

Authorize execution of cost-sharing amendment and payment of up to \$875,782 to Colorado River Board and Colorado River Authority

Water Planning and Stewardship Committee

June 8, 2015

Item 8-9

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

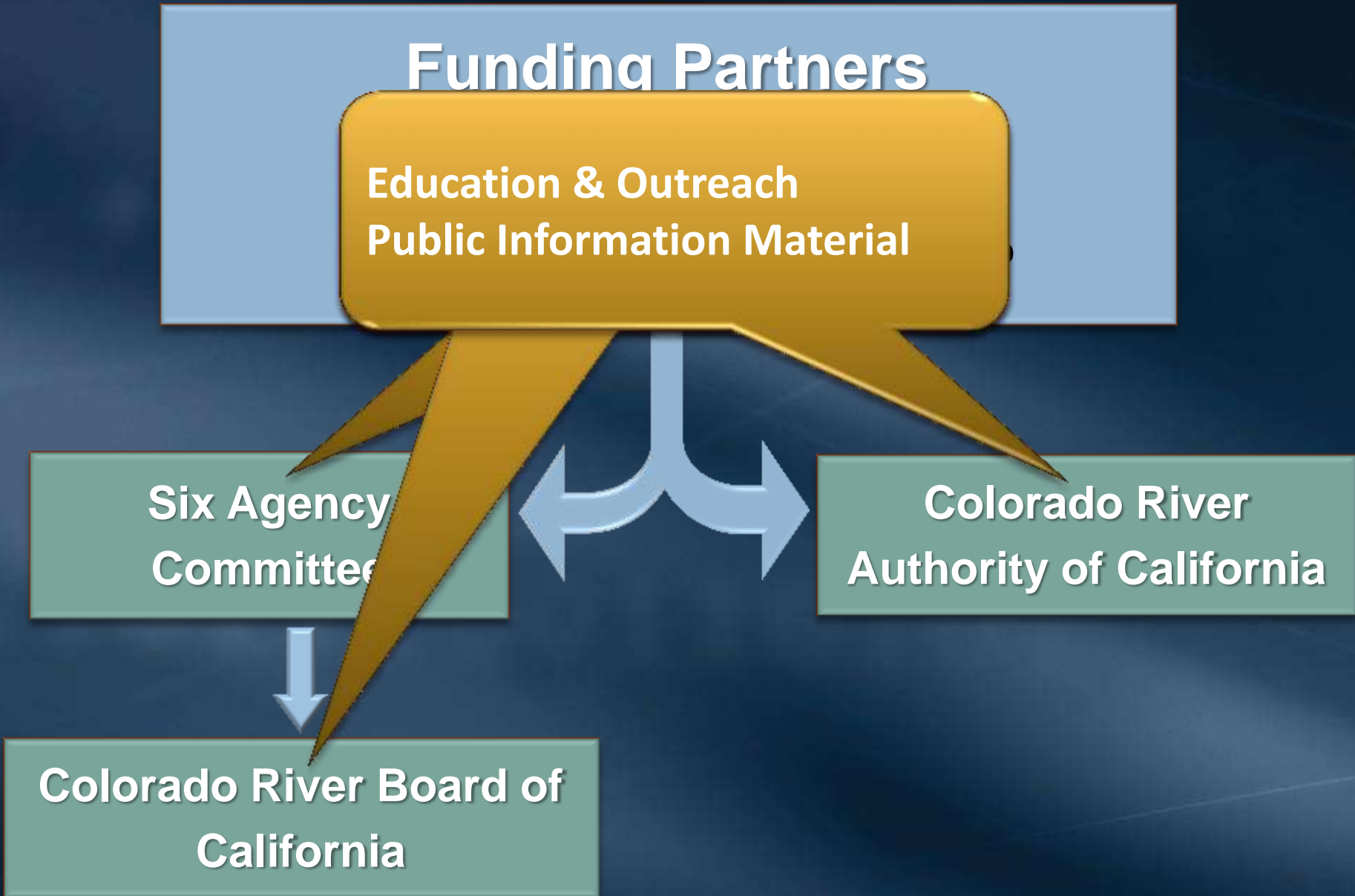
Funding Partners

Education & Outreach
Public Information Material

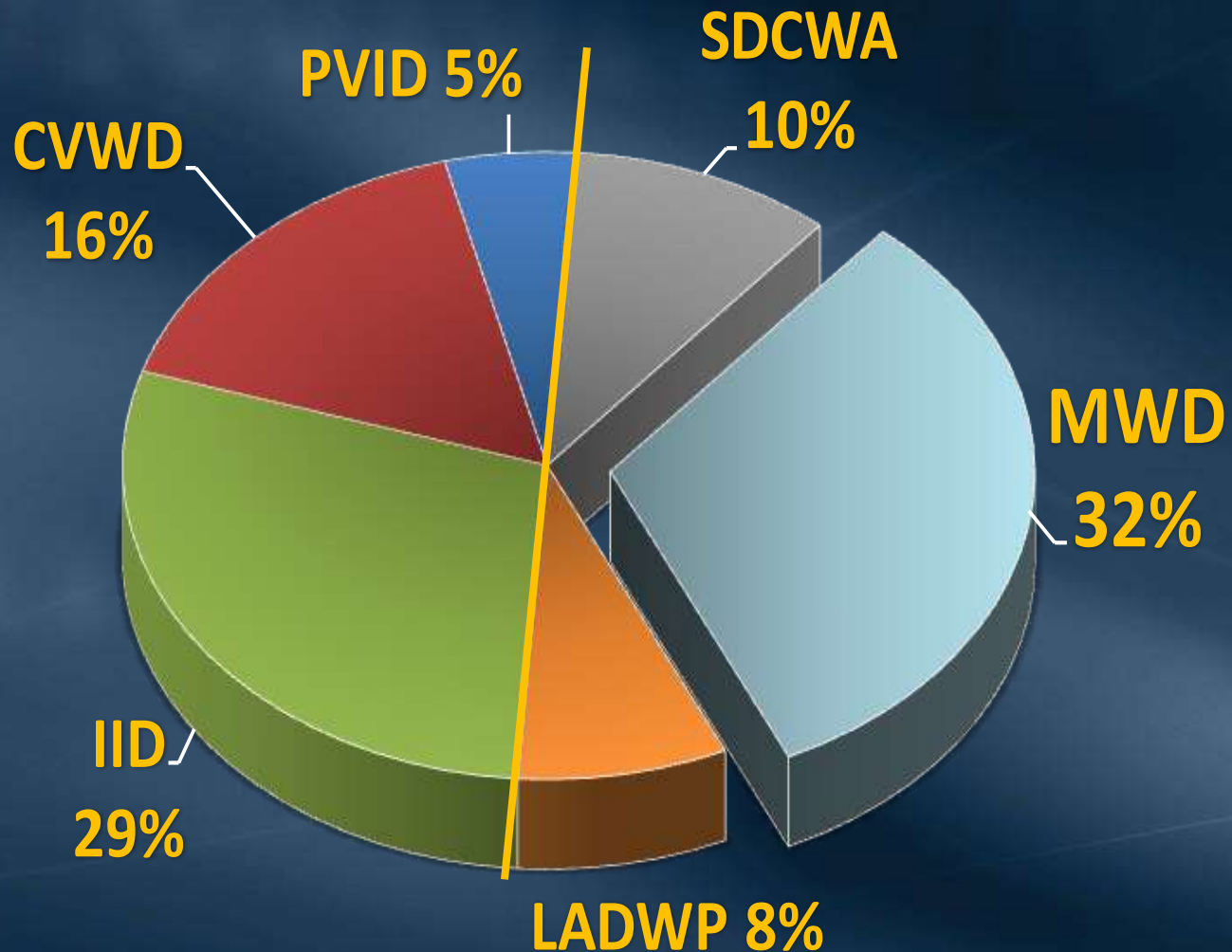
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Cost-Sharing Agreement Among Six Agency Members – Total \$2,736,820



Cost-Sharing Agreement

- Current ten year agreement ends June 30
- Amendment extends terms for five years
- Same urban/agricultural split and individual agency contribution percentages

FY 2015/16 Funding Request

- Metropolitan budget includes \$639,000
- Approval to pay fees based on Colorado River Board final budget, up to \$875,782
 - Draft Colorado River Board budget assumes \$875,782 from Metropolitan
- Colorado River Board to consider on June 10

Reasons for Funding Increase

- Adjustments to staff salaries/benefits and filling vacant positions
- Proposed system conservation and efficiency improvements

Major Activities

- Implementation of Minute 319
- Colorado River Basin Drought Response
- Coordinate Basin Study Process
- Weather Modification Programs



Major Activities (cont')

- Tamarisk Management
- Support Salinity Control Program
- Implementation of Multi-species Conservation Program



Options

● Option 1

- Adopt the CEQA determination
- Authorize execution of the cost-sharing amendment
- Authorize payment of up to \$875,782 for Six Agency Committee and Colorado River Authority
- Two-thirds vote required

● Option 2

- Do not authorize the cost-sharing amendment and payment of up to \$875,782

Staff Recommendation

- Option #1

