



MWD INNOVATION & TECHNOLOGY
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Metropolitan As Leader in Innovation

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FOSTERING INNOVATION WITHIN WATER UTILITIES

Objectives

- Engage member agencies and other utilities
- Provide feedback to innovation companies
- Broaden staff engagement and adoption of innovative concepts for the workplace

Program Tools

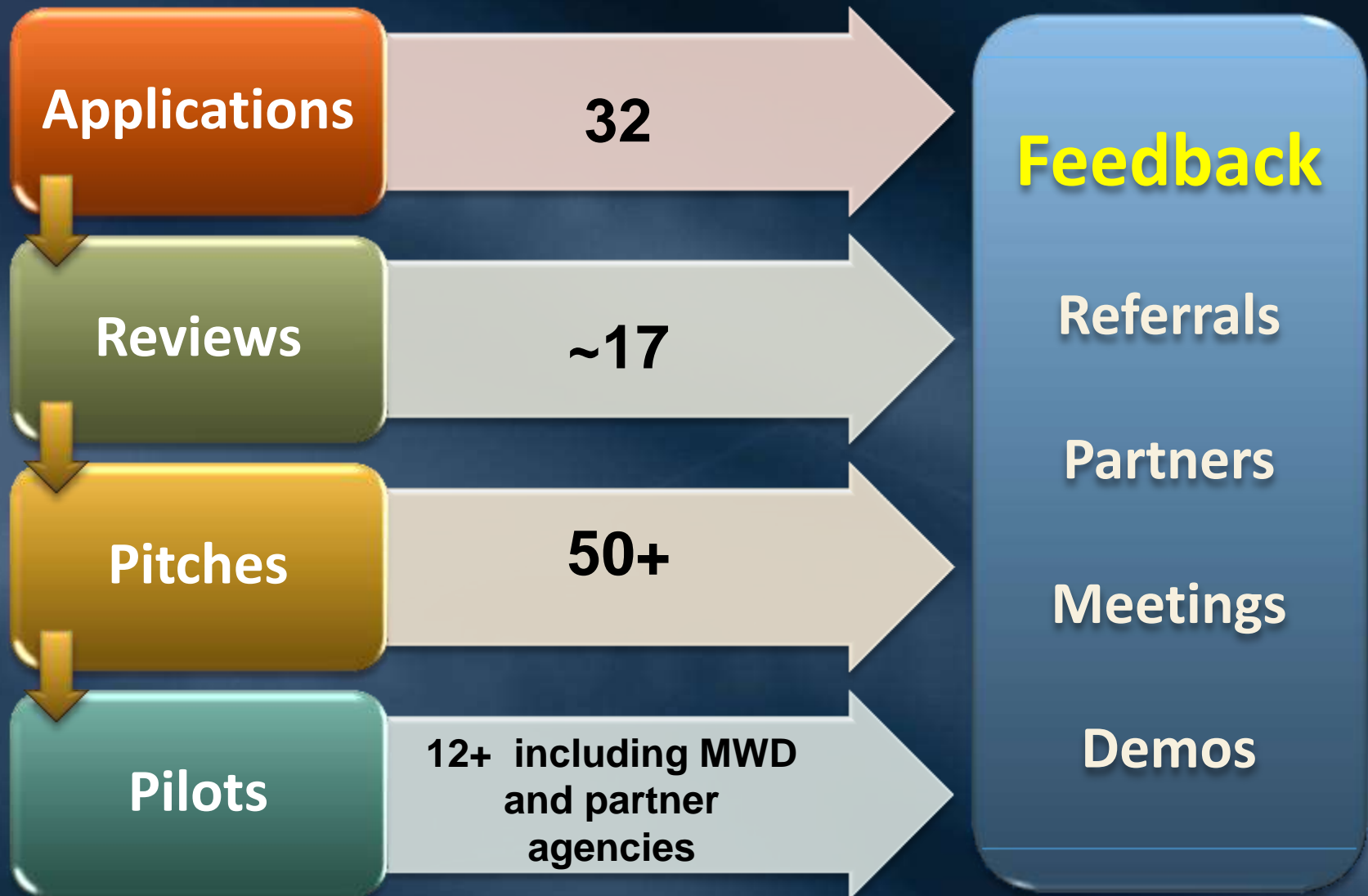
- TAG and Feedback Forum
- H2O TechConnect
- Pilots and trials
- Global, national and local partnerships

Technology Approval Group

Discover innovations that support MWD and member agency goals

- Quarterly forum of public/ private water agencies to evaluate emerging technologies in the water sector
- Interested water agencies host a pilot, trial program or procure the technology
- Technologies are evaluated by water industry leaders across the globe
- Industry collaboration is promoted

2017 Feedback Forum Results



TechConnect

Link innovations and investments to water, energy, wastewater, storm water and watershed management

- Search engine that links innovation community
 - There are 900 registered members
 - Five members awarded ICP grants
 - 100 members participated in workshops
- Virtual incubator provides resources for emerging technologies
- Community managers

Pilot & Trials

- Hosted Inaugural Pilots & Trials workshop
 - Presenting agencies included: San Diego County Water Authority, Las Vegas Water District, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, Denver Water, Inland Empire Utilities Agency and Metropolitan
- Six water utilities
- Twelve case studies
- Allows risk assessment prior to investing in any technologies

Canadian Water Innovation Roadshow

- 16 Canadian companies
- 200 attendees
- Over 100+ B2B connections
- Visited San Diego, Orange and Los Angeles agencies



Partnerships and Resources



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