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Board of Water Commissioners
August 22, 2019 Board Meeting

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Subject:

Authorize a modification to the Lawn to Garden Program to be effective October 1, 2019: Revise the landscape design reimbursement to \$0.50 per square foot with a minimum of \$500 per design and a maximum of \$1,500 per design.

Executive Summary:

On April 26, 2018, the Board of Water Commissioners (Board) authorized the reimbursement of landscape designs to assist customers with meeting the more complex requirements of the Lawn to Garden (L2G) Program that went into effect on July 1, 2018.

Customers submitting L2G designs from pre-qualified landscape designers has helped to ensure customer designs comply with L2G program requirements, which is a significant benefit for both the customer as well for staff administering the program. Currently, seventeen designers have been vetted and meet the qualification criteria, and approximately fifty percent of L2G participants utilize the design reimbursement.

The current structure of the design reimbursement amount is for the lesser of \$1,500 or the actual cost of the landscape design. This reimbursement structure was based on the estimated cost of a landscape design for an average sized L2G project.

After a year of experience with the L2G design reimbursement, staff recommends making a modification to better align the reimbursement with the square footage of a customer's project. Staff recommends the design reimbursement to be \$0.50 per square foot of turf replaced, with a minimum reimbursement of \$500 per design and the maximum design reimbursement remaining at \$1,500 per design. As with the current reimbursement structure, payment for designs will not be made until the customer's L2G project has been completed and approved.

Staff Recommendation:

Authorize a modification to the Lawn to Garden Program to be effective October 1, 2019: Revise the landscape design reimbursement to \$0.50 per square foot with a minimum of \$500 per design and a maximum of \$1,500 per design.

Fiscal Impact: Funds for L2G and the design reimbursement were already budgeted, so there is no fiscal impact.


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8/13/2019
Date


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