



# Approve Sponsorship of the California Resilience Challenge

Water Planning and Stewardship Committee

Item 7-4

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# California Faces a Serious Climate Change Future



# The California Resilience Challenge

- A statewide effort to support climate-resilient adaptation projects
- Initiated by the Bay-Area Council
- Includes an array of utilities across sectors, including:
  - Pacific Gas and Electric and (Santa Clara) Valley Water District

# The California Resilience Challenge

## Approach and Goals

- Raise a goal of \$10 million from sponsors
- Form a Steering Committee of sponsor-members
- Select and support funding of diverse and replicable climate resilience projects
- Provide real examples for similar projects in spots around the world



# Benefits for Metropolitan's Sponsorship and Participation

- Continued leadership in the area of climate adaptation and planning
- Representation for the water sector on selection of adaptation projects
- Establishment of planning level relationships in a statewide effort
- Leveraged outreach on utility climate awareness, planning and adaptation

# Board Options

- Option #1
  - Authorize the General Manager to commit \$200,000 to the California Resilience Challenge and serve on the Steering Committee
- Option #2
  - Take no action

# Staff Recommendation

- Option #1

