



One Water and Adaptation Committee

Authorize the General Manager to enter into a new three-year sole source agreement with WaterWise Consulting, Inc. for inspection and verification services for Metropolitan's Conservation Programs, for a total agreement not to exceed \$4,500,000

Item 8-4

August 18, 2025

Authorization Request for Inspection and Verification Services Agreement

Subject

Authorize a three-year sole source agreement with WaterWise Consulting, Inc. for inspection and verification services for Metropolitan's Conservation Programs, for a total agreement not to exceed \$4,500,000

Purpose

Continue the Inspections Program for Metropolitan's Conservation Program

Recommendation

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Fiscal & Budget Impact

Expenditures are within the board-authorized budget

Overview of Metropolitan's Inspection Program

WaterWise Consulting, Inc. currently supports the following Metropolitan Conservation Programs:

- The “SoCal Water\$mart” regional rebate programs,
- The Water Savings Incentive Program,
- The Member Agency Administered Program,
- The Regional Pre-1994 Toilet Replacement Program, and
- Pre- and post-inspections for member agency-administered commercial turf replacement programs.

Metropolitan's Inspection Vendor

WaterWise Consulting, Inc. was competitively selected as Metropolitan's inspection in 2021

- Can support Metropolitan's entire service area
- Meet the demand of Metropolitan's high volume of inspections and surveys across our various programs
- Experience performing conservation program activities for other agencies



Changes to Inspection Activity

Anticipating an increase in commercial and public agency turf replacement applications

- An increase in funding for turf replacement from U.S. Bureau of Reclamation – Lower Colorado River Basin System Conservation and Efficiency Program
- Agencies addressing non-functional turf



Proposed Agreement for Inspection and Verification Services

- Staff proposes to enter a three-year sole-source agreement for an amount not to exceed \$4,500,000 to provide inspection and verification services for Metropolitan's conservation programs
- Staff will continue to outreach and network within the industry to raise interest in a future competitive bid



Board Options for Metropolitan's Inspection Program

Option #1

Authorize the General Manager to enter into a new three-year sole source agreement with WaterWise Consulting, Inc. for inspection and verification services for Metropolitan's Conservation Programs, for a total agreement not to exceed \$4,500,000

Option #2

Authorize the General Manager to authorize a new eighteen-month sole-source agreement with WaterWise Consulting, Inc. for inspection and verification services for Metropolitan's Conservation Programs, for a total agreement not to exceed \$400,000

Option #3

Do not authorize a new agreement with WaterWise Consulting, Inc. If not authorized, the program will end

Staff Recommendation

Option #1

