

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

1. 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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BACKGROUND

2006

MWD and WMWD

Agreement for the purpose of providing water conservation funding including residential, commercial, industrial, and institutional programs

2006

RPU and WMWD

Agreement allowed RPU to participate in MWD funded programs

2015

MWD and WMWD

Executed a Second Amendment
Expires in 2025

2018

RPU and WMWD

Executed Second Amendment

Began participation in SoCalWaterSmart.com

2025

MWD and WMWD

Executed a Third Amendment
Expires in 2035

2025

Request today

To recommend approval of the Third Amendment to continue participation in MWD programs and SoCalWaterSmart.com



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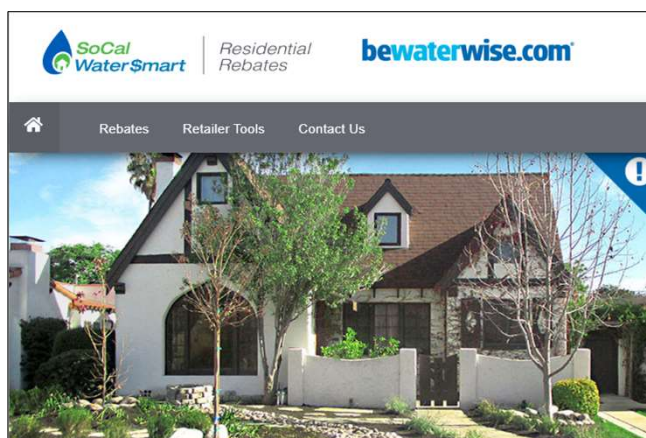
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DISCUSSION

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

- Turf removal
- High efficiency clothes washers
- High efficiency toilets
- Weather based irrigation controllers
- Flow monitoring devices
- 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	Participants	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:

1. 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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