Economic Impacts of the Westlands Water District on the Local and Regional Economy

As farmworkers, cities and communities in the Central Valley continue to feel the negative implications of restrictive water policy, it is critical to remember the contributions the region has as one of the most productive agricultural areas in the world.

WATER SUPPLY RESTRICTIONS HAVE RESULTED IN:

- 5,200 job losses or 18% employment loss in the region
- $650 million of economic output
- 220,000 acres of farmland taken out of production

WESTLANDS ALONE IS DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR MASSIVE ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTIONS:

- 29,000 jobs throughout the economy
- $3.6 billion of economic activity across the region, state and nation

FARMING SERVES AS ECONOMIC DRIVER FOR THIS REGION:

- $1.8 billion crop value
- More than 351,000 acres of farms

MORE THAN HALF OF THE REGION IS OF HISPANIC ETHNICITY, RESULTING IN SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS TO THIS POPULATION:

- 50.4% of the region is Hispanic
- By 2060, the Hispanic population is expected to grow to more than 60%

POVERTY IS AN ISSUE FOR SIGNIFICANT PORTIONS OF THE REGION:

- Household incomes are: 75% of the statewide median household income
- $45,201 regionally compared to $61,489 statewide median household income
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