



Joint One Water and Adaptation Committee and Subcommittee on Imported Water

Authorize an amendment extending the term to December 31, 2029 for the Rancho Los Cerritos – Looking Back to Advance Forward Project Agreement under the Stormwater for Direct Use Pilot Program

Item 7-6

December 8, 2025

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Stormwater for Direct Use Pilot Program Agreement Extension

Subject

Adopt CEQA determination that the proposed action was previously addressed in the 2019 Mitigated Negative Declaration, and authorize an amendment extending the term to December 31, 2029 for the Rancho Los Cerritos – Looking Back to Advance Forward Project Agreement under the Stormwater for Direct Use Pilot Program.

Purpose

Gather monitoring data from the Stormwater for Direct Use Pilot Program to evaluate the water supply benefits of stormwater capture projects.

Recommendation

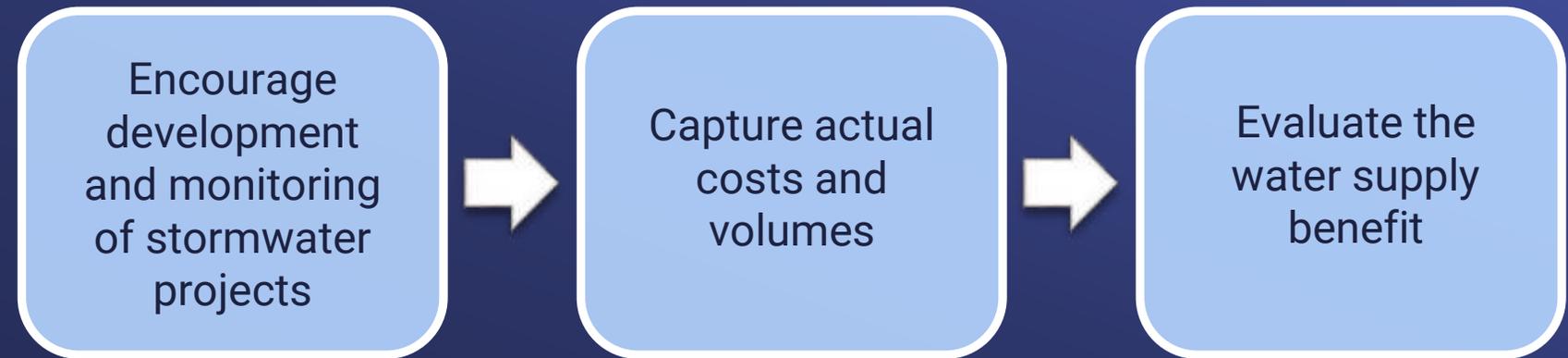
Authorize the agreement term extension.

Fiscal & Budget Impact

Cost of monitoring reports is \$60,000 and was previously authorized towards the Project.

Stormwater for Direct Use Pilot Program

Purpose



Stormwater for Direct Use Pilot Program

Highlights



Board Approval

- September 2019 - \$5 million



Program Launch

- January 2020



Project Types

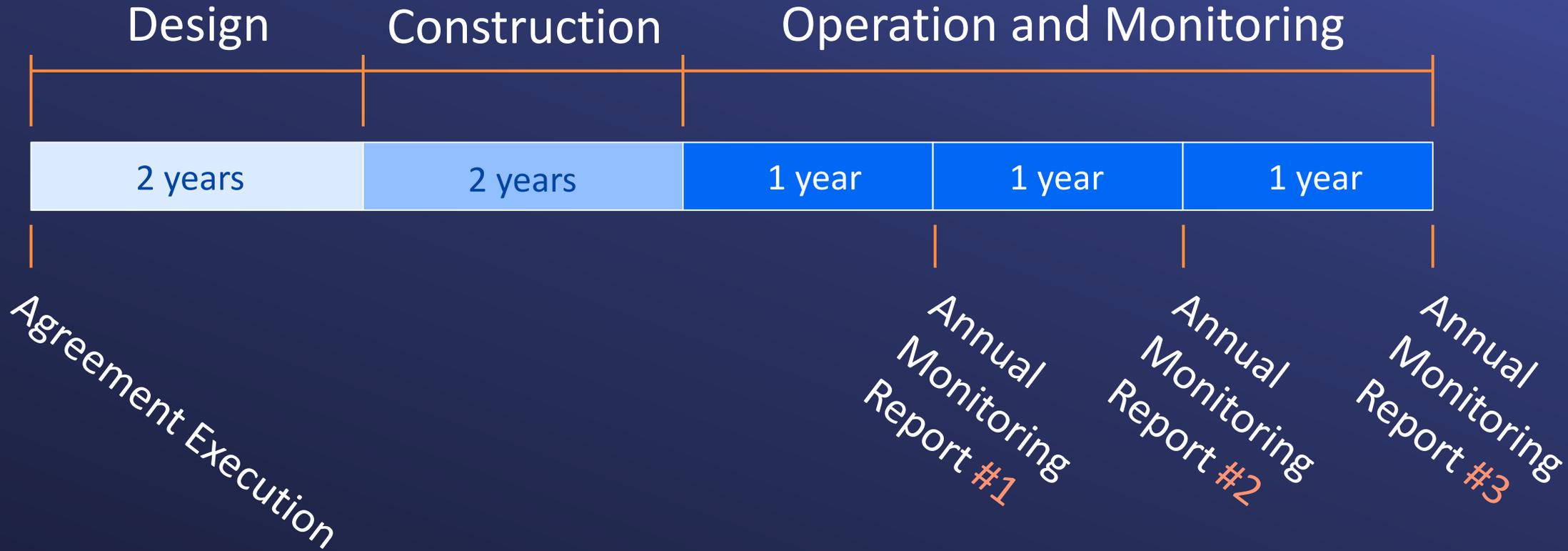
- New Construction: Up to \$500,000
- Retrofit: Up to \$160,000



Active Agreements

- City of Long Beach & Rancho Los Cerritos
- West Basin Municipal Water District & City of Culver City

Pilot Program Project Milestones



Rancho Los Cerritos – Looking Back to Advance Forward Project



2022 Groundbreaking

December 8, 2025

Project Description

- Agreement Executed 12/8/2020
- Parties: Long Beach and the Rancho Los Cerritos Foundation
- Rancho Los Cerritos historical landmark Stormwater is captured through permeable paving, stored in a 22,000-gal. underground cistern, and treated for on-site irrigation
- Estimated potable water offset of 1.05 acre-feet per year

Project Description

Rancho Los Cerritos – Looking Back to Advance Forward Project



Project Delays



Construction

- Material supply shortages
- Utility coordination challenges
- Utility strikes and irrigation pipe breaks
- Tasks not completed to standard
- Wrong material ordered & installed for observation deck
- Weather impacts
- Contractors switched towards the end of construction
- Extended timeline for creating Annual Maintenance Plan



Monitoring

- Required inflow meter not installed
- Delays in finding an alternative metering device

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Forward
Project

Monitoring Data

The Pilot Program's objective is to gather data to evaluate water supply benefits of stormwater capture projects



Site Conditions



Weather



Capture

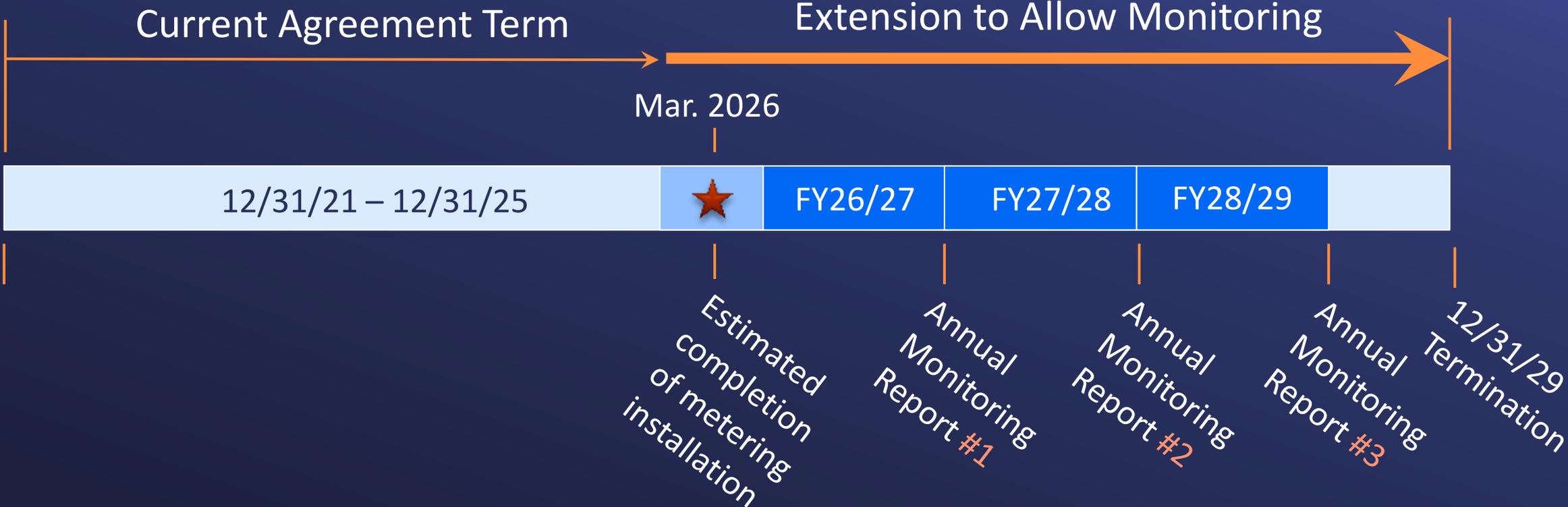


Reuse

- Rancho Los Cerritos is currently obtaining a cistern level sensor to provide timing and volume of capture
 - **Estimated completion: March 2026**
- If extended, agencies will submit three annual reports
 - **Report #1: FY26-27 (due Aug. 2027)**
 - **Report #2: FY27-28**
 - **Report #3: FY28-29**

Proposed Extension

- Extend agreement term from 12/31/25 to 12/31/29
- No other changes to the agreement



Summary

- Setbacks caused construction and monitoring delays
- The project is estimated to be fully operational in March 2026
- The existing agreement termination date of 12/31/25 does not allow the project to reach operation and provide three years of monitoring data
- Extending the agreement to 12/31/29 will allow Metropolitan to gather monitoring data to evaluate the water supply benefits of stormwater capture projects

Board Options

Option #1:

- Adopt CEQA determination that the proposed action was previously addressed in the 2019 Mitigated Negative Declaration and authorize an amendment extending the term to December 31, 2029, for the Rancho Los Cerritos – Looking Back to Advance Forward Project Agreement under the Stormwater for Direct Use Program.

Option #2:

- Do not authorize an amendment extending the term to December 31, 2029, for the Rancho Los Cerritos – Looking Back to Advance Forward Project Agreement under the Stormwater for Direct Use Pilot Program

Staff Recommendation

- Option #1

