SWEETWATER SPRINGS WATER DISTRICT

TO: Board of Directors **AGENDA NO. V-D**

FROM: Steve Mack, General Manager

Meeting Date: January 7, 2016

SUBJECT: 2015 URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive a report on the 2015 Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) and provide direction to staff.

FISCAL IMPACT: None

DISCUSSION:

The State Department of Water Resources (DWR) requires a periodic water plan for all water agencies supplying over 3,000 acre feet of water annually or having over 3,000 customers. Sweetwater Springs Water District falls into the latter category and has produced its UWMP every five years since at least 2000. The 2015 update of the UWMP is due July 1, 2016. A water plan is an essential item for all water agencies - it incorporates background information with operational information, historical information and future projections. It lets one know where the agency has been, is now, and where it's going.

This will be my second UWMP for the District and I plan to do it again in-house (not hire a consultant). The update should be straightforward - there have been no real changes since 2010 and there's no new census or other data to give us any real new perspective on our customer base.

This is a big deal for the DWR staff who oversee this and they have a new (still draft) handbook to provide guidance (read required elements). I have quickly gone through the draft and I believe I saw some new tables but I didn't see anything that raised alarms for me.

To review our 2010 UWMP process, we submitted the UWMP in October 2011, the initial review came back one and one half years later in 2013 with corrections needed for approval, I talked with DWR staff and we agreed that Sweetwater Springs would make those corrections in the 2015 update (the report we are discussing now) and in the summer of 2014 we received a letter stating that our 2010 submittal was approved. The principal advantage of having an approved UWMP is that the agency is eligible for State loans and grants.

My plan for the 2015 UWMP Update is to:

- Check in with Sonoma County Water Agency staff for their guidance and suggestions.
- Get up to date with the California Urban Water Conservation Coalition submittals (this satisfies the water conservation element of the UWMP).
- Use the County nonurbanized area population growth rate estimate to update our population estimate.
- Update the 2010 UWMP with current data and information.
- Use the DWR guidelines and checklist to make certain I have the tables done correctly and completely.
- Use our experience from the current drought response to update and fill in the required water shortage contingency plan.