

# WATER CONSERVATION FUNDING AGREEMENT

## Riverside Public Utilities

City Council  
December 9, 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

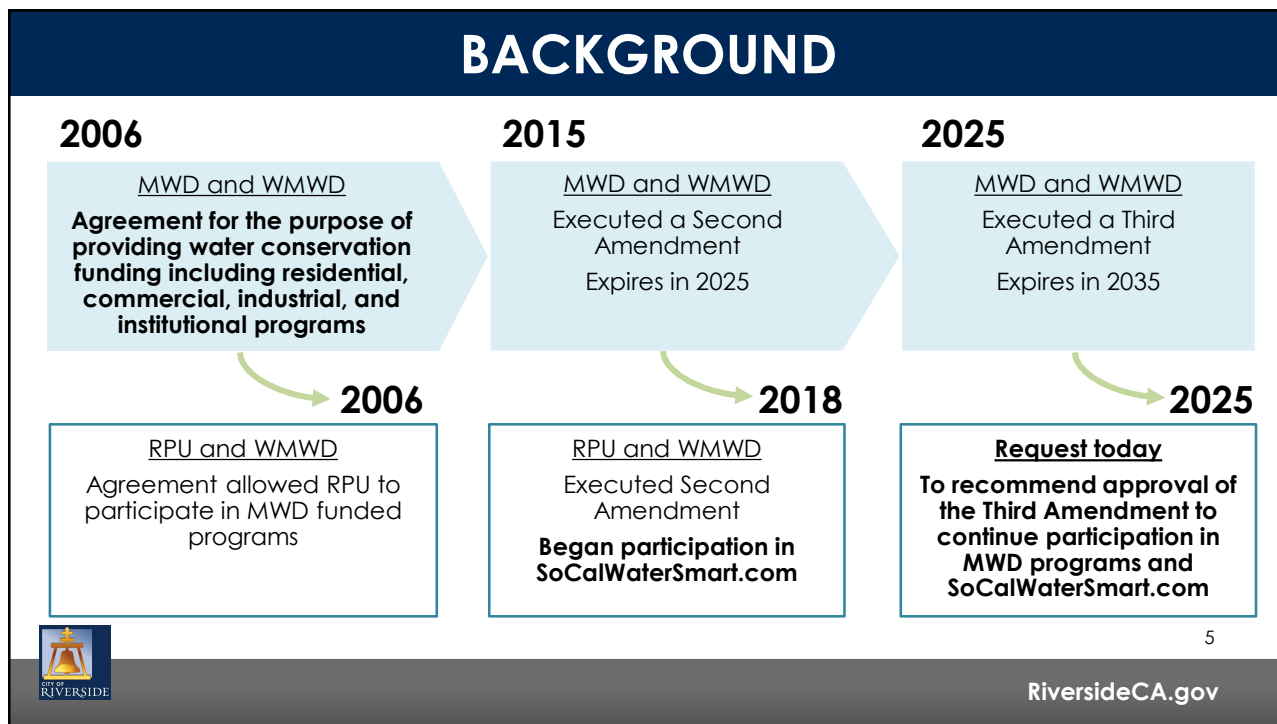
1. Provides conservation program funding directly from MWD, at no-cost to RPU
2. Majority of Municipal Utilities and water purveyors utilize MWD programs, including:
  - a. WMWD
  - b. Eastern Municipal Water District
  - c. City of Corona
  - d. City of Anaheim
  - e. City of Pasadena



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## 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	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
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,089</b>	<b>118,325,721</b>	<b>\$839,394</b>	<b>\$1,675,494</b>



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## RECOMMENDATIONS

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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