

Authorize an Agreement with WaterWise Consulting, Inc. for Inspection and Verification Services

Water Planning & Stewardship Committee Item 7-7
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Seeking Authority to Enter Agreement

- Metropolitan's current primary inspection and verification services vendor
 - WaterWise Consulting, Inc. performs inspections for water saving devices and turf replacement inspections
- Current contract will expire on March 31, 2022



Metropolitan Issued Request for Proposals

- In September 2021, Metropolitan issued an RFP for consultant services to perform inspections
 - 1,900+ firms were notified of the solicitation; 53 respondents downloaded the RFP; one response received
- An evaluation committee reviewed and scored each respondent's proposal
- Committee recommended WaterWise Consulting, Inc. to be awarded a three-year rollover agreement with terms in effect from April 1, 2022, to March 31, 2025
- Maximum amount payable per year is \$500,000

Inspections Needed to Ensure Benefits

WaterWise Consulting, Inc. will support the following Metropolitan conservation programs:

"SoCal Water\$mart" Regional Rebate Program

Water Savings Incentive Program

Member Agency Administered Program

 Pre1994 Multi-Family Property Toilet Replacement Program

 Member agency administered turf replacement programs



WaterWise Consulting Selected

- Water Wise Consulting, Inc. demonstrated the technical competence and qualifications to provide inspection and verification services for Metropolitan's conservation programs
 - Can Support Metropolitan's entire service area
 - Meet the demand of Metropolitan's high volume of inspections across our various programs
 - Experience performing conservation program inspections for:
 - City of Ventura Water Department
 - San Diego County Water Authority
 - Santa Clarita Water Agency
 - Moulton Niguel Water District

Board Options

- $ule{1}$ Option #1 $^{\circ}$
 - Authorize the General Manager to execute the agreement with WaterWise Consulting, Inc. for inspection and verification services for Metropolitan's water conservation programs.
- Option #2
 - Do not authorize this agreement with WaterWise Consulting, Inc. until a new competitive proposal can be awarded.

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Staff Recommendations

Option #1

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