



Adopt Resolution Supporting DWR Grant Applications for Turf Replacement and the Residential Direct Install Program

Water Planning and Stewardship Committee

Item 7-8

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DWR Urban & Multibenefit Drought Relief Grant Program

- \$190 million available in current solicitation
- Matching funds encouraged, but not required
- Eligible Projects include those that
 - Deliver drinking water
 - Construct or rehabilitate wells
 - Establish permanent connections between adjacent water systems
 - Rescue, protect and relocate fish and wildlife
 - Otherwise support an immediate drought response

DWR Urban & Multibenefit Drought Relief Grant Application

- \$10 million request to DWR submitted on November 19, 2021
 - \$7.5 million for Turf Replacement
 - \$2.5 million for SoCalGas Residential Direct Install Program
- Board Resolution of support required to complete application
- Turf Replacement funding available to all Member Agencies
- Residential Direct Install funding available to all qualified customers jointly served by MWD and SoCalGas

Turf Replacement Program

- In November, Board authorized modifications to the Turf Replacement Program for public agency landscapes
 - Incentive: increased from \$2 to \$3/sq. ft.
 - Maximum Square Footage: increased from 50,000 to 200,000 sq. ft.
- Staff proposed increasing incentive for residential and commercial turf should external funds become available
- If awarded, staff would return to Board to authorize temporary increase from \$2 to \$3/sq. ft for residential and commercial turf replacement applicants

Residential Direct Install Program

- In November, Board authorized expansion to the SoCal Gas Residential Direct Install Program to include additional water savings measures:
 - Toilets
 - Showerheads
 - Aerators
 - Irrigation Controllers
- If awarded, grant would provide supplement the existing program budget with \$2 million to be used for additional installations

Board Options

● Option #1

- Adopt the resolutions to support Metropolitan's applications to the Department of Water Resources 2021 Urban and Multibenefit Drought Relief Program grant funding of \$7.5 million to supplement funding for residential and commercial landscapes within the Turf Replacement Program and \$2.5 million for the direct installation of water efficiency devices for the Residential Direct Install Program in partnership with the Southern California Gas Company;
- Authorize the General Manager to accept grant funds, if awarded; and
- Authorize the General Manager to enter into a contract with the Department of Water Resources for the grant funds, if awarded.

● Option #2

- Do not support or accept grant funding

Staff Recommendation

- Option #1

