



STAFF REPORT

Meeting Type: Planning Committee/Board of Directors
Title: Water Efficiency: Commercial, Industrial and Institutional (CII) Water Use
From: Paul Sellier, Director of Water Resources
Through: Ben Horenstein, General Manager
Meeting Date: August 25, 2026

TYPE OF ITEM: Approve X Review and Comment

RECOMMENDATION: Review and comment on commercial, industrial, and institutional customers' water use trends

SUMMARY: Staff will provide an initial update on general water use trends of District customers, focusing on commercial, industrial, and institutional customers.

DISCUSSION: The Water Efficiency Master Plan, adopted in 2024, identified regulatory compliance as an action item and the report highlighted the need for data driven solutions.

On July 2, 2024, the State Water Resources Control Board adopted regulations on the implementation of Urban Water Use Objectives for "Making Water Conservation a California Way of Life". The regulations had been under development since 2017 and are intended to establish water use targets to increase long-term water use efficiency statewide. The targets establish water use standards for indoor residential per capita use; outdoor residential irrigation; commercial, industrial, institutional (CII) water use; large landscape water use; and water loss.

Additionally, the regulations require implementation of CII performance measures which include the following: classification of all CII customers, determining which sites are inefficient based on key business activity indicators that will be developed for each classification by the State and determining CII sites with more than ½ acre of landscaping. Staff will provide a presentation on water use by the CII customer class, along with how the information will be utilized to promote incentives and increase water use efficiency for CII customers.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW: Not Applicable.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

ATTACHMENT(S): None.