

# Water Planning and Stewardship Committee

## Item 8-3

**Subject:** Authorize the General Manager to execute an agreement with Imperial Irrigation District for participation in the Minute No. 319 Binational Pilot Project.

**Purpose:** Consider authorizing the General Manager to:

- negotiate revised terms for IID to participate in the Minute No. 319 pilot project, with a limitation that IID would share in no more than one-half of the Intentionally Created Surplus water available to Metropolitan; and
- execute an agreement with IID on such other terms as the General Manager may negotiate in a form approved by the General Counsel.

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## Summary

On November 5, 2012, the Board granted authority to the General Manager to negotiate with the Imperial Irrigation District (IID) to allow IID to participate in a pilot project for up to 20 percent of the Intentionally Created Surplus (ICS) made available to Metropolitan pursuant to the International Boundary and Water Commission's Minute No. 319. The authority requested here would include execution of an agreement in a form approved by the General Counsel, allowing IID to participate in up to one-half of the pilot project water supply available to Metropolitan.



# Authorize the General Manager to execute an agreement with IID for participation in the Minute No. 319 Binational Pilot Project

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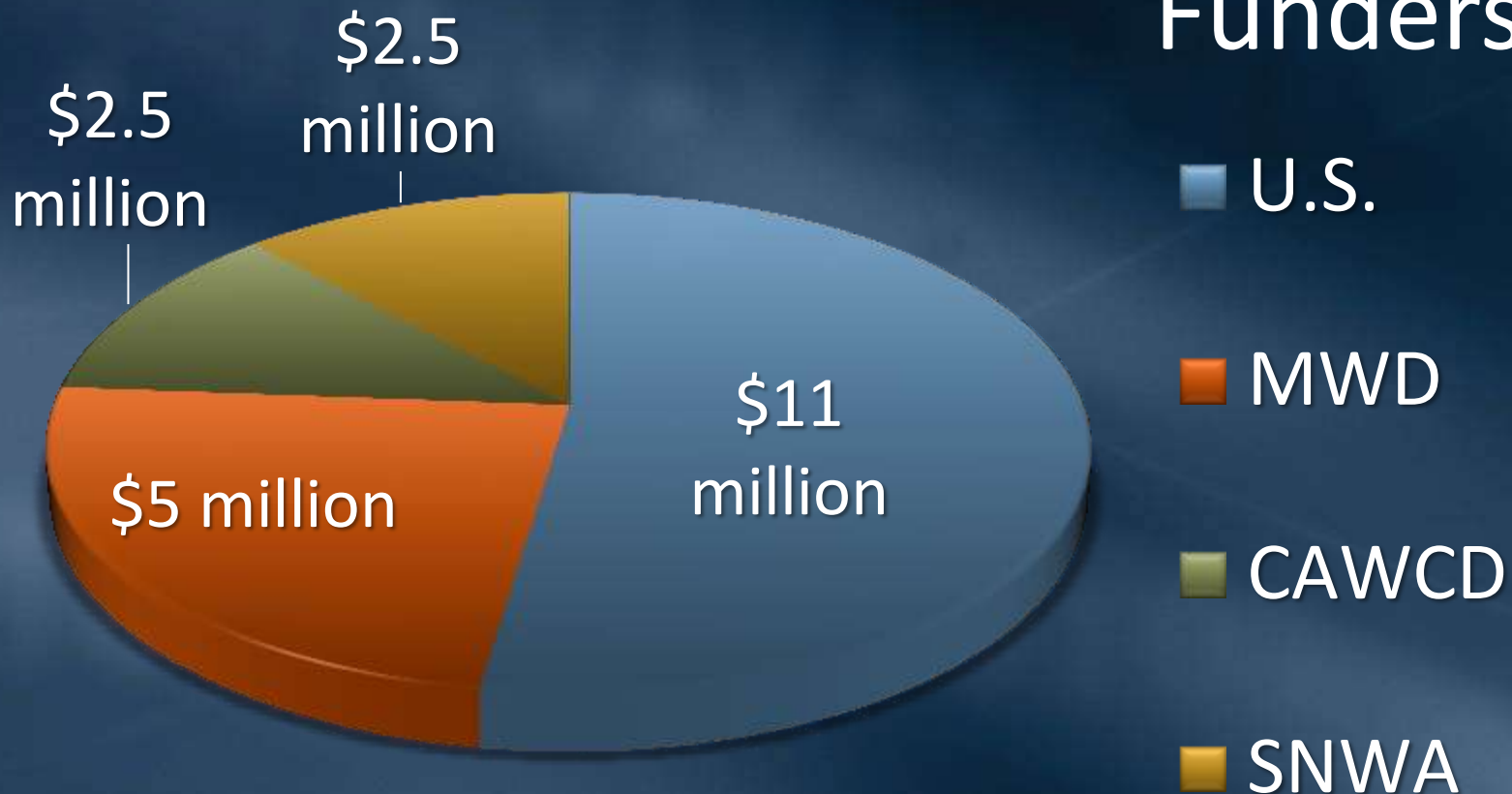
# Recap of Minute No. 319

## International Boundary and Water Commission

- International shortage sharing
- International surplus sharing
- Storage of water for Mexico in U.S. reservoirs
- Pilot project to fund water conservation in Mexico
  - Generate supply for environmental uses
  - Increase amount of Intentionally Created Surplus for funding agencies

# \$21 Million in Funding for Pilot Project

## Funders



# ICMA-ICS Exchange Pilot Project

## Intentionally Created Mexican Allocation

- 95,000 AF of conserved water will be converted to Binational Intentionally Created Surplus:
  - MWD—47,500 AF
  - Southern Nevada Water Authority—23,750 AF
  - Central Arizona Water Conservation District—23,750 AF
- Water to be made available no later than December 2017

# Pilot Project

## Imperial Irrigation District's Interest

- IID has a need for water supplies to satisfy non-agricultural demands and paybacks
- On December 3, IID Board authorized participation in binational pilot project
  - Participate through agreement with MWD
  - Equal payment and ICS amount as MWD
  - Accept any surplus reductions

# Recent Developments in Imperial Irrigation District

- Stopped cycle of overruns
- Ramped up conservation in 2012 to meet all obligations and 2011 shortfall to SDCWA
- Agreed to repay water to Lake Mead that IID pre-delivered to the Salton Sea in 2010
- Taking steps to increase conservation to payback overruns
- Participating in meetings with MWD, SDCWA, CVWD, and USBR on conservation programs



# Consider Authorizing IID's Participation in Pilot Project

- IID has improved its performance to meet its obligations
- Key agreement terms:
  - IID and MWD equally share 50% of total project yield
  - IID shares in reduction in Quantified Surplus water delivered to Mexico
  - Use of supply by IID limited to non-agricultural demands and paybacks
  - IID reimburses 50% of MWD's costs for payments made to USBR

# Board Options

## Option #1

- Adopt the CEQA determination that the proposed action is statutorily exempt from CEQA, and authorize the General Manager to:
  - Negotiate revised terms for IID to participate in the pilot project, with a limitation that IID would share in no more than one-half of the ICS water available to MWD, and
  - Execute an agreement with IID on such other terms as the General Manager may negotiate in a form approved by the General Counsel

# Board Options

## Option #2

- Do not authorize the General Manager to negotiate revised terms for IID to participate in the pilot project

# Staff Recommendation

- Option #1

