

# Proposed Foundational Actions Funding Program

Water Planning and Stewardship Committee

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# Foundational Actions Funding Program Objective

Help address regional funding needs for Foundational Actions, specifically technical studies, to reduce barriers to future water resource production

- Advance the field of knowledge for future water resource production
- Provide results that are unique, yet transferable to other areas in the region
- Represent a catalytic/critical path to water resource implementation

# Foundational Actions Funding Program Overview

- Metropolitan will issue a Request for Proposals in 2013
- Agencies may submit multiple proposals, ranked by priority
- Agencies may partner with each other or outside entities
- Proposals will be evaluated by a review committee to ensure criteria are being met

# Foundational Actions Funding Program

## Financial Overview

- Total funding estimated at \$3 million across all proposals
- Member Agencies may receive up to \$500,000 each
- A non-Metropolitan match of at least 100 percent of the Metropolitan funded amount required

# Foundational Actions Funding Program Proposal Selection

- Review Committee

- Panel of five, consisting of two Metropolitan staff and three external technical experts
- Evaluate proposals based on criteria and program goals

- Selection Criteria

- Reduces barriers to future water production
- Regional benefit/applicability
- Work Plan

# Foundational Actions Funding Program

## Proposal Selection - Criteria

- Reduces barriers to future water production
  - Critical to resource implementation and planning efforts
  - Advances the field of knowledge for development of future water resources
  - Unique and innovative
  - Increases future local supply potential
  - Expedites future permitting or facilitates beneficial regulations
- Regional benefit/applicability
  - Applies to Member Agencies, retail agencies, regional stakeholders (transferable to other areas of the region)
  - May provide other benefits (energy, infrastructural, etc.)
- Work Plan
  - Clear that the proposed actions can be implemented
  - Objectives achievable on time and within budget

# Next Steps

- Receive committee feedback
- Return with a Board Action Item
- Issue a Request for Proposals
- Establish Review Committee
- Return to Board with specific proposals, corresponding schedules of completion, and funding recommendations



