



One Water and Adaptation Committee

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Subject

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Purpose

Provide additional information requested by One Water and Adaptation Committee on developing and entering into an agreement with LADWP and LA County Dept of Public Works Funding Pilot

Next Steps

Future Board Action item

Pilot Program Development

	Original ARLA Recommendation	Final Recommendation
Type of Program	Direct Installation for Disadvantaged Communities	Direct Installation for Disadvantaged Communities
MWD Contribution	≥ \$1.5 Million	\$600,000 + \$225,800 for staff administrative costs
Program Elements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prescriptive stormwater feature • Native plants only • 80% plant coverage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prescriptive stormwater feature • Native plants offered • 70-80% plant coverage
Program Lead	Metropolitan	Metropolitan & LADWP

OWA Committee Questions



What challenges does Metropolitan face in developing and implementing a direct-install program for disadvantaged communities?

- Metropolitan funds must be used for water-related purposes
 - Increased water savings
 - Access to savings not previously available
- Equity is not an authorized statutory basis without a water-related benefit
- Studies are permitted to evaluate potential water-related benefits

OWA Committee Questions



What is the comparable cost to Metropolitan for a Metropolitan-led direct install program instead of the proposed pilot program?

Program	Total Cost per AF	Metropolitan Cost per AF
Regional Turf Replacement Program	-	\$630
Proposed Pilot Program	\$12,700	\$2,700
Metropolitan-led Direct Install	\$17,200	\$4,700*

* Does not include cost of needed additional 2.5 FTEs

OWA Committee Questions



How would the proposed pilot program be scaled up to the regional level if the program is successful?

- Pilot study will determine if additional water-related benefits can be found for future direct install program
- Metropolitan becomes lead in finding and executing potential local partnerships for member agencies
- Same process can be used for other regional program partnerships

Potential Multi- Benefit Funding Pilot Program



Additional Considerations

- Program launch anticipated to be one year from Board approval
- USBR grant funding expires December 2027
 - Approved program costs would be taken from the Conservation budget
 - Cuts will be made to existing programs to fund this program
- Metropolitan-led program would require additional time for PW to select a new pilot area

