One Water and Adaptation Committee

Update on Conservation Program

Item 6b

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Conservation Update

Subject
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Purpose
Monthly update on conservation expenditures and activity from July l, 2024 – Jume 30, 2026

Current Program Expenditures & Commitments

Current Conservation Program Expenditures

FYs 2026/27 & 2027/28 (1)

	Paid(2)	Committed(3)
Regional Devices	$0.3 M	$0.9 M
Member Agency Administered	$2.2 M(4)	$9.7 M
Turf Replacement	$3.1 M	$40.7 M
Advertising	$0.5 M	$0.5 M
Other	$0.1 M	$1.6 M
TOTAL	**$6.2 M**	**$53.4 M**

(1) The Conservation Program biennial expenditure authorization is $61M.

(2) Paid as of 07/01/2026 - 08/31/2026. Financial reporting on cash basis.

(3) Committed dollars as of September 10, 2026.

(4) Expenditures include estimates that will be reconciled and updated in future reports as necessary

Current Conservation Program Activity

FYs 2026/27 & 2027/28

Turf Replacement Rebates:

August: 1,961,496 ft^2 replaced

FY2026/27-FY2027/28: 2,292,315 ft^2 replaced

Trees (part of Turf Replacement Program):

August: 390 trees rebated

FY2026/27-FY2027/28: 527 units rebated

Sprinkler Nozzles:

August: 759 units rebated

FY2026/27-FY2027/28: 1,983 units rebated

Lifetime Water Savings to be achieved by all rebates in August 2026: 9,767 AF

FY2026/27-FY2027/28: 11,953 AF lifetime water savings

Fiscal Years 2024/25 & 2025/26

In Review

Current Conservation Program Expenditures

FYs 2024/25 & 2025/26[1]

	Paid[2]	Committed[3]
Regional Devices	$2.8 M	$0.7 M
Member Agency Administered	$10.5 M	$4.8 M
Turf Replacement	$22.2 M	$35.0 M
Advertising	$2.4 M	$0.5 M
Other	$4.2 M	$1.4 M
TOTAL	$42.1 M	**$42.4 M**

(1) The Conservation Program biennial expenditure authorization is $98.2M.

(2) Paid as of 7/1/2024 - 6/30/2026. Financial reporting on cash basis.

(3) Committed dollars as of July 10, 2026.

Conservation Program

Overview

Regional Residential Rebates

Regional Commercial, Industrial, and Institutional Rebates

Turf Replacement Program

Member Agency Administered Program

Innovation Conservation Program with SoCalGas

Water Savings Incentive Program

Conservation Grant Funding

Landscape & Irrigation Classes and Trainings

and much more!

SoCal Water$mart | Residential Rebates

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Commercial Rebates

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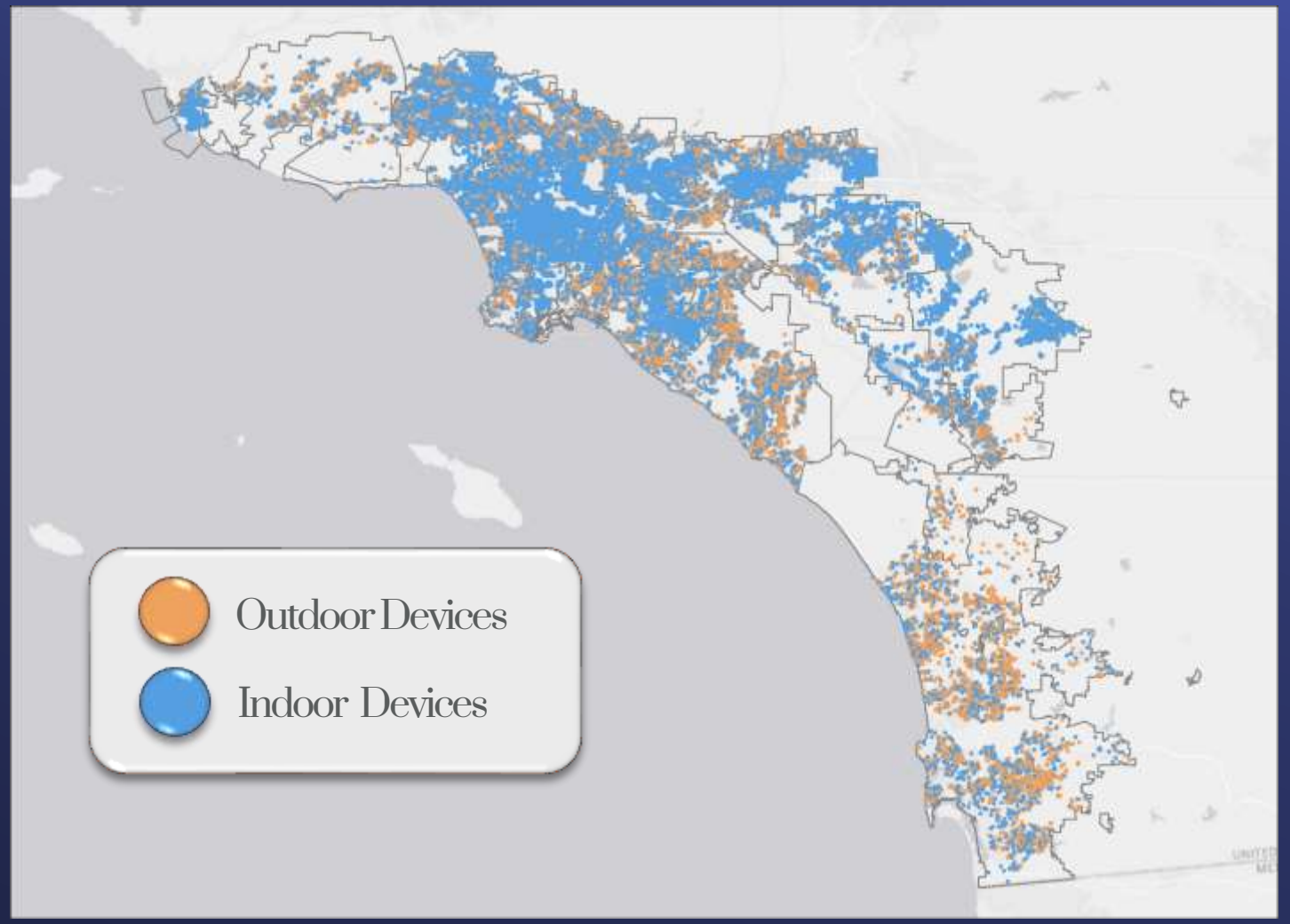
Regional Rebate and Turf Replacement Program

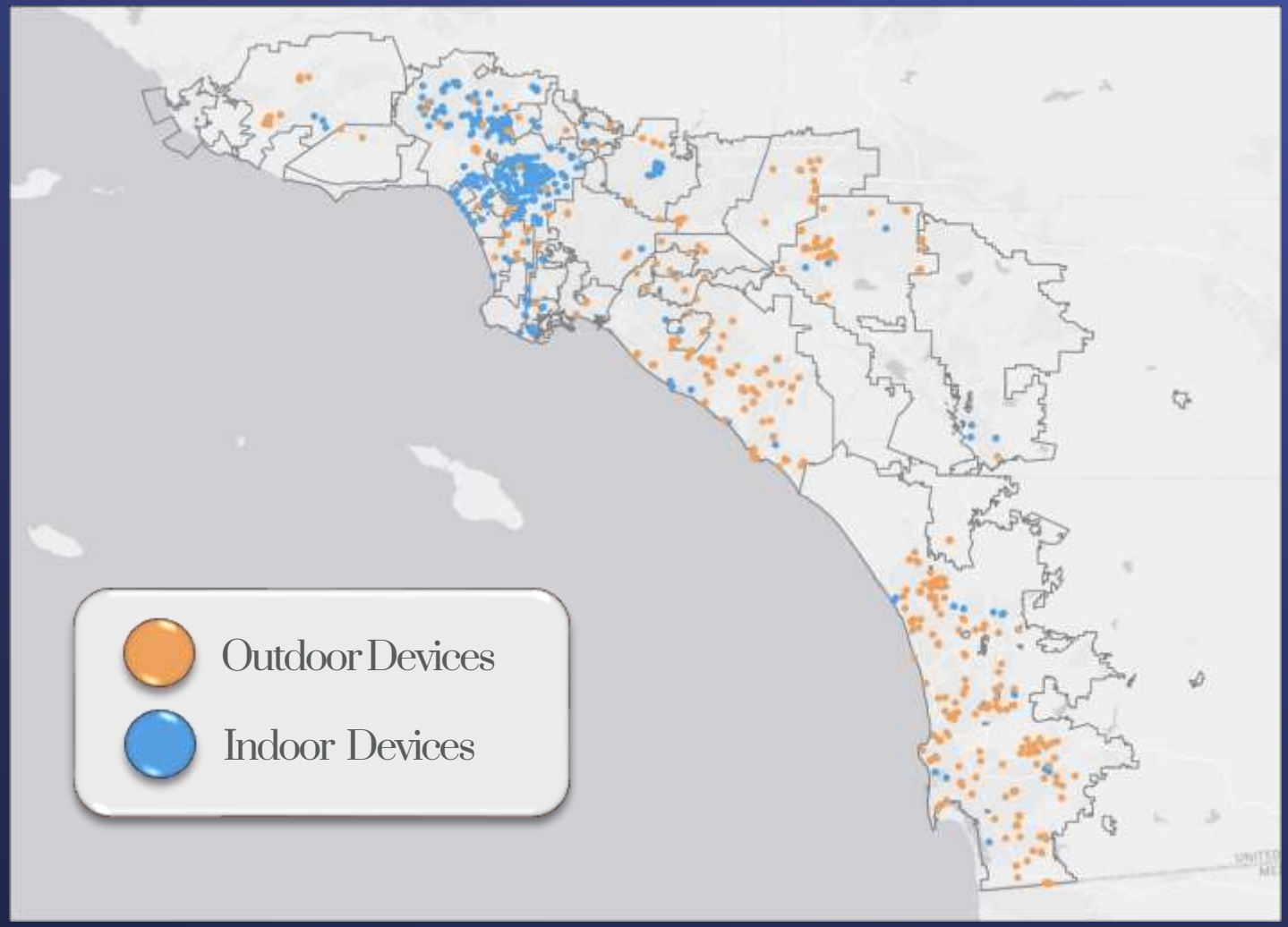
Residential Rebate Program - Devices

Completed Rebates	Total Est. Water Savings
16,003	17,659 AF



Commercial Rebate Program - Devices

Completed Rebates	Total Est. Water Savings
724	8,722 AF



Tree Rebate

- Turf Replacement applicants are eligible to receive $100 per new tree installed, for a maximum incentive for up to 5 trees
- Incentivizing new trees in the project area
- Incentives available for:
  - Residential
  - Commercial
  - Public Agency

Total Completed Tree Rebates
3,914

Turf Replacement Program

- Multi-pronged approach to maximize water utilization and conservation
- Incorporates watershed components to retain stormwater
- Incentives available for:
  - Residential
  - Commercial
  - Public Agency

Residential and Commercial Turf Replacement Program

Completed Projects	Total Sq. Ft. Replaced	Total Est. Water Savings/Lifetime
2,581	10,876,577	41,589 AF

Conservation Grant Funding

Source	Grant Program	Amount
State	DWR Urban and Multi-benefit Drought Relief FY21	$4.5M
Federal	USBR WaterSmart Water and Energy Efficiency Programs FY22	$2M
State	DWR Urban Community Drought Relief FY22	$38.4M
Federal	USBR WaterSmart Water and Energy Efficiency Programs FY22	$2M
Federal	USBR WaterSmart Water and Energy Efficiency Programs FY23	$5M
Federal	USBR WaterSmart Water and Energy Efficiency Programs FY24	$2M
Federal	Federal System Conservation Implementation Agreements FY25	$103.8M
	Total State Funding	**$42.5M**
	Total Federal Funding	**$112.8M**
	Total Conservation Grant Funding	**$155.3M**

BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

Programs and Partnerships

Member Agency Administered Program

Eastern's Water Graduate Program

Inland Empire Utilities Agency's
Residential Small Site Controller Upgrade Program

Member and retail agencies may implement local water conservation programs within their respective service area and receive Metropolitan incentives

Project Flexibility

- Device-based projects (standard rebate)
- Customized projects ($195/AF limit)
- Public Agency focused projects
- Customized with non-documented water savings projects

FY24/25-25/26 Achievements:

- Total agency projects: 448
- Total est. water savings/lifetime: 20,570 AF
- Total investment: $10.5 M

Water Savings Incentive Program

The Water Savings Incentive Program provides incentives for non-residential, customized projects that save at least l million gallons per year

FY24/25-25/26 Achievements:

- Total awarded funding: $l.l7 M
- Total completed projects: ll
- Total estimated savings: 43,074 AF
- Total applications submitted: 32
- One Water Awards recognized 3 innovative and successful projects

California State University, Dominguez Hills' Water Recovery Project (West Basin)

Landscape & Irrigation Classes and Trainings

Residential Landscape Classes

Free virtual and in-person classes in landscape design and irrigation principles

FY24/25-25/26 Achievements:

- Hosted 277 classes
- Reached 5,895 residents

Landscape & Irrigation Classes and Trainings

WELDCP (Water Efficient Landscape Dual Certification Program)

- Partnership with California Landscape Contractors Assoc.
- One-of-a-kind certification and education opportunity for landscape professionals in Southern California

MWEL (Model Water Efficient Landscapes) Workshops

- Partnership with California Landscape Contractors Assoc.
- A closer look at the Water Efficient Ordinance compliance and enforcement roles

FY24/25-25/26 Achievements:

- Hosted 16 WELDCP/MWEL workshops
- Total Attendees: 544
- Total WELDCP Certified Professionals: 682

Research & Studies

Highlights

- Municipal Leak Detection and Repair Grant
- Innovative Conservation Program
- Device evaluations with A&N Technical Services

Upcoming…

Review of Programs – The Board directed staff to conduct a review of the conservation programs to determine which programs are most cost effective and best serve the needs of Metropolitan and its agencies.

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