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Board of Water Commissioners

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CHRISTOPHER J. GARNER, General Manager

Subject

Authorize the General Manager to execute the First Amendment to Agreement No. 18-135 to complete the California Coastal Conservancy Climate Ready Round 5 Grant for the Direct Install Garden Pilot Program.

Executive Summary

In May 2019, LBWD accepted a \$236,388 California Coastal Conservancy Climate Ready Round 5 Grant (Grant) for the Direct Install Garden (DIG) Pilot Program. The Grant required a 50 percent match, so the total DIG budget authorized by the Board was \$472,776.

The original Grant scope of work required the replacement of 25 lawns with drought-tolerant gardens by March 31, 2022. Through the end of October 2021, the DIG Pilot Program has completed 10 garden installations and expended \$248,270. The DIG Pilot Program will not be able to complete 25 lawn conversions by March 31, 2022, and the California Coastal Conservancy is unable to extend the deadline of the Grant beyond March 31, 2022.

However, the California Coastal Conservancy is amenable to amending the Grant Agreement No. 18-135 to reduce the scope of work from 25 lawn conversions down to 10. The California Coastal Conservancy has already reimbursed LBWD for the full Grant award amount of \$236,388 because the DIG Pilot Program submitted a reimbursement request for \$248,270, the total amount expended through October 2021. Therefore, this Amendment would result in LBWD fulfilling the Grant scope of work and allow the Grant to be considered completed. LBWD will continue the DIG Pilot Program to the full extent of the total DIG budget amount of \$472,776 as authorized by the Board.

Recommendation

Authorize the General Manager to execute the First Amendment to Agreement No. 18-135 to complete the California Coastal Conservancy Climate Ready Round 5 Grant for the Direct Install Garden Pilot Program.

Fiscal Impact: Funds were budgeted for this program but not fully spent in FY 21. Funds were not budgeted for FY 22. However, the total amount incurred will not exceed the remaining authorized funding, and it is expected that these costs can be absorbed within the Water Fund using projected savings within the Fund.

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