



Adopt Resolution Supporting Grant Application to the USBR WaterSMART Program for the Turf Replacement Program

Water Planning and Stewardship Committee

Item 7-11

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Public Agency Turf Replacement

- Staff proposed enhancements of Turf Replacement Program for Public Agency Landscapes
 - Temporary increase incentive from \$2 to \$3/sq. ft.
 - Increase maximum project area from 50,000 to 200,000 sq. ft.
 - Creation of concierge-style assistance program
- Strong support from Member Agency Managers and Conservation Coordinators
- Multi-Benefit
 - Increased activity among Public Agencies
 - Lead by example

USBR Water & Energy Efficiency Grant Program

- \$15 million available in FY 2022 solicitation
- Up to \$2 million dollars per applicant for 3-year projects, or \$500,000 for smaller 2-year projects, with a 50% cost share
- Eligible Projects include those that
 - Increase water efficiency
 - Increase hydropower production
 - Mitigate conflict for areas with high risk of future water conflict
 - Contribute to supply reliability in the western US in other ways
- Approximately 40-45 projects may be funded

USBR Water & Energy Efficiency Grant Application

- \$2 million request to USBR submitted on November 2, 2021
- Board Resolution of support required within 30 days of application submittal date (Due: December 3, 2021)
- Funding and project assistance will be available to all Member Agencies

Budget Considerations for WEEG Grant Proposal

Funding Source	Purpose of Funds	Funding Amount \$
USBR WEEG Grant (90%)	Turf Replacement \$1/sq. ft. Supplemental Funding for Public Agency Landscapes*	\$1.8 million
USBR WEEG Grant (10%)	Concierge Program for Public Agency Landscapes	\$200K
Total WEEG Grant Funds Requested		\$2 million
Metropolitan Cost Share Match (50% or more)		\$2 million

Board Options

● Option #1

- Adopt the resolution to support Metropolitan's application for United States Bureau of Reclamation grant funding of \$2 million to provide supplemental funding for public agency 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 U.S. Bureau of Reclamation for the grant funds, if awarded.

● Option #2

- Do not support or accept grant funding

Staff Recommendation

- Option #1

