



Engineering & Operations Committee

Adopt Resolution to Accept State Funding to Support Drought Mitigation Projects

Item 7-6

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Drought Resiliency Projects State Funding

Current Action

- Adopt resolution to accept \$50 million in state funding from the California Department of Water Resources to support Metropolitan's drought mitigation projects
- Designate the Group Manager of Engineering Services to be the signatory to execute actions related to the funds

Drought Resiliency Projects State Funding

Background

- State-wide drought & resulting low State Water Project (SWP) allocation directly impacts SWP-dependent areas
 - Compelling need to further enhance water conveyance flexibility and reliability
 - Continue to build upon past efforts with additional drought actions
- Metropolitan Board authorized numerous drought-related actions since 2021 to achieve these goals

Urgent Drought Projects Currently Underway

- Rialto Pipeline service area water supply reliability improvements
- Deliver DVL & CRA water to Rialto Pipeline service area
- Infrastructure improvements for western SWP-dependent areas
- Sepulveda Feeder & Venice Pressure Control Facilities



Planned CIP Projects under Drought Action

AB 211 - Amendment to the 2021 Budget Act

- AB 211 allocated \$50 million to DWR for Metropolitan to implement drought resilience projects
 - Up to \$47.5 million for Metropolitan to improve & expand infrastructure for resiliency to fluctuating water supplies
 - DWR will administer funds & release reimbursement after Metropolitan invoices expenses
 - 5% of fund may be used for DWR administrative costs
- State funding will off-set Metropolitan's costs for drought projects
- Board resolution required to formally accept funds

Board Options

- Option #1
 - a. Adopt a resolution to accept \$50 million in state funding from the California Department of Water Resources to support Metropolitan's drought mitigation projects; and
 - b. Designate the Group Manager of Engineering Services to be the signatory to execute actions related to the funds.
- Option #2

Do not proceed with the use of state funds at this time.

Staff Recommendation

- Option #1

