THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Committee Item
INFORMATION

Finance, Affordability, Asset Management, and Efficiency Committee

9/15/2026 Committee Meeting

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Subject

Overview of Metropolitan's Grants Processes and Procedures

Executive Summary

This presentation provides an overview of Metropolitan's grants processes and procedures and staff's coordinated efforts to pursue external funding opportunities and administer awarded grants and agreements.

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

Applicable Policy

Metropolitan Water District Administrative Code Section 8121: General Authority of the General Manager to Enter Contracts

Metropolitan Water District Administrative Code Section 8122: General Manager's Contracting Authority in Specified Circumstances

Metropolitan Water District Administrative Code Section 11104: Delegation of Responsibilities

Related Board Action(s)/Future Action(s)

None

Details and Background

Background

Metropolitan pursues external grant funding opportunities to support programs and projects that advance its mission to provide adequate supplies of high-quality water to meet present and future needs in an environmentally and economically responsible manner. Metropolitan's Administrative Code, board-approved biennial budget and Capital Investment Plan, annually adopted legislative priorities and principles, and other board policies provide the framework for staff's evaluation and pursuit of external funding opportunities.

Potential grant opportunities are evaluated through a coordinated internal review process. Staff consider whether the proposed program or project aligns with Metropolitan's priorities and the objectives of the funding opportunity, compatibility between project and funding-award timelines, cost-share requirements and the proposed budget, executive management support and staffing capacity, and applicable legal and risk considerations.

The pursuit and administration of grants is a coordinated staff effort involving project managers and subject-matter experts, executive oversight, the Grants Office, Legislative Services, General Counsel's Office, Project Controls, Accounts Payable and Receivable, and other administrative and compliance support. Consultants may

also be used as needed. Metropolitan supports these activities through a grant procedures manual, an internal review and approval flowchart, a grant application decision matrix, staff training, and grant administration support.

Metropolitan currently administers a portfolio of grants and other external funding awards. To provide the Board with regular visibility into these activities, staff recommends preparing an annual grants activity report for distribution to the Board following the end of each fiscal year.

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