



PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT TO ADMINISTER SMART IRRIGATION PROGRAM

Customer Engagement

Board of Public Utilities
October 28, 2024

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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

1. July 3, 2024 - State Water Resources Control Board approved the draft resolution of the Conservation is a California Way of Life Framework (AB 1668 and SB 606)
2. Retail water agencies are required to annually calculate and report their water use objectives to Department of Water Resources.
3. Agencies must also complete a set of Compliance Tasks that:
 - a. Places limits on outdoor water use
 - b. Creates parameters for indoor water use
 - c. Defines the methods to meet said objectives

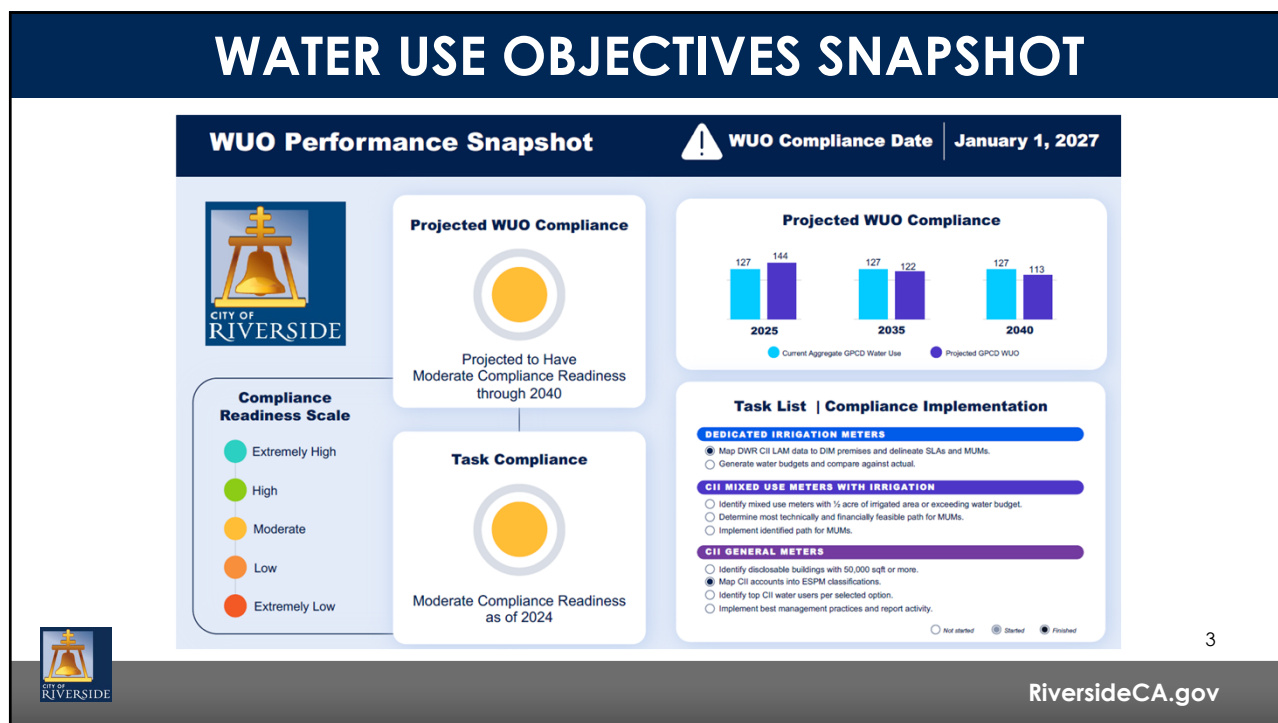


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WATER USE OBJECTIVES SNAPSHOT



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BACKGROUND

- Smart Irrigation Program is comprised of:
 - Landscape efficiency audit
 - Repairs to existing irrigation system
 - Installation of Weather-based Irrigation Controller and High-efficiency Nozzles
- Since 2011, Smart Irrigation Program has helped RPU water customers reduce their outdoor water consumption
 - 2,272 Smart Controllers
 - 109,270 High-Efficiency Sprinkler Nozzles
 - 776 Million Gallons of Water Saved



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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL EVALUATION

1. RFP 2379 closed July 25, 2024
2. The notification was sent to 132 City of Riverside vendors and 500 external vendors
3. Of the 26 prospective proposers two qualified vendors submitted proposals to administer the Program
4. The consultants were evaluated on the following criteria:
 - a. Qualifications/Approach/Methodology (30%)
 - b. Pricing (25%)
 - c. Experience (projects of similar size and scope) (35%)
 - d. Professional References (10%)



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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL EVALUATION

Program	Proposer	Committee's Avg Rank	Pricing Rank	Overall Rank
Smart Irrigation Program	Valley Soil, Inc.	945.00	1	1
	Water Wise Consulting, Inc.	731.49	2	2



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STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT



Strategic Priority 4 – Environmental Stewardship

Goal 4.2 – Sustainably manage local water resources to maximize reliability and advance water reuse to ensure safe, reliable and affordable water to our community.

Cross – Cutting Threads



Community Trust



Equity



Fiscal Responsibility



Innovation



Sustainability & Resiliency



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RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Board of Public Utilities recommend the City Council:

1. Approve the Professional Consultant Services Agreement from Request for Proposal No. 2379 to administer the Smart Irrigation Program to Valley Soil, Inc. for \$750,000;
2. Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute up to two (2) additional one-year terms not to exceed five (5) years; and
3. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute the Professional Consultant Services Agreements, including making minor and non-substantive changes to the agreements.



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