



One Water and Stewardship Committee

Authorize resolution to receive
USBR FY23 WaterSMART:
Applied Science Grants
Program funding

Item 8-1

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Subject

Authorize resolution to support a grant application to receive United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation FY23 WaterSMART: Applied Science Grants Program funding \$390,000; and authorize the General Manager to accept this funding and enter a contract with the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation

Purpose

Obtain the required Board resolutions for staff to proceed in negotiating financial assistance awards with USBR

Staff Recommendation and Fiscal Impact

Option #1: Authorize resolution to support application selected to receive FY23 WaterSMART: Applied Science Grants Program funding totaling \$390,000; and authorize the General Manager to accept this funding and enter a contract with USBR. Accepting grant funds would require Metropolitan to commit to a non-federal cost share of \$130,000. This cost share is budgeted from existing budgeted programs and in-kind staff time.

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Proposal

- Project will improve water management by providing better flow and temperature datasets
- Project tasks include:
 - Identifying data gaps and limitations in flow and temperature datasets
 - Developing a case study
- Project will improve water and habitat management in the Bay-Delta

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Cost-Share Requirement

- Cost Share: 25%
- Total project costs \$520,000
 - MWD requested \$390,000 from grant
 - MWD is offering 25% cost share of \$130,000
 - This cost share is budgeted from existing budgeted programs and in-kind staff time
- Project end date: June 30, 2026

