization

- Board Action:
  - Authorized the General Manager to enter into agreements with Bard Water District
  - Approved payment of up to \$1.8 million for funding the pilot program
- Subsequent discussions with Bard lead to final agreement terms

# Pilot Program Final Terms

- All terms consistent with those outlined in January except:
  - Minimum size of single fallowed parcel
    - Revised from 20 contiguous acres to 10 contiguous acres
- Part of the \$400 per acre fallowing payment paid directly to farmers and part paid to Bard Water District

# Options

- Option #1:
  - Adopt the CEQA determination
  - Approve the revised final terms for the pilot program agreement with Bard Water District and the land management and seasonal fallowing agreements with farmers of farmland in the Bard Unit
- Option #2:
  - Do not approve the revised final terms

# Staff Recommendation

- Option #1

