

Adopt resolution to support Metropolitan's \$1 million WaterSMART grant application (Item 7-4)

Water Planning and Stewardship Committee
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Water and Energy Efficiency Grant

- Bureau of Reclamation
- Up to \$1 million per agency
- Results in quantifiable and sustained water savings
- Eligible projects categories
 - Water conservation
 - Energy efficiency in water
 - Others



Key Requirements

- Eligible applicants include: states, Indian tribes, irrigation districts, water districts, etc.
- Located within western U.S.
- Requires 50/50 cost share
- Requires Board resolution within 30 days of application
- Complete projects by September 2013

Grant Proposal

- California Friendly turf replacement program
- 2 year \$2 million project
- 50 percent Metropolitan
- Leverage funding to expand participation
- Member agency support



Benefits

- **Member agencies requested a regional proposal**
- **Expands collaboration with Reclamation**
- **Popular and highly visible**
- **Accelerates transformation to California Friendly landscapes**

Board Options

- **Option #1**

Adopt CEQA determination and adopt resolution to:

- Authorize acceptance of up to \$1 million grant;**
- Authorize the General Manager to enter into agreements;**
- Agree to fulfill grant contract including matching funds of \$1 million; and**
- Direct staff to coordinate with Reclamation to meet deadlines**

- **Option #2**

Do not adopt resolution

Recommendation

- **Option #1**

