

## One Water Committee



# Resolution Supporting Metropolitan's Application to the USBR WaterSMART Water and Energy Efficiency Grant Program FY-2023 for the Turf Replacement Program

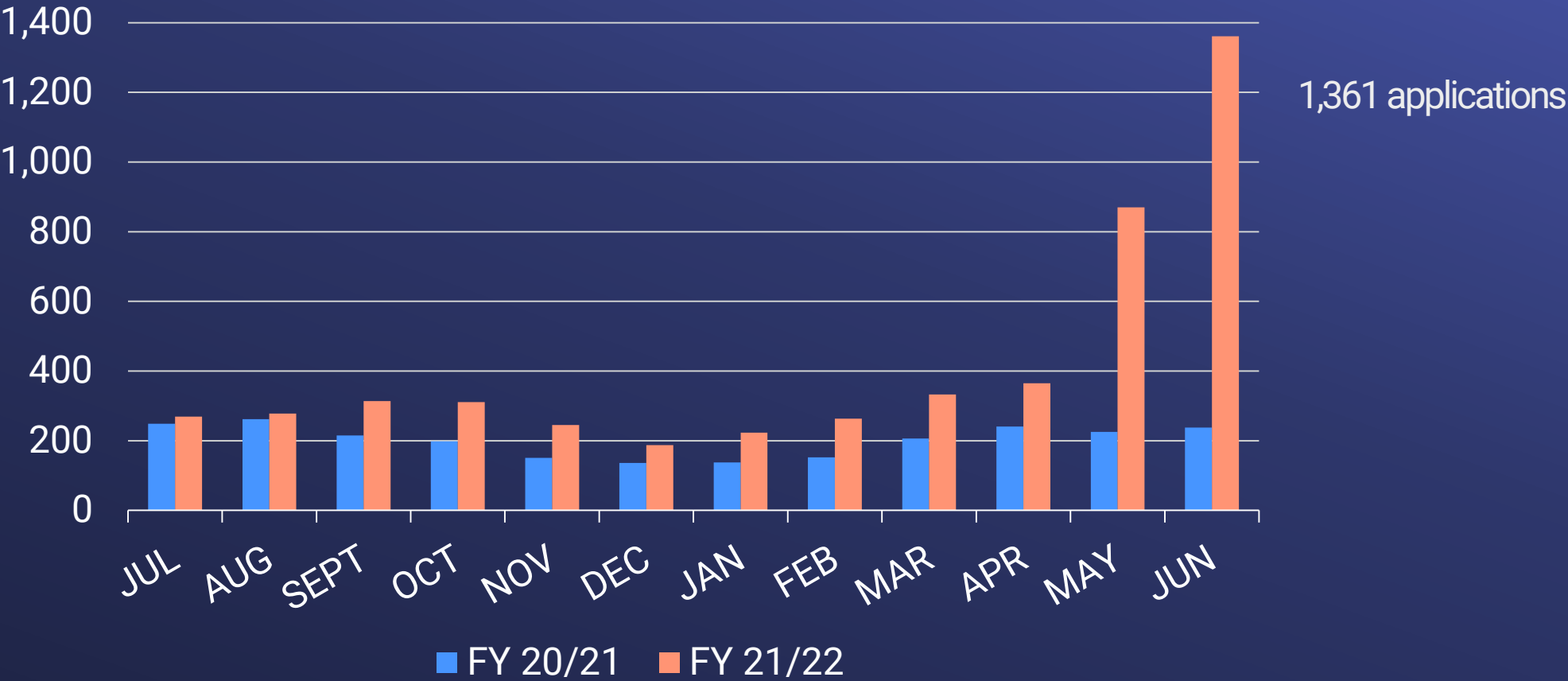
Item 7-14

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## Recently Awarded Grants:

- USBR WaterSMART: Water and Energy Efficiency Grant Program FY 2022
  - \$2 million dollar grant
  - Public Agency Turf Replacement
- DWR Urban and Multi-benefit Drought Relief 2021
  - \$4.5 million dollars total
  - \$2 million – Residential and CII Turf Replacement
  - \$2.5 million – Residential Direct Install Program (SoCalGas Partnership)

# Residential & Commercial/Industrial/Institutional Turf Replacement Program Applications



Approximately 90% of applicants that complete their projects do so within 1 year

# USBR WaterSMART Grant Application

- \$5 million request to USBR submitted July 2022
  - \$5 million cost-share required from Metropolitan
- Funds will be used to increase RES and CII Turf Replacement incentive from \$2/sq. ft. to \$3/sq. ft.
- Board Resolution of Support required as soon as possible after application submittal
- Funding and project assistance will be available to all Member Agencies

# Board Options

- Option #1: Adopt the resolution to support Metropolitan's application for United States Bureau of Reclamation grant funding of \$5 million to provide supplemental funding for residential and commercial landscapes in the Turf Replacement Program;
  - Authorize the General Manager to accept grant funds, if awarded; and
  - Authorize the General Manager to enter into a contract with United States Bureau of Reclamation for the grant funds, if awarded.
- Option #2: Do not support or accept grant funding

# Staff Recommendation

- Option #1



