



STAFF REPORT
3/9/2022

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Cástulo R. Estrada, Utilities Manager

SUBJECT: Authorize The City Manager to Execute the Third Supplement to Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Governance of the Indio Subbasin Under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager to execute the third supplement to the memorandum of understanding regarding governance of the Indio Subbasin under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act regarding a United States Geological Survey land subsidence assessment in the Indio Subbasin.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:

On September 2016, the City of Coachella through its Coachella Water Authority entered into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) regarding governance of the Indio Sub-basin under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) with the Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD), Desert Water Agency (DWA) and the Indio Water Authority (IWA) for the development and submission of an alternative groundwater sustainability plan (GSP) for the Indio Sub-basin.

The attached Third Supplement to the Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Governance of the Indio Subbasin under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (Third Supplement to MOU) establishes the cost share and terms for implementation of the USGS JFA to study land subsidence agreed upon by the Indio Subbasin GSAs, including CVWD, Desert Water Agency (DWA), Desert Water Agency (DWA), and Indio Water Authority (IWA). The total cost of the study is from Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-22 through FY 2024-25.

City of Coachella (CWA)	16%	\$44,190.14
Coachella Valley Water District	51%	\$143,489.57
Desert Water Agency	18%	\$52,401.36
Indio Water Authority	15%	\$43,198.93
TOTAL	100%	\$283,280.00

FISCAL IMPACT:

This fiscal year's portion of the proposed total cost share of \$44,190.14 has been included in the current budget 2021/2022.