



## One Water and Adaptation Committee

Authorize the General Manager to develop and enter into an Agreement with the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works for Multi-Benefit Program Funding Pilot

Item 8-1

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# Item 8-1 Potential Multi-Benefit Funding Pilot Program

## Subject

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## Purpose

Inform on final pilot proposal and receive Board approval to move forward with program development and implementation

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## Activity To Date

- Metropolitan staff engaged with Accelerate Resilience Los Angeles (ARLA) to discuss the Turf Replacement Program benefits/goals, and potential co-funding partnerships
- Board direction to develop a potential pilot program with Los Angeles County Department of Public Works (PW); presented progress to date November 2025
- Meetings between Metropolitan, LADWP, and PW to discuss pilot program goals and refine draft proposal

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## Pilot Program Considerations

- Metropolitan has existing co-funding structure in place for regional rebate program
- Lessons learned from County of SD and OCPW programs indicate significant resources required for proper stormwater feature installation
- Participating agencies are working within resource and programmatic limitations
- Pilot should meet goals of each participating agency

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## Pilot Program Description

- Metropolitan will pilot the utilization of the Regional Conservation Program administrative and billing structure to facilitate funding from PW for specific stormwater features in a program run by LADWP
- PW will contribute funding to LADWP's direct install Landscape Efficiency Assistance Program (LEAP)
  - Program will launch January 2027 after current grant funding is exhausted
  - LEAP contractor agreements will be modified to include prescriptive stormwater feature desired by PW and to provide data collection

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## Pilot Program (continued)

- Metropolitan will develop the agreements and processes needed to facilitate moving outside-agency funding to MWD member and local agency programs
- Upon program completion, final analysis and report issued by independent third-party contractor providing data on the efficacy of the direct install approach and the costs and benefits of the additional stormwater and other features

# Funding Process



Measure  
W Funds



Measure  
W Funds



USBR  
Grant  
Funds +  
MWD Cost  
Share



Member  
Agency via  
MAAP



# Participating Agency Funding Contributions

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| Agency                     | Contribution       |
|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Metropolitan               | \$600,000 *        |
| LA County Public Works     | \$1,500,000        |
| LA Dept of Water and Power | In-kind services † |

\* Consists of \$250,000 USBR grant funding, \$250,000 Metropolitan cost share, and \$100,000 for pilot study/final report

† May include LEAP administration, data collection and analysis

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## Key Takeaways

- Proposed program ensures proper design and installation of turf replacement and stormwater features through Direct Install
- Metropolitan – led funding process can be utilized to assist member and local agencies with outside partnering for a variety of conservation programs
- Opportunity to utilize awarded USBR grant funds that target Direct Install programs in disadvantaged communities

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## Meeting Pilot Program Objectives

### Metropolitan

- ✓ Pilot a new methodology that can be expanded to entire service area, with future applicability for all member agencies
- ✓ Analyze all turf replacement benefits in disadvantaged communities and water supply benefits
- ✓ Utilize USBR grant funding for Direct Install in disadvantaged communities

### LADPW

- ✓ Meet goals of Safe Clean Water Program and utilize Measure W funds to generate stormwater co-benefits through turf replacement features in disadvantaged communities

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## Meeting Pilot Program Objectives

### LADWP

- ✓ Provide turf replacement assistance to disadvantaged communities
- ✓ Maintain internal priorities with limited staff availability

### ARLA

- ✓ Direct install turf replacement to disadvantaged communities
- ✓ Metropolitan-Led co-benefit partnership to utilize outside funding for conservation
- ✓ Coordination with CBOs for outreach and marketing

Metropolitan-led and funded Direct Install

Potential  
Multi-  
Benefit  
Funding  
Pilot  
Program



## Next Steps Upon Approval to Proceed

- Develop and execute three-way agreement with PW and LADWP
- Develop and test funding process
- Finalize direct install scope of work changes
- Assess pilot study data needs and issue RFP

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## Board Options

- Option #1  
Authorize the General Manager to develop and enter into an agreement with LADWP and the County for the Multi-Benefit Program Funding Pilot consistent with the approved terms, including using U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) grant funding and \$250,000 of Metropolitan's own funds for the required cost-share purposes.
- Option #2  
Do not authorize the General Manager to develop and execute an agreement with LADWP and LADPW for a multi-benefit program funding pilot.

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## Staff Recommendation

- Option #1  
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