Updates to Committee’s Policy Statement and Grant Agreement: High Visibility Turf Removal & Retrofit

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Focus of presentation is on High Visibility Turf Removal and Retrofit
Policy Statement History

What are PA 22 policy statements?
- Help define program requirements such as what type of rebates qualify for grant reimbursement.

How many are related to turf?
- No. 1: Allocation between SAWPA agencies, limit definition of “institutional”
- No. 3: Modified allocation between SAWPA agencies
- Committee Action July 2015: Broadened institutional definition to include churches
Initial Policy Definition of Institutional

- HOA and public agency (clarified that churches are included in 2015)
- During drought, less of these entities were utilizing existing rebates and HOAs had a high potential for water savings
- Emergency Drought Grant Program was designed by SAWPA member agencies to increase rebate amounts for these types of entities
Amendment to Grant Agreement

- Language/budget in Amendment approved by Committee in August 2017.
- Currently pending with DWR – but there is an opportunity to make small revision.
- Pending amendment has a new deadline for project implementation to be completed: December 31, 2018.
MWDOC still prioritizing public agencies: new marketing campaign launched.

MWDOC has $880,894 grant allocation from Policy Statement No. 3
- To date has utilized $99,014 of the allocation.

Allowing highly visible commercial properties would immediately utilize funding for pending projects.

Estimated that 16 average size projects would still be needed by December 31, 2018 deadline.

In order to meet deadline, MWDOC and SAWPA have met continually to strategize best way to utilize all grant funding.
Proposed Changes

- Broaden definition of “Institutional” to include highly visible commercial properties in order to ensure grant funds are utilized by deadline
  - Reflect change in Grant Agreement amendment
  - Reflect change in new policy statement (No. 5)
- Golf courses still excluded
- Advisory workgroup in consensus, other agencies could utilize new policy if they have grant funding remaining in allocation
Recommendation

Approve adoption of Policy Statement No. 5 and amending the Proposition 84 Drought Round Grant Agreement to allow highly visible commercial properties to receive turf removal rebates under the Emergency Drought Grant Program.
City of Rialto Conservation Based Water Rates Process

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Scope of Conservation-Based Rates Component

- SAWPA provides funding and technical assistance (w/ Tom Ash of IEUA) to retail water agencies
- $215,030 in funding per retail water agency
- Agency, if board approves, implements rates and provides water use information to SAWPA/DWR for ten years post implementation
Partnership with Retail Agencies

Grant Agreement

SAWPA

Individual Sub-Agreements

Cucamonga Valley Water District

City of Tustin

East Valley Water District

City of Compton

City of Covina

San Jacinto
PA 22 Rates Policy Statement does the following:

- “Conservation-based rates” = budget-based rates with three escalating tiers,
- Two phased approach for allocating $215,030 in Sub-Agreement, and
- The eligible costs for studying and implementing conservation-based rates such as billing system needs, public outreach and other internal needs an agency may need to accomplish adopting conservation-based rates.
Rialto and Grant Deadline

- Rialto has studied budget-based rates but cannot meet implementation deadline in Grant Agreement: December 31, 2018.
- Billing system, Incode, which is managed by third party Veolia Water Technologies is out of date.
- Billing system needs to calculate budgets on a discrete customer basis.
Rialto and Policy Statement

- Rialto has invoiced the State $57,000 for rate study and data management costs, but cannot move forward with rates.
- Rialto is able to provide a summary of the data they have acquired through participation in the program:
  - High level customer budgets,
  - Demand forecasts using aerial imagery,
  - System cost projections
- The $57,000 has prepared them to implement conservation-based rates.
- Staff recommending that this preparation complies with the intent of the policy statement.
Tustin and Policy Statement

- Tustin is also not able to proceed with conservation-based rates by grant deadline.
- City management has given direction not to proceed until 2019 as major policy decisions such as rate changes need to be considered by new Council (2 members termed out).
- Not a policy statement issue because Tustin, even though they have incurred costs, have not invoiced SAWPA.
Remaining Cities Participating

Chino

Rate study final, Billing system update in April, Prop 218 process soon.

Chino Hills

Rate study final, Billing system update in April, Prop 218 process begun.

Hemet

Rate study draft, Briefed City Council Members and Management Team, Scheduling Follow Up Workshops.
Recommendation

Approve Rialto’s work-to-date and payment of invoices for the initial implementation of a rate analysis as complying with the PA 22 Committee conservation-based rates policy statement.