



THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Committee Item INFORMATION

Legislation and Communications Committee

6/8/2026 Committee Meeting

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Subject

Highlights of the Community Partnering Program

Executive Summary

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the Community Partnering Program, which provides funding to nonprofit organizations, public agencies, and educational institutions to support their water education and related outreach projects. This presentation will celebrate the program's history and highlight key achievements for the 2025/26 fiscal year.

Fiscal Impact

Community Partnering Program sponsorships are funded at \$140,000 per year through the External Affairs Operations and Maintenance budget. Current activities are being implemented within approved budget allocations.

Applicable Policy

MWD Act Sec. 130.5(b) – The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California shall place increased emphasis on sustainable, environmentally sound, and cost-effective water conservation, recycling, and groundwater storage and replenishment measures.

Related Board Action(s)/Future Action(s)

None

Details and Background

The Community Partnering Program provides funds to nonprofit organizations, public agencies, and educational institutions to support water-related education and outreach projects. Each year, the program funds projects such as demonstration gardens, community events, school programs, educational signage, and other activities designed to teach about the importance of water. The program serves Metropolitan's six-county service area and supports many underserved communities.

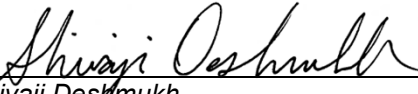
The 2025/26 fiscal year marks the program's 25th anniversary of funding projects. Since its inception and continuing today, the program encourages partnerships, creative ideas, and learning opportunities that strengthen community engagement in water issues.



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