



MEMBER AGENCY ADMINISTERED PROGRAM FUNDING FROM METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000 FOR SMART IRRIGATION PROGRAM

**Riverside Public Utilities – Customer Engagement
Division**

City Council
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BACKGROUND

1. August 2019 – Relaunched Smart Irrigation Program (SIP)
2. SIP helps residential and commercial customers improve outdoor water use efficiency through installation of smart irrigation controllers and high-efficiency sprinkler nozzles
3. Staff sought external monetary support from MWD and applied for the Member Agency Administered Program in the amount of \$50,000
4. MWD approved RPU's funding request for FY 2019-2020



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DISCUSSION

1. MWD's Member Agency Administered Program (MAAP) provides funding for member agencies to use toward agency specific water efficiency programs
2. Funding requests and disbursements are made through a retail agency's wholesaler member agency
3. As an added benefit to ratepayers, RPU staff submitted a request through WMWD to receive MAAP funding in the amount of 25% of the SIP's annual budget or \$50,000
4. Funding will reimburse RPU for Smart Irrigation Program's cost, if accepted by Board and Council



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RECOMMENDATIONS

That the City Council

1. Approve the acceptance of Member Agency Administered Program funding from Metropolitan Water District through Western Municipal Water District for the Smart Irrigation Program in the amount of \$50,000;
2. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute all documents required for the acceptance of such funds including the ability to make minor non-substantive changes; and
3. Authorize an increase in estimated revenue in the amount of \$50,000 to the Water Conservation Fund 521 Revenue from Other Agencies Account and appropriate expenditures in the same amount to the Water Conservation Fund 521 Smart Irrigation Program Expenditure Account.



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