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Board of Water Commissioners

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Subject

Authorize the General Manager to execute a \$75,000 grant agreement from the United States Bureau of Reclamation’s WaterSMART Grants: Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects for the Direct Install Garden (DIG) Pilot Program and for staff to initiate procurement for \$300,000 of services for the DIG Pilot Program.

Executive Summary

On April 1, 2021, the Board adopted Resolution No. WD-1437 to authorize the General Manager to sign and submit all necessary documents associated with an application for the United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) WaterSMART Grants: Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects for the Direct Install Garden (DIG) Pilot Program.

The application was successful and LBWD was selected for an award of \$75,000 to replace 16,000 square feet of turf through the DIG Pilot Program. The grant requires a 50-percent matching requirement. Based on the costs incurred to date for the DIG Pilot Program, it is estimated that the total project cost to complete the turf replacement target of 16,000 square feet would be \$300,000, meaning that LBWD share of the cost would be \$225,000 and would meet the match requirement. Staff is pursuing additional outside funding to offset these remaining LBWD costs.

Staff is seeking authorization from the Board to execute an agreement with USBR to accept the \$75,000 grant award and for staff to initiate procurement of \$300,000 in contracts for implementation services to perform 16,000 square feet of turf replacement through the DIG Pilot Program. Staff would return to the Board at a subsequent date for authorization to execute the implementation services contracts.

Recommendation

Authorize the General Manager to execute a \$75,000 grant agreement from the United States Bureau of Reclamation’s WaterSMART Grants: Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects for the Direct Install Garden (DIG) Pilot Program and for staff to initiate procurement for \$300,000 of services for the DIG Pilot Program.

Fiscal Impact: Funds were not budgeted for this program for FY 22. Staff intends to secure additional external funding to reduce the net \$225,000 impact to the Water Fund, and it is expected that the remaining costs can be absorbed within the Water Fund using projected savings within the Fund.

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