



**Special Meeting of the
Metro Wastewater JPA/Metro Commission**

AGENDA

Thursday, November 7, 2024 - 12:00 p.m.

9192 Topaz Way (PUD MOC II) Auditorium, San Diego, CA

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1. **ACTION:** Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Letter of Support Request for Regional Landscape Efficiency and Direct Installation Project (Alisa Nichols) (**Attachments**)

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EXTERNAL EMAIL



Hello RAC Members and Alternates,

On behalf of the San Diego IRWM Regional Water Management Group (RWMG), the San Diego County Water Authority will be applying for the Water and Energy Efficiency Grants Program to fund a regional Landscape Efficiency and Direct Installation Project (Project). This Project was developed based on the [Regional Drought Resiliency Technical Memorandum \(TM\)](#), which was as a pilot effort for creating a regional drought resiliency project that provides regional benefits as in both responsive to and competitive for funding. The RWMG kindly requests RAC members sign the attached letter of support by **Monday, November 11**.

If you have any questions about the Project or the attached letter of support, please contact Sally Johnson (sjohnson@woodardcurran.com) or Elizabeth Lovsted (elovsted@sdcwa.org). Additionally, we will be discussing the Project at the November 6th RAC meeting.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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October X, 2024

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Subject: Letter of Support for the San Diego Integrated Regional Water Management Program's Landscape Efficiency and Direct Installation Project to USBR's WaterSMART Grants: Water and Energy Efficiency Grants for Fiscal Year 2024 and Fiscal Year 2025

Dear Mr. German,

On behalf of the [insert organization], I am pleased to support the San Diego Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Program's Landscape Efficiency and Direct Installation Project (Project) for funding.

The [insert organization] is a member of the Regional Advisory Committee (RAC). The RAC is comprised of representatives from various functional areas related to water management such as retail water agencies, disadvantaged or environmental justice organizations, Tribal groups, and natural resources and watersheds organizations. The RAC serves the primary advisory board to the Regional Water Management Group (RWMG) and provides recommendations to the RWMG on topics related to the San Diego IRWM Program.

The San Diego IRWM Program is collaborative effort to identify and implement water management solutions on regional scale. The San Diego IRWM region is home to approximately 3 million people who rely on a mix of local and mostly imported water sources to meet their water needs. The region is expected to see more frequent period of droughts due to climate change. These droughts result in below average rainfall and impact imported water supplies being brought into the region from the Colorado River. Continued implementation of water efficiency programs and projects is necessary to alleviate these impacts.

The RAC has worked with the RWMG to develop the project to address regional water efficiency needs via a mechanism with proven success. The Project includes multiple indoor and outdoor conservation incentives, including but not limited to, irrigation controllers, turf replacement, and a direct install toilet replacement program. These conservation incentives will support drought response, water conservation, and the enhancement of local water supplies within the San Diego IRWM region, including for disadvantaged communities and Tribes. By implementing these conservation incentives, the San Diego IRWM region will experience improved water supply reliability and mitigate drought impacts. The [insert organization] urges you to fund the Project. If you have any additional questions, please feel free to email me at [insert email] or call me at (xxx) xxx-xxxx.

Sincerely,

Name on behalf of the Regional Advisory Committee
Title
Organization