

Authorize Payment of \$537,728 to Colorado River Board and Colorado River Authority

Water Planning and Stewardship Committee

July 11, 2011

Item 8-2

Colorado River Board of California

- California's official representative to the Basin States and United States
- Protects California's rights
- Provides unified voice

Six Funding Agencies

- Coachella Valley Water District
- Imperial Irrigation District
- Los Angeles Department of Water & Power
- Metropolitan Water District
- Palo Verde Irrigation District
- San Diego County Water Authority

Funding Pathway

Funding Partners

Education & Outreach
Public Information Material

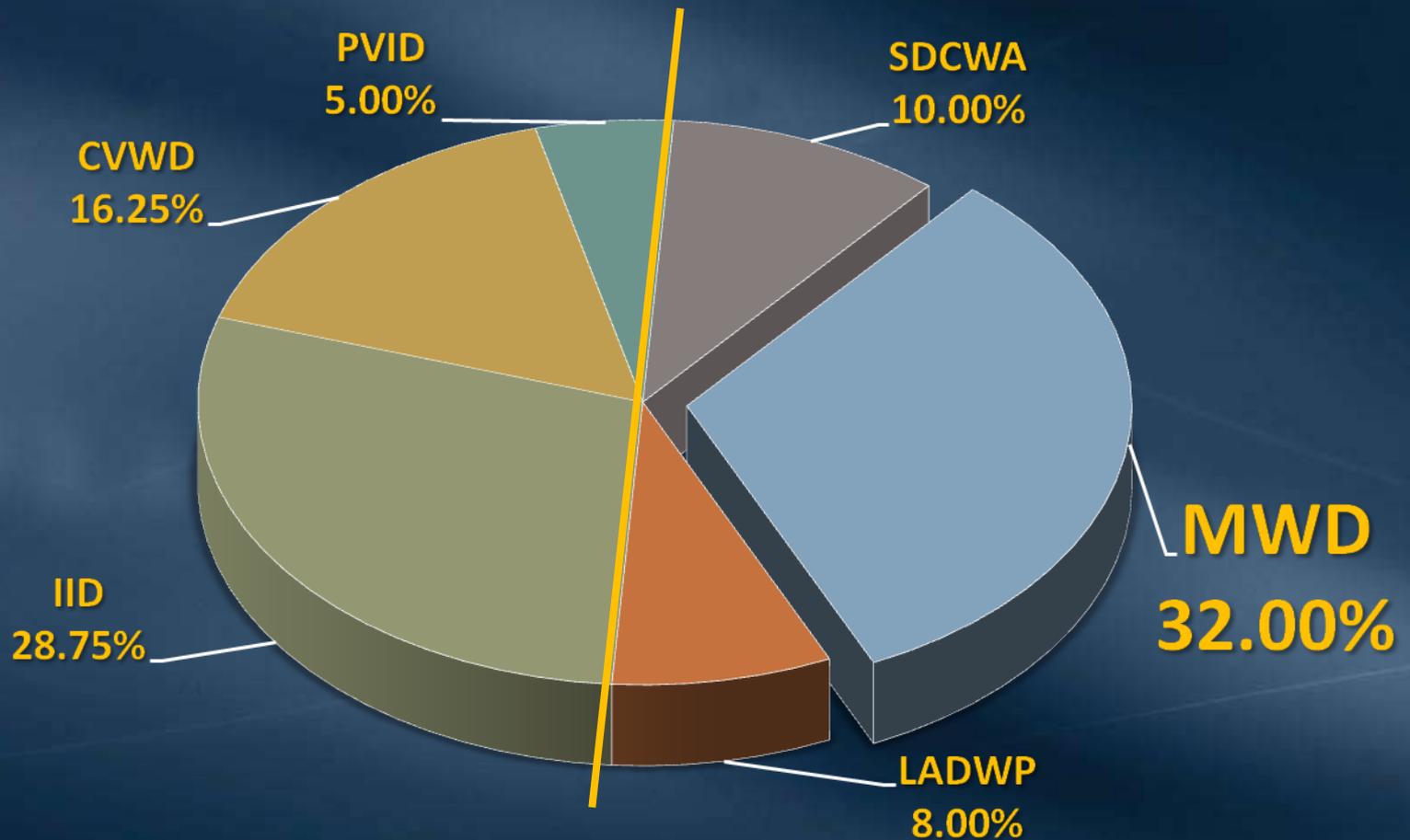
Six Agency
Committee

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Cost-Sharing Agreement Among Six Agency Members – Total \$1,587,000



Metropolitan's Payment FY2011/12

- Seeking funding of \$537,728
 - Reduction from FY2010/11 expenditure of \$606,000
 - Less than Metropolitan's FY2011/12 authorized budget of \$621,000

FY2011/12 Objectives

- Continuing activities from FY2010/11
 - Weather modification programs
 - Tamarisk & Russian olive management
 - Water supply and demand study (Basin Study)
 - Bi-national discussions
 - Colorado River Basin outreach

Options

● Option 1

- Adopt the CEQA determination
- Authorize payment of \$537,728 for Six Agency Committee and Colorado River Authority
- Two-thirds vote required

● Option 2

- Do not adopt the CEQA determination and do not authorize payment of \$537,728

Staff Recommendation

- Option 1

Possible State Elimination

- Governor's Budget May Revision raised possibility
- Senate Budget Committee removed proposal from budget bill
- Referred to Policy Committees for possible future review
- Investigating developing separate JPA