

# WATER CONSERVATION FUNDING AGREEMENT

#### **Public Utilities**

**Board of Public Utilities** 

November 17, 2025

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## **LEGISLATIVE HISTORY**

- 1. Beginning in 2009, California has sought to make water conservation a consistent practice
- 2. July 3, 2024 State Water Resources Control Board adopted the Making Conservation a California Way of Life

#### "Making Conservation a California Way of Life"



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## **BACKGROUND**

#### Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD)

- a. 26 member agencies
- b. 14 cities
- c. 11 municipal water districts
- d. 1 county water authority



#### Supplies several cities and unincorporated areas in Southern California with reliable and safe water

- a. Developed SoCal WaterSmart Software as an online platform to offer and process water conservation rebates for customers
- b. Allows all customers in the region access to MWD's rebates as well as the local agency's rebates



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## **BACKGROUND**

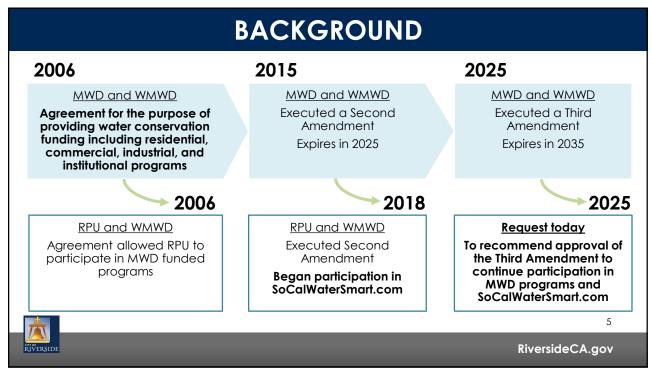
#### Master Agreements and Member-Agency Partnerships

- Provides conservation program funding directly from MWD, at no-cost to RPU
- 2. Majority of Municipal Utilities and water purveyors utilize MWD programs, including:
  - a. WMWD
  - b. Eastern Municipal Water District
  - c. City of Corona
  - d. City of Anaheim
  - e. City of Pasadena



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## **DISCUSSION**

RPU participates in the MWD rebate platform, SoCalWaterSmart for all water rebates:

- a. Turf removal
- b. High efficiency clothes washers
- c. High efficiency toilets
- d. Weather based irrigation controllers
- e. Flow monitoring devices
- f. High efficiency sprinkler nozzles



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## **DISCUSSION**

#### **SoCalWaterSmart Participation**

RPU customers have benefitted from the matching funding provided by both RPU and MWD

Fiscal Year	<b>Participants</b>	Water Saved (gal)	RPU Expenditure	MWD Expenditure
2018/19	292	10,194,015	\$4,400	\$58,722
2019/20	622	49,107,357	\$41,026	\$360,775
2020/21	40	3,631,921	\$6,355	\$64,924
2021/22	331	23,240,249	\$143,527	\$280,697
2022/23	386	14,525,214	\$279,965	\$489,084
2023/24	271	10,989,538	\$201,048	\$258,129
2024/25	147	6,637,427	\$163,073	\$163,163
Total	2,089	118,325,721	\$839,394	\$1,675,494



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## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

That Board of Public Utilities recommend that the City Council:

- Approve the Third Amendment to Agreement No. C06-207 FY 2025-2035 Western Municipal Water District Water Conservation Funding Agreement between Western Municipal Water District and Riverside Public Utilities for a term through June 30, 2035; and
- 2. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute the Third Amendment to Agreement No. C06-207 Western Municipal Water District Water Conservation Funding Agreement between Western Municipal Water District and Riverside Public Utilities for a term through June 30, 2035, including making minor and non-substantive changes.



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