

# PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT TO ADMINISTER SMART IRRIGATION PROGRAM

#### **Customer Engagement**

**Board of Public Utilities** 

October 28, 2024

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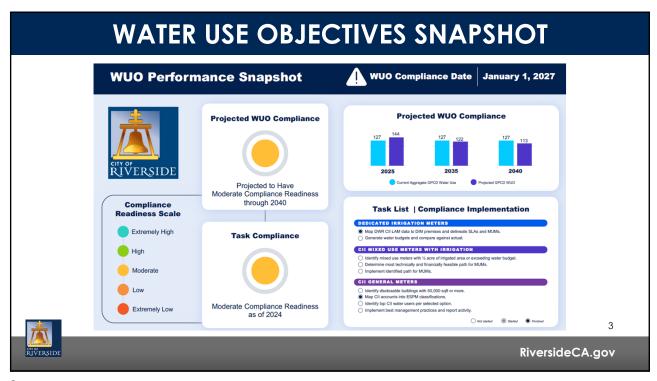
### **LEGISLATIVE HISTORY**

- 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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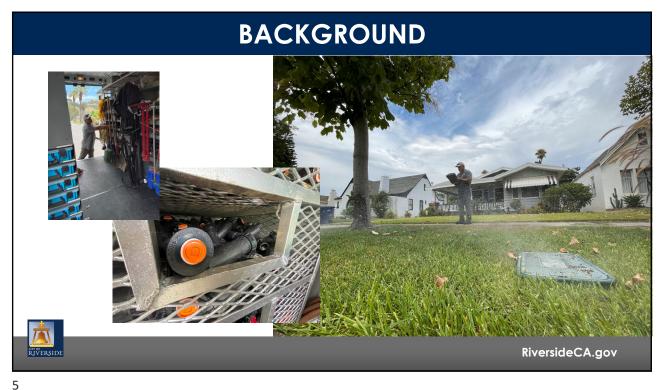
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## **BACKGROUND**

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





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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