

Adopt resolutions to support Metropolitan's 2013 WaterSMART grant applications 7-5

Water Planning and Stewardship Committee
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WaterSMART: Water and Energy Efficiency Grant

- Bureau of Reclamation
- Total funding up to \$21.5 million
- Maximum \$1.5 million per project



Key Grant Requirements

- Eligible applicants include: states, indian tribes, irrigation districts, water districts, etc.
- Located within western U.S.
- At least 50 percent cost share
- Board resolution within 30 days of application
- Projects completed by September 2016

Metropolitan Grant Applications

- Submitted two Applications
- Expand collaboration with Reclamation & stakeholders
- Leverage \$4.2 million from conservation budget with \$1.8 million of federal funding
- Accelerate landscape program acceptance
- Participation available to all member agencies
- Consistent with Long Term Conservation Plan and 20X2020 requirements

California Friendly Turf Replacement Incentive Program

- \$5 million project: \$ 3.5 MWD + \$1.5 USBR
- Expands popular and highly visible program
- 3 year program
- Estimated lifetime water savings of 7,200 acre-feet



Landscape Irrigation Efficiency Pilot Program

- \$1 million project: \$700,000 MWD + \$300,000 USBR
- Offer enhanced incentives for irrigation devices, landscape training, and irrigation system surveys
- Addresses two significant market barriers: consumer knowledge and cost
- Encourage customers to make irrigation system improvements
- 2 year program
- Estimated lifetime water savings of 2,400 acre-feet

Board Resolutions

- 1) Acknowledge support of applications;
- 2) Delegate authority to the General Manager to enter into agreements, if awarded;
- 3) Commit Metropolitan to matching funds; and
- 4) Commit Metropolitan to work with Reclamation to meet established deadlines

Board Options

- **Option #1**

Adopt CEQA determination and resolutions to:

- **Support WaterSMART applications; and**
- **Authorize the General Manager to accept funding and enter into agreements.**

- **Option #2**

Do not adopt resolutions

Recommendation

- **Option #1**

