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Ms. Molly Maupin, Lead USGS Water Use Data and Research Program

Letter sent via email to: mamaupin@usgs.gov

Dear Molly:

Thank you for presenting to the ICWP Water Data and Science committee on February 21, 2019. As you may recall, during the discussion after your webinar ICWP has several topic areas we would like to see compiled from the original State grants that were issued for the states to develop their water use workplans. Our members would appreciate a summary of what the workplans contained so they can learn from, and capitalize on, the experience of other states. Some of the specific requests are explained below.

- 1) **Workplans.** Is it possible to have the workplans posted? The members realize that USGS may need to ask the states if the workplans can be posted.
- 2) **Authorities.** If references were included in the state reports on each state's authorities for requiring the submission of water use data, a compilation of state authorities would be valuable to members seeking to create or improve their own water use data collection programs.
- 3) **Rule-making.** In addition to the states' authorities, a compilation of references regarding state rule-makings on water use reporting or data collection would also be of interest. Members can use this information to determine what type of support or opposition that may result during a rule-making process.
- 4) **Irrigation water use data.** There is significant interest among our members about how irrigation water use is collected and reported, if diversions and consumptive use are reported, and what surrogate measurements (such as reporting crop type, pump records, etc.) other states use or allow.

5) **Other information.** While we have listed specific information above, if you think other workplan information or innovative approaches would be applicable to other states, members would appreciate information about those as well.

ICWP looks forward to continued work with the WUDR program and granting opportunities into the future.

With best regards,

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