

Imperial IRWMP Scoping and Review of DWR Resources Management Strategies

1.1 Other Strategies & Practice Resources Stewardship

- Agree to set aside for IRWMP Update until IID, County, Cities and Water Forum stakeholders move forward to gain consensus on approach.

After preliminary review, the Water Forum agreed that two *Other Strategies* entries and two *Practice Resources Stewardship (PRS)* entries should remain for development and integration:

- *Other Strategies*: Crop Idling for Water Transfers RMS, and Irrigated Land Retirement RMS
- *PRS*: Land Use Planning and Management RMS, and Economic Incentives (Loans, Grants and Water Pricing) RMS

1.2 Crop Idling for Water Transfers & Irrigated Land Retirement (*Other Strategies*) Findings

- O-1 After preliminary review, the Water Forum eliminated from further consideration fallowing for transfer out of the IID area.
- O-2 The IID Board of Directors voted unanimously to strongly confirm its commitment to prohibition of fallowing for any out-of-valley transfers in Resolution 25-2005,¹ which in part states that IID fully intends to move away from fallowing as a means of developing conserved water for temporary transfer to others outside of the Imperial Valley and instead intends to utilize efficiency conservation measures so as to allow for the farming of the same amount of land with less water.

1.3 Land Use Planning and Management & Economic Incentives (*PRS*) Finding

PRS-1 As of this writing, no action has been taken regarding a proposed MCI Exchange, which would include possible crop idling, fallowing, irrigated land retirement, capital projects, economic incentives (grants, loans, water pricing, etc.) and other measures. Depending on developments within the Imperial Region, this could be a topic for a future Imperial IRWMP update.

¹ Reaffirm Adoption of Res.25-2005IID's Commitment to Implement QSA Programs and Opposing Forbearance of Any IID Water. <http://www.iid.com/Modules/ShowDocument.aspx?documentid=3891>