



STAFF REPORT
7/13/2022

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Cástulo R. Estrada, Utilities Manager

SUBJECT: Request Authorization to Execute the 2022 Memorandum of Understanding for Integrated Regional Water Management in the Colorado River Basin Funding Area

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager to Execute the 2022 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) in the Colorado River Basin Funding Area

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:

The City of Coachella is a member of the Coachella Valley Regional Water Management Group (CVRWMG) and as a Regional Water Management Group is able to solicit state grant funding earmarked for Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM). The CVRWMG was formed as a result of the Regional Water Management Act (SB 1672) in 2002. The establishment of the CVRWMG is outlined in a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) dated September 9, 2008. In addition to the City of Coachella, the other member agencies that make up the CVRWMG include;

- City of Indio/Indio Water Authority
- Coachella Valley Water District
- Desert Water Agency
- Mission Springs Water District
- Valley Sanitary District

There are 12 IRWM funding areas throughout the state, one of the funding areas is the Colorado River Funding Area. Funding areas are made up of RWMGs and within the Colorado River Funding Area there are four; Coachella Valley RWMG, Imperial RWMG, Mojave RWMG and San Gorgonio RWMG.

This 2022 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) outlines the Urban and Multi-benefit Drought Relief Grant Program (Drought Grant) funding allocation and coordination amongst the four Regional Water Management Groups within the Colorado River Funding Area. The Drought Grant included a \$5M set aside for each funding areas for underrepresented communities. CVRWMG

agreed with the other RWMGs on a funding split to cover identified projects within the groups. The methodology for the split was 40% split evenly and 60% split by DAC population.

Urban and Multibenefit Drought Relief Grant Program URC Set-Aside Solicitation	
Region	Funding per Region
CVRWMG	\$1,857,771
IRWMG	\$922,558
MRWMG	\$635,807
SGRWMG	\$513,326
Non-IRWM Areas	\$715,538
Grant Administration	\$355,000
Total	\$5,000,000

CVRWMG submitted three (3) projects, which were competitively selected:

- Mission Springs Water District well rehabilitation - \$338,787
- Coachella Valley Water District Valley View MHP Water Consolidation - \$600,000
- CV Water Counts – regional DAC conservation program - \$918,984

DAC CV Water Counts Regional Water Conservation Program

Region	DAC Population by Census Block	Allocation (40% Equal, 60% Popn)	Revised Allocation
Grant Admin (IWA)		\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
CVWD*	109,823	\$ 315,457	\$ 223,637
CWA	45,064	\$ 176,654	\$ 176,654
IWA	54,174	\$ 196,180	\$ 196,180
MSWD	34,161	\$ 153,284	\$ 153,284
DWA	36,935	\$ 159,230	\$ 159,230
Total	280,157	\$ 1,010,804	\$ 918,984

*CVWD reallocated \$91,820 to Valley View.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No anticipated fiscal impact.