



STAFF REPORT
4/28/2021

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Cástulo R. Estrada, Utilities Manager

SUBJECT: Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) among the Coachella Valley Regional Water Management Group (CVRWMG) for the implementation of the CV Water Counts Regional Conservation Program funded through the Proposition 1 Round 1 Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Implementation Grant from Department of Water Resources (DWR) – Grant Agreement No. 4600013805

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager to execute the MOU among the CVRWMG made-up of CVWD, Coachella Water Authority (CWA), Desert Water Agency (DWA), Indio Water Authority (IWA), and Mission Springs Water District (MSWD) for the implementation of the CV Water Counts Regional Conservation Program.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:

In January 2021, DWR awarded the CVRWMG grant funding in the amount of \$3,825,383 under Proposition 1 Round 1 IRWM Implementation Grant, with a required grantee cost share of \$1,107,000. The City has received a cost share waiver. CVRWMG has assigned CVWD to be the Administrator of the grant award.

The grant funding is for four projects: Castro Mobile Home Park Water Consolidation; CV Water Counts Regional Conservation Program; East Valley Coachella Valley Water Supply Project – Avenue 66 Phase 2B; and the Groundwater Quality Protection Project Sub Area D-3. Funding allocation can be found in Exhibit B of the Grant Agreement. The terms of the agreement begins June 3, 2020 with a completion date of March 31, 2024.

The MOU is specific to the CV Water Counts Regional Conservation Program. The total estimated cost of the project is \$2,487,400, with \$1,380,400 in grant funding and \$1,107,000 in cost share, again the City being exempt from the cost share. The City of Coachella is entitled to \$335,000 of the grant funds for turf removal and a conservation program.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No Fiscal Impact