



STAFF REPORT
12/8/2021

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Cástulo R. Estrada, Utilities Manager

SUBJECT: Execute a Memorandum of Understanding for Integrated Regional Water Management Planning and Funding in the Colorado River Basin Funding Area

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager to execute a memorandum of understanding regarding integrated regional water management (IRWM) planning and funding in the Colorado River Basin Funding Area for the Proposition 1 Round 2 IRWM Implementation grant solicitation.

BACKGROUND:

The intent of Proposition 1 is, in part, to encourage integrated regional strategies for management of water resources and to provide funding through competitive grants, for projects that protect communities from drought, protect and improve water quality, promote environmental stewardship, and improve local water security by reducing dependence on imported water. The Department of Water Resources (DWR) will administer Round 2 of Proposition 1 Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Implementation funding.

The Coachella Valley Regional Water Management Group (RWMG), Mojave RWMG, and San Gorgonio RWMG comprise the Colorado River Funding Area (CRFA) and are eligible for Proposition 1 IRWM funding. A total of \$8,538,265 is available to the CRFA as part of the Proposition 1 Round 2 IRWM Implementation grant solicitation. The Colorado River RWMGs have agreed to split the available funding with a portion divided equally and a portion divided based on the respective IRWM region populations. The agreed upon funding split is below:

Coachella Valley RWMG: \$4,112,755 (48%); Mojave RWMG: \$2,512,755 (29%); San Gorgonio RWMG: \$1,912,755 (22%)

The attached memorandum of understanding (MOU) establishes the division of funding and terms of the funding agreement for the Colorado River RWMGs.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

ATTACHMENTS:

memorandum of understanding (MOU)