



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE SANTA ANA WATERSHED PROJECT AUTHORITY AND THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE

Riverside Public Utilities

City Council
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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

1. AB 1668 and SB 606 (2018) establish a long-term water conservation and drought planning framework for California water providers.
2. Urban retail water suppliers required to set and meet a “water use objective” (WUO) for their service areas using a water budget-based approach by November 2023.
3. WUO will combine indoor and outdoor residential water use, commercial, industrial, and institutional (CII) outdoor irrigation, and efficient water loss.



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BACKGROUND

1. Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority (SAWPA) is implementing a project to assist a few agencies in the Santa Ana watershed to calculate the landscaped areas of CII customers with dedicated irrigation meters.
2. This information will help calculate the CII outdoor water use component of the retailers' water use objective.
3. Using Prop 84 grant funding – no cost to participating agencies.



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DISCUSSION

1. CII classification is complex
 - DWR relying on agencies to calculate landscaped areas of these customers (i.e. business parks and recreational parks)
2. CII landscaped area will be added to residential indoor and outdoor water use and efficient water loss to create City's WUO.
3. Participation requires MOU between SAWPA and City.



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DISCUSSION

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

1. Requires participating agency commit some of their staffing resources to work with SAWPA and its consultant over span of 1-1.5 years.
2. If City does not participate in this project, work will be done in-house or consultant may need to be hired, requiring additional resources and expenses otherwise covered by SAWPA's assistance program.



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RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority and the City of Riverside to participate in a no-cost landscape area measurement project.



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