

#### One Water & Stewardship Committee

Authorize an Agreement with WaterWise Consulting, Inc. for the Large Landscape and Residential Survey Program

Item 7-5 February 10, 2025

#### Item #7-5

Authorization Request for Large Landscape and Residential Survey Program Agreement

#### Subject

Authorize a three-year agreement with WaterWise Consulting, Inc., for \$200,000 per agreement year for large landscape and residential surveys

#### Purpose

Continue the Large Landscape and Residential Survey Program

#### Recommendation

Authorize a three-year agreement with WaterWise Consulting, Inc., for \$200,000 per agreement year for large landscape and residential surveys

#### Fiscal & Budget Impact

Expenditures within the board-authorized budget

### Overview of Metropolitan's Survey Program

## Large Landscape Survey Program

- Irrigation audit
- Review of historical use and comparison to recommended irrigation schedule
- Recommendations on efficiency improvements with cost/benefit analysis

## Residential Indoor/Outdoor Survey Program

- Irrigation audit
- Indoor leak detection
- Recommendations on efficiency improvements

#### Metropolitan's Survey Vendor

## WaterWise Consulting, Inc. was competitively selected as Metropolitan's survey vendor

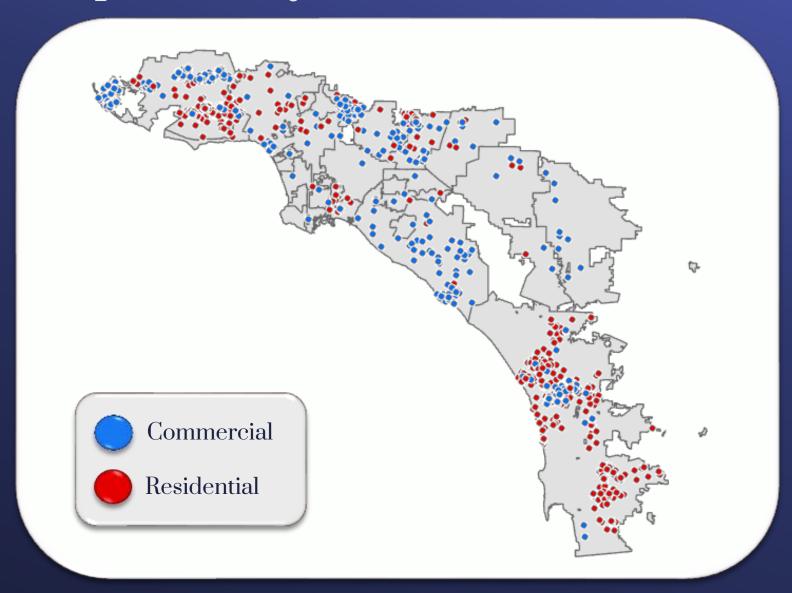
- MWD survey program vendor for 10 years
- They can support Metropolitan's entire service area
- Meet the demand of Metropolitan's high volume of surveys
- Experience performing conservation program surveys for other agencies



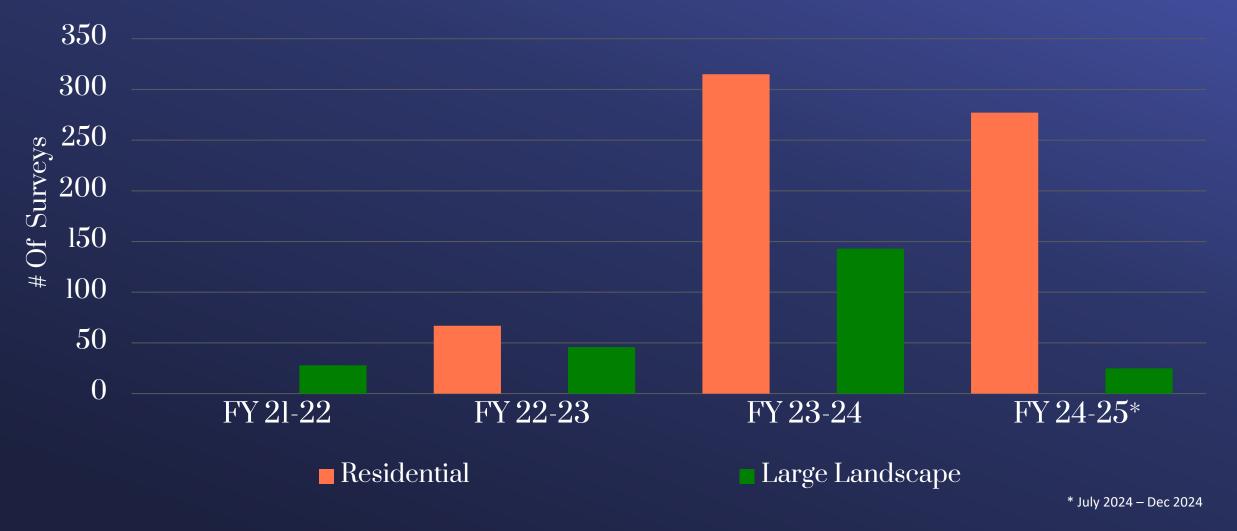
## Surveys In Action



## Distribution Map of Survey Sites



## Residential and Large Landscape Surveys FY 21-22, FY 22-23, FY 23-24, FY24-25



## Why should we continue the Survey Program?

# Value to Metropolitan

- Customers who participate are more likely to move forward with efficiency changes and participate in Metropolitan rebate programs
- Metropolitan's survey program is an approved Best Management Practice for CII sector under the Conservation as a California Way of Life regulation requirements

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## Summary

- Current program in year three of agreement limited to \$200,000 per year
- Agreement expires February 28, 2025 and program will end without funding authorization
- . Both large landscape and residential survey activity has increased during recent years
- Implementation of ABI572 is expected to further increase interest in large landscape surveys
- Changing agreement format to three-year agreement will allow for budget flexibility and administrative ease

## Board Options for Metropolitan's Survey Program

### Option #1

Authorize the General Manager to approve a new three-year agreement with WaterWise Consulting Inc. for the Large Landscape and Residential Survey Program, for a total agreement not to exceed \$200,000/year.

## Option #2

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

Option #1

## Staff Recommendation

