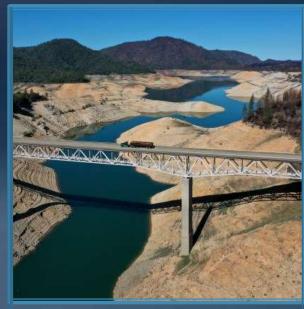


Express Support for the 2021 California Resilience Challenge and Approve a Financial Sponsorship of \$200,000

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Climate Extremes Threaten Our Communities









Drought

Lake Oroville 2021

Flooding

King Tide
Orange County
2020

Fire

Dixie Fire 2021

Heat

Los Angeles County 2020

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California Resilience Challenge

Established in 2019

Addresses funding gaps

Metropolitan's role

- Initiated by the Bay Area Council Foundation
- Sponsors include peer organizations
- Showcase innovative approaches
- Invests in local communities
- Founding sponsorship of \$200,000
- Steering Committee representation
- Funded initial round of projects

2020 Climate Resiliency Projects

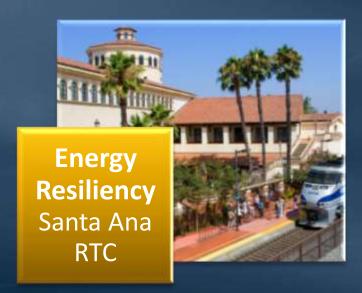


- 80 applicants
- 12 funded; \$2 million invested
- General Manager participated in selection process
- Four projects in service area

Southern California Projects









2021 Request for Proposals

Funding

- \$2.0 million
- Awards up to \$200,000
- MWD sponsorship would fund an addition project

Eligibility

- Public entities and NGOs
- Address one or more risk
- Benefit underrepresented communities

Timeline

Launch Jul **Close** Sep **Review** Oct-Nov

Award Dec

Requested Sponsorship

- Contribute \$200,000
- Opportunities
 - Participate in the 2021 RFP
 - Seat on the Steering Committee
 - Visibility on outreach materials
 - Event speaking opportunities
- 2021 sponsors

















Regional Benefits

Projects help Southern California communities

Increases resiliency of water and power grids

The Climate Resilience Challenge is leading the way

Sponsorship enhances Metropolitan's leadership role

Opportunities to collaborate with peer organizations

Builds on efforts with Water Utility Climate Alliance and IRP

Board Options

- Option #1
 - Authorize the General Manager to sponsor the California Resilience Challenge with a \$200,000 contribution and renew Metropolitan's seat on the Steering Committee
- Option #2
 - Take no action

Staff Recommendation

Option #1

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