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Info about TWDBs e-flows funding is below.

Brian

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Begin forwarded message:

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Subject: RE: TWDB E-Flows Study funds in 2018-19 Legislative Appropriation Request

Hi Brian,

Thank you for asking about the environmental flows funding and for sharing this information with the BBASC at tomorrow's meeting. I am sorry I am not in town to attend. Nolan will be attending and can help facilitate the conversation.

TWDB has included the \$2 million for environmental flows in the baseline budget of our Legislative Appropriations Request (LAR). In the past, the full amount was assigned to a Strategy 1.1.1 Environmental Impact Information. To align the funds with our two programs focused on environmental flows (the Bays & Estuaries and Instream Flows programs), the \$2 million is shown in the LAR as being split among two strategies, Environmental Impact Information and Strategy 1.1.2 Water Resources Data. Further, the money is evened across the two years within the biennium. So, at a glance, it may appear reduced, but the full \$2 million has been requested to support the agency's environmental flows programs. Note however that as part of the agency's strategy to meet a 10% budget cut, the full amount of the environmental flows funding is in that plan. Hopefully this will not come to pass.

Please let me know if we can provide more information. I look forward to hearing updates from the BBASC.

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From: Brian Mast [<mailto:bmast@sara-tx.org>]
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Hi Carla,

The Guadalupe – San Antonio BBASC is meeting tomorrow and there's a legislative update item that I'm anticipating being an open forum for anyone to discuss issues related to environmental flows. Prior to last session Dr. Solis shared that TWDB would have \$2 million for environmental flows studies in the Legislative Appropriation Request. Will that be the case for the upcoming biennium as well and will it be part of TWDBs base budget request? I ask so we can inform the BBASC but also so San Antonio River Authority can support the funding request if needed.

Thank you,
Brian

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